Ending the semester on a gamelan note

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1. Local Philippine fundraiser takes in nearly $30,000

A fundraiser held Nov. 24 at the Oak Crest-DeKalb Area Retirement Center by the Filipino-American Association of Northern Illinois attracted 400 people and greatly exceeded its $10,000 goal, garnering nearly $30,000 for Red Cross Philippine relief. “Our fundraiser for survivors of Typhoon Haiyan was a heartwarming success,” said organizer and NIU alumna Evelina José Cichy. “The Filipino-American Association of Northern Illinois is very grateful for the support and generosity of our community. NIU volunteers from the Center for Southeast Asian Studies, the Asian American Center, the Philippine Student Association, and the Southeast Asia Club helped make the event a success.” Donations may still be made by sending a check payable to the American Red Cross (write on memo line: Philippine Relief) to the DeKalb County Community Foundation, 475 DeKalb Ave., Sycamore, IL 60178.

With an estimated 600,000 people still displaced in the wake of the typhoon, challenges face the region for months if not years ahead. To connect with relief efforts sponsored by governments, charities, and non-governmental organizations, CSEAS has compiled a list of those providing emergency support, water, shelter, and fundraising. Here is a sampling:

- For those looking for missing persons, Google has launched both the Typhoon Yolanda Person Finder and a Google crisis map, which shows evacuation centers and relief areas.
- International Red Cross: The Philippine Red Cross, which is supported by the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Societies, is accepting donations for relief efforts though its website and includes links to its Facebook page and Twitter feed. The American Red Cross is accepting donations through its typhoon appeal.
- CARE emergency response teams are on the scene providing food, water, shelter and health care. Donate through the CARE website.
- Catholic Relief Services, the official international humanitarian agency of the U.S. Catholic community, is helping with water purification, shelter materials, and essential living supplies. Donations accepted online.
- The ShelterBox group, already in the Philippines providing shelter to displaced persons after the Oct. 15 Bohol earthquake, is expanding operations to provide tents and essential equipment to homeless typhoon survivors. Also aiding in the shelter effort is Habitat for Humanity through its Re-Build Philippines Fund.
- Other NGOs already in the affected areas include the Jesuit Philippines Foundation; ABS-CBN Foundation, Sagip Kapamilya; and Community and Family Services International.
2. Now’s the time to apply for summer, academic-year FLAS fellowships

‘Tis the season to apply for summer 2014 and 2014–15 academic-year Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) fellowships, a program for Southeast language study funded by the U.S. Department of Education Title VI program. Information and forms to apply are posted on the funding page at the CSEAS website. The deadline to apply for a summer FLAS is Jan. 1, followed by the deadline to apply for an academic-year FLAS on Feb. 1. Summer FLAS fellows may study at any U.S. Department of Education-approved educational institution including those in Southeast Asia and also the Southeast Asian Studies Summer Institute at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Priority will be given to students planning to study in a Southeast Asian country. A list of currently approved programs is posted on the CSEAS website; you can also contact CSEAS for details on other possible study locations in Southeast Asia. Summer FLAS awards are expected to provide a stipend of $2,500. In addition, a FLAS fellow’s tuition at a Southeast Asia language program is covered up to $4,000. Academic-year FLAS fellowships provide a stipend and tuition-fee waiver; see the CSEAS website as directed above. Applications for both summer and academic-year FLAS fellowships should be submitted to CSEAS Office Manager Nancy Schuneman.

NOTE: According to NIU policy, students awarded a FLAS fellowship will have their financial aid reduced by the dollar amount equal to the fellowship award.

3. Apply by Feb. 1 for Neher graduate fellowship

U.S. and international students are invited to apply for the 2014–15 Clark and Arlene Neher Graduate Fellowship for the Study of Southeast Asia, which is funded by a generous NIU Foundation endowment provided by Clark and Arlene Neher. The fellowship includes a tuition waiver and a $5,200 annual stipend. To apply, students must be in good standing with the university and demonstrate a commitment to a career involving Southeast Asian studies. Students should be at an advanced stage in their program, either master’s or doctoral, and be planning field or archival research in SEA studies. Applications are due to CSEAS Office Manager Nancy Schuneman by Feb. 1.

4. Fashion, gender and ethnicity class offered among spring SEA courses

There are still spots available for spring Southeast Asian Studies courses, including the Center’s Southeast Asia survey course, ILAS 225, and Catherine Raymond’s art history class, ARTH 456/657, Fashion, Gender, and Ethnicity in Southeast Asian Art. Raymond’s course, which meets from 9:30 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. Tuesdays, explores how fashion, gender, ethnicity are expressed in the multi-ethnic cultures of Burma/Myanmar, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, the Philippines, Thailand, and Vietnam. “We’ll examine how dress, fashion body adornment (tattoos) can be expressed differently (from western cultures) in different contexts ranging from the religious to the mundane,” Raymond says. The following courses are also offered for spring: under Anthropology, Judy Ledgerwood will teach ANTH 302/790, Asian American Cultures, and Andrea Molnar will teach ANTH 421/521, Social Organization, and ANTH 426/526, Political Anthropology. In History, Eric Jones will teach HIST 343/HIST 736J, History of Southeast Asia Since Ca. 1800, and HIST 447, History of Burma. In Political Science, Michael Buehler will teach Origins of Political Order. Tharaphi
Than will teach FLST 482, Censorship and Literature: State and Society in Authoritarian Countries; and Ngurah Kertayuda will teach gamelan in MUSE 370/670. Kelly Champion is offering FCNS 384, Asian American Families. For class dates and times, see the full spring schedule on the Center website.

5. Center associates update: Raymond named Outstanding International Educator

* The Center congratulates Center for Burma Studies (CBS) Director Catherine Raymond (Art History), who was named NIU’s 2013 Outstanding International Educator at a reception Nov. 12 during the Division of International Programs’ International Education Week at NIU. In commending her, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences Dean Christopher McCord cited Raymond’s “discreet and diplomatic” work with former CBS Director Richard Cooler over several years to return a Buddha image last summer to its rightful home in Burma. “I was in Myanmar this summer with Dr. Raymond and was most gratified and honored to see for myself the huge impact her work had upon the image of the United States and of NIU in the minds of the Burmese people,” he said. McCord also praised her artful contribution to the September visit of Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn of Thailand. “The display of Tai artifacts that Catherine coordinated was beyond beautiful, and demonstrated to Her Royal Highness and to all who saw it the strong connections of NIU to Southeast Asia,” he said.

* An article by Kikue Hamayotsu (Political Science), “The Limits of Civil Society in Democratic Indonesia: Media Freedom and Religious Intolerance,” is just out in a special issue of the Journal of Contemporary Asia, Vol. 43.4 (November 2013). The theme of the issue is the political and social impact of new media in Asia.

* A talk by Andrea Molnar (Anthropology) on the East Timor and Aceh peace process is making the rounds on cable TV in Pattani, Thailand. Molnar gave her presentation at the International Symposium on Comparative Conflicts and Peace Processes on July 25 in Pattani.

* Michael Buehler (Political Science) was in print and on the air in mid-November discussing the ramifications of U.S. relief efforts in the aftermath of Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines. He was quoted in the Christian Science Monitor about the possibility that a new U.S.-Philippine military agreement could result from the U.S. military’s involvement in disaster assistance, and was interviewed Nov. 13 on Ian Masters’ radio show, “Background Briefing.”

* At October’s Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs at Michigan State, John Hartmann (Foreign Languages and Literatures) road-tested what’s called a “diamond” PowerPoint format,
a shorter presentation form started by the American Anthropological Association that limits presentations to twenty-one slides and speaking time to seven minutes by pre-recording the narration. Hartmann pre-recorded a seven-minute narration to go along his presentation, “Journeys to Keng Tung.” Said Hartmann: “They asked for volunteers to try it. I think it is a good means of getting presenters to be succinct and to convey the gist of their research.”

6. Notes from all over

Indonesian instructor (and former FLTA) Rahmi Hartati, who is pursuing her doctorate in instructional technology at NIU, was featured in the College of Education’s November Alumni eNewsletter. The article links to a profile of Hartati posted on the Office of Alumni Relations website. Hartati says it was her strong relationships with NIU faculty that brought her back to DeKalb after she went on to get her master’s degree from Boston University. “I really love the professors here,” she said. “They are very warm and helpful. I couldn’t get that anywhere else.” . . . FLAS fellow Thomas Rhoden (PhD student, Political Science) was awarded his department’s Morton J. Frisch Travel Scholarship to support his journey in April to the 12th International Conference on Thai Studies in Sydney, Australia, where he will present his paper, “Oligarchy in Thailand.” . . . International Training Office graduate assistant Amando Respicio Boncales (master’s student, History) will be traveling to Oxford, England, in March to present “The Political and Historical Discourse of the Philippine Claim over Sabah” at the Southeast Asian Studies Symposium 2014 at the University of Oxford. . . . Alum Christopher Miller (MM 2002), currently curator for cross-cultural dance resources at Arizona State University, is headed to Radford University in southwest Virginia, where he will be the archivist for the school’s McConnell Library. . . . Interested in

It’s a wrap: CSEAS bids farewell to its eight Sandwich scholars, postgraduate students from Indonesia who have been here this semester to work on their own research under the mentorship of NIU professors. The students made their final presentations Dec. 5 at a farewell program in the Holmes Student Center. The Sandwich program is sponsored by the Indonesian Directorate General of Higher Education (DIKTI). Graduate assistant Dani Muhtada, far right, coordinated the 2013 program for the center.

Chris Miller: From the Grand Canyon to the Blue Ridge Mountains.
serving your community and the world? The NIU Rotaract Club is recruiting new members. The club, which is sponsored by the DeKalb Rotary Club and affiliated with CSEAS and the NIU History Club, meets on campus every second and fourth Thursday from 4 to 5 p.m. at the Center located in Pottenger House, 520 College View Court. For details, see the Center website. 

Looking for a last-minute gift idea? NIU’s chapter of the Phi Beta Delta international honor society is selling its 2014 calendar, the proceeds of which will assist NIU students with international endeavors. Cost is $15 ($2 more for shipping). Photos in the calendar from around the world were taken by NIU students, faculty, and staff members. Print out a copy of the order form here.

7. Apply by Jan. 10 for U.S.-funded exchange to East Timor, Burma

Applications are open until Jan. 10 for a funded exchange program to Timor-Leste (East Timor) and Myanmar/Burma through the 2014–15 J. William Fulbright-Hillary Rodham Clinton Fellowship offered by the U.S. State Department’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. Formerly the Fulbright Public Policy Fellowship, the fellowship provides opportunities for U.S. citizens to serve in professional placements in a foreign government ministry or institution in partner governments. NIU Political Science doctoral student Aaron Johnson (PhD candidate, political science) received a 2012–13 Fulbright public policy fellowship and served as a special assistant in the Office of the Deputy Permanent Secretary at the Thai Ministry of Justice in Bangkok. Fulbright-Clinton fellowships also include an independent academic study/research component, but the goal of their professional placements is to build fellows’ knowledge and skills, provide support to partner country institutions, and promote long-term ties between the U.S. and the partner country. For details, see the Fulbright website.

8. Burnish your resumé: Sign up for SEA Studies minor or grad concentration

Adding a minor to an undergraduate degree or a graduate concentration to an advanced degree can pull a resumé up to the top of the pile. To learn about NIU’s Southeast Asian Studies programs, visit the CSEAS website or stop by Pottenger House, 520 College View Court. Undergraduates may make an appointment with Outreach Coordinator Julie Lamb at jlamb@niu.edu; graduate students should contact Assistant Director Eric Jones at eajones@niu.edu.

9. Gearing up for a summer study abroad in Southeast Asia

Examine NGOs in Cambodia, Thailand and Vietnam. Explore cultural diversity in Thailand. Experience Balinese music, dance and culture in Indonesia. Learn Lao language and culture in Laos. Conduct clinical research on hearing loss in Cambodia or environmental research on public health in Indonesia. There are more choices than ever to study abroad in Southeast Asia next summer. NIU faculty will lead five of six study abroad programs to SEA offered through NIU’s Study Abroad Office.

- Trude Jacobsen (History) will take a group May 28–June 13 to Cambodia, Thailand and Vietnam to study the growth of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in those countries. A new program, the course will look at how “development policy is
imagined, produced, and received (or resisted) across multiple cultural contexts,” Jacobsen says.

- **Jui-Ching Wang** (School of Music) will introduce Balinese music, dance, theatre, architecture and crafts **July 1–30** in her new program to Bali, Indonesia. “Students will experience these arts by interacting with the local people and gaining knowledge about the inseparable relationship of the arts, religion, and culture on Bali,” Wang says.

- **Andrea Molnar** (Anthropology) will reprise her 2012 program, “Cultural Diversity in Thailand,” **May 16–June 14** in Thailand. Molnar’s program will introduce students to Thai culture and diversity, and examine the relationship between the dominant majority and minorities of the country.

- **Tomoyuki Shibata** (College of Health & Human Sciences) returns to Indonesia **June 1–21** to continue research activities on environmental factors and public health. Past program projects have examined the effect of indoor air quality or mothers’ behaviors on children’s health.

- **King Chung** (School of Allied Health & Communicative Disorders) is conducting a group **June 1–14** to Cambodia for “Heart of Hearing Program in Cambodia,” a program to help students develop their clinical skills by working with hearing-impaired individuals and helping facilitate local programs. Geared to audiology students.

- **Study Abroad in Laos** (SAIL), a program offered through the Center for Lao Studies in San Francisco and with credit from NIU, will run **June 27–July 31**. Based in Vientiane, Laos, the program offers students language and cultural lessons as well as exposure to Lao history and culture.

10. **Call for papers: International Burma Studies Conference 2014**
The 2014 International Burma Studies Conference will be **Aug. 1–3** in Singapore co-sponsored by the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies (ISEAS) and the National University of Singapore’s Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences. The conference theme is “Envisioning Myanmar: Issues, Images, Identities.” Conference organizers are accepting proposals for papers or panels; deadline for submission is **Dec. 31**. Email to bsc2014@iseas.edu.sg. For details, see the conference website.

11. **Applications open for Indonesian language and culture program**
The American Councils for International Education is accepting applications to its **Indonesian Overseas Program** for fall semester 2014 and the 2014–15 academic year. The program offers intensive training in Indonesian language and culture at the University of Malang located in Malang, the second largest city in Java. Participants receive academic credit (approximately 15/semester) through Bryn Mawr College. The deadline for both the **Aug. 25–Dec. 19, 2014** and the **Aug. 25, 2014–mid-May 2015** programs is **March 15**. NIU students are encouraged to inquire at the NIU Study Abroad Office for financial aid, scholarship opportunities and academic-credit acceptance eligibility. These and other services (including health insurance) are provided by Study Abroad for an extra fee, starting at $750 for the semester program. The cost is $12,000 for the semester program and $22,500 for the academic-year program.

12. **Theravada Civilizations Project to host dissertation workshop at Penn March 25**
The Theravada Civilizations Project, an interdisciplinary and international group of scholars studying all aspects of Theravada Buddhism, is holding an intensive dissertation workshop
March 25 at the University of Pennsylvania preceding the March 27–30 Association for Asian Studies conference in Philadelphia. This workshop is intended to bring together doctoral students and/or post-doctoral academics in the humanities and social sciences developing dissertation proposals or who are in early phases of research, dissertation writing, or revising dissertations for publications; and who are engaging some aspects of Theravada classical and/or vernacular literature and/or researching aspects of Theravada history and cultural practice among South or Southeast Asian communities. The workshop will be limited to six doctoral students and/or post-doctoral academics. Deadline for dissertation research proposals for consideration: Jan. 1. For information about the workshop or eligibility, contact Professor Steven Collins at s-collins@uchicago.edu.

13. Job/internships opportunities

Institute for Global Environmental Strategies

- Regional Conference and Communications Coordinator: One-year contract position organizing annual climate change forum and creating materials, reports and related materials. Based at IGES regional office in Patumwan, Bangkok. See job posting.

El Colegio de Mexico

- Assistant Professor: Tenure-track position in Southeast Asian social science; fluency in one Southeast Asian language and Spanish required (Indonesian or Malay encouraged). Apply by Jan. 14. Contact Dr. Hilda Varela Barraza, Centro de Estudios de Asia y Africa, El Colegio de Mexico, Camino al Ajusco 20, Mexico D.F. 10740, Mexico.

Eurasia Group

- Political risk analyst (Southeast Asia): In-country experience (priority Thailand-Philippines) desired for position in New York or Washington, D.C. See job posting.
- Political risk training program: For recent undergraduates, research position provides one-year of full-time employment with possibility of extending contract two years. BA in political science, regional studies or economics required in addition to deep knowledge and language fluency of related country or sub-region. See jobs page.

Asia Society

- Career opportunities: Internships and jobs posted regularly on website.

World Health Organization

- Global public health nonprofit based in Geneva, Switzerland, encourages online applications for potential employment. See WHO website.

Idealist.org

- Privately funded website offers searchable database of nonprofit international jobs and volunteer opportunities. See the Idealist website.

14. Money for study

American Institute for Indonesian Studies

- Research grants for graduate students, postdocs: AIFIS is actively encouraging applicants for their $5,750 Council of American Overseas Research Centers (CAORC) grants available for research in contemporary and traditional Indonesian studies. Deadline to apply: Dec. 15. Forms at AIFIS website.

Blakemore Foundation

- Advanced language study: Grants for study of Burmese, Indonesian, Khmer, Thai and Vietnamese by scholars and mid-career professionals. Applications for the 2014
Blakemore Freeman fellowships and Blakemore refresher grants are now being accepted. Awards cover tuition and stipend, educational expenses, living costs and transportation. For details, see the Blakemore Foundation website. Deadline to apply: Dec. 30.

**Boren Awards**

- **Foreign language study grants:** Applications open for 2014–15 Boren scholarships (for undergraduates) and fellowships (for graduate students) are on the Boren website. Undergraduate awards up to $20,000 for an academic year’s study abroad; $30,000 awards for graduate students. For application help, see Anne Seitzinger at Study Abroad, 417 Williston Hall (email aseitz@niu.edu). Graduate fellowship applications due Jan. 28; undergraduate scholarship applications due Feb. 5.

**Center for Khmer Studies**

- **Fellowships:** Applications open for PhD students and senior scholars to conduct research in Cambodia. PhD fellowships are for a maximum of 11 months; senior scholar fellowships are for 4 to 6 months. Open to U.S. citizens only. See CKS website.

**Chulalongkorn University Institute of Thai Studies**

- **Thai studies scholarships:** Empowering Network for International Thai Studies (ENITS) scholarships for master’s graduates or doctoral students in Thai studies. Both scholarships require submission of original unpublished research by April 30. Deadline to apply: Dec. 25. See ENITS website.

**Council of American Overseas Research Centers**

- **Research fellowship:** Multi-Country Research Fellowship Program offers support in humanities, social sciences or allied natural sciences for doctoral candidates and post-doc scholars. Research must be carried out in two more countries outside of U.S. Funding provided by U.S. State Department Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. Deadline to apply: Jan. 13. See CAORC website.

15. Conferences, calls for papers and workshops

- **2013 Cornell Southeast Asia Program Graduate Student Conference,** Feb. 28–March 2, Ithaca, New York. Call for papers; submissions welcome from graduate students who have completed original research from their respective Southeast Asia area. Conference theme: Southeast Asia in the Disciplines.” Deadline for abstracts: Jan. 1. For details, see Cornell SEAP website.


- **5th International Conference on Hmong Studies,** March 21–23, Concordia University. See conference website.

- **Southeast Asian Studies Symposium 2014,** March 22–23, Keble College, University of Oxford. Reduced rates for registration and accommodations available until Dec. 22. See conference website. NEW

- **25th Graduate Student Conference,** April 2–4, University of Hawaii-Manoa. Call for papers. Theme: Pushing Boundaries, Shifting Perspectives: Remapping Asia and the Pacific through a Transnational Interdisciplinary Lens.” See conference website. NEW

• Thailand in the World: 12th International Conference on Thai Studies, April 22–24, 2014, University of Sydney, Australia. See conference website.


• Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR), June 10–21, Lexington, Ky. See conference website.

• Workshop on “Local, National and Transnational Modes of Belonging in Indonesia and Beyond,” July 20–26, Kleinwalsertal, Germany. Organized by anthropologists from Australian National University and Goethe-University Frankfurt. PhD candidates and early career researchers invited to submit paper abstracts by Jan. 25. Send short letter outlining reasons for wishing to attend, paper title, 250-word abstract, institutional affiliation and short bio sketch to Birgit Braeuchler (birgitbraeuchler@gmx.net) and Kristina Grossmann (rossarigo@gmx.net). Contact either for more details.

16. Area Southeast Asia cultural opportunities

• “Siam: The Queen and the White City” is on display in the Costume and Textile gallery at the Chicago History Museum. The exhibition features textiles, photographs and other items from Thailand that were collected by Queen Savang Vadanafor for display in the exposition’s Women’s Building. Through March 2. For details, see the museum website.

• Learn about the history of Laotian immigration to Elgin, which began in the 1970s at the Vietnam War, in long-running exhibit at the Elgin Area Historical Society and Museum, 360 Park St., Elgin.

• “Remembering the Killing Fields” exhibit is on display at the Cambodian American Heritage Museum and Killing Fields Memorial, 2831 W. Lawrence Ave., Chicago. The Cambodian Association of Illinois also holds free Cambodian music and dance lessons.

• The Indonesian Consulate in Chicago offers free Balinese and Javanese dance and gamelan classes on weekends. Javanese gamelan and dance is offered from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturdays; gamelan music and Indonesian dance is offered 3 to 6 p.m. Sundays. For details, see consulate website.

Persons with a disability who may need assistance at any CSEAS event may contact office manager Nancy Schuneman at 815-753-1771 or nschunem@niu.edu. To no longer receive this bulletin, please reply to this e-mail with a request to remove your name. Thank you.