Spiritual stop: Neither snow nor ice nor gloom of winter stays the Southeast Asia Youth Leadership Program (SEAYLP) staff from its preparations for this spring’s program. Here SEAYLP assistant Jordan York visits the Lao Temple in Burlington, just one field trip on the program’s planned itinerary. (Photo / Maria Nihei)

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1. This week’s lecture: Considering Buddhadasa Bhikkhu

Santikaro, a Buddhist scholar and teacher, will present “Buddhadasa on His Own Terms: A Response to Academic Appropriation” at noon Friday, Feb. 7, in Room 110 (Honors), Campus Life Building. Santikaro lived in Thailand for fourteen years at the Wat Suan Mokkh International Dharma Hermitage, where he trained under Ajahn Buddhadasa and spent hours in Dhamma conversation with him. He continues to translate the works of his teacher and teaches Buddhism and mediation around the Midwest, from his home at Liberation Park, a Dhamma refuge in Norwalk, Wisconsin. Santikaro will discuss Buddhadasa Bhikkhu (1906–1993), a Thai Buddhist philosopher, teacher and social activist known for his creative re-interpretation of Buddhist doctrine and Thai folk beliefs (to learn more, see Buddhadasa Bhikkhu’s book *Handbook for Mankind*). To order a Cambodian lunch, submit an online request by 6 p.m. Thursday at CSEAS Brown Bag Lunch Order. Orders must be cancelled online by 10 a.m. Friday. Cost is $5 for students and $6 for faculty, staff and others. Payments may be made in cash or by check. For lunch details, e-mail seabrownbag@gmail.com. See the entire spring lecture series on the Center website.

2. NIU considers adding Vietnamese to Southeast Asia language offerings

NIU is cooperating with the University of Wisconsin-Madison to begin offering introductory Vietnamese language via distance learning starting in fall 2014, according to CSEAS Director Judy Ledgerwood. The course, FLST 103-104, will be taught by a UW-Madison instructor but NIU students will receive credit from NIU. Whether the pilot class will be offered will depend on the number of students interested in taking Vietnamese, Ledgerwood said. Interested students should contact CSEAS as soon as possible at 815-753-1771 or by email at cseas@niu.edu (please put Vietnamese in the subject line). “We are very excited about the prospect of expanding NIU’s Southeast Asia language offerings to include Vietnamese,” Ledgerwood said. “And this cooperative venture potentially opens other opportunities for distance language study in the future.”

3. Center associates update: Jacobsen, Than, Hamayotsu

* Welcome back to Trude Jacobsen (History), back from her semester away at the Centre for History in Public Health (CHiPH) at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, where she continued work on her second monograph, *Intersections of Desire, Duty, and Debt*, and carried out preliminary work for her third project, *Madness and Mental Health in Mainland Southeast Asia* in the India Office Records. While in London, Jacobsen was invited to speak on anti-trafficking initiatives in a seminar jointly organized by CHiPH and the Global Health Development unit. Back at NIU, she will be working on several outreach projects within the Department of History, the Center for NGO Studies and Leadership Development (NGOLD), and CSEAS, including the upcoming Southeast Asia Youth Leadership Program, and preparing for her May 28–June 13 study abroad to Cambodia, Thailand and Vietnam to study non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in those countries.
Tharaphi Than (Foreign Languages & Literatures), whose book Women in Modern Burma has just been released by Routledge, is also in print with an article in the December 2013 issue of South East Asia Research Journal (Vol. 21, No. 4), “The Languages of Pyidawtha and the Burmese Approach to National Development.”

Kikue Hamayotsu (Political Science) is in print in the latest issue of Journal of Current Southeast Asian Affairs (Vol. 2 [2013]), a special issue on the 2013 Malaysia election, with her article, “Towards a More Democratic Regime and Society? The Politics of Faith and Ethnicity in a Transitional Multi-Ethnic Malaysia.”

4. Yale scholar James C. Scott to keynote student conference; abstracts due Feb. 15

Noted Yale scholar James C. Scott, author of The Art of Not Being Governed: An Anarchist History of Upland Southeast Asia (Yale Press, 2009), will be the keynote speaker for the Southeast Asia Club’s 2014 Student Conference. Scott, professor of political science and anthropology, is director of the Agrarian Studies Program at Yale. His research interests are political economy, comparative agrarian societies, theories of hegemony and resistance, peasant politics, revolution, Southeast Asia, theories of class relations and anarchism. Papers may be submitted on any topic pertaining to Southeast Asia. Deadline for abstracts is Feb. 15; papers are due March 15. Send abstracts and questions to niuseaclub@gmail.com. Monetary awards will be given for the best undergraduate and graduate papers. The conference will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Altgeld Room 315. A light breakfast and lunch will be provided to all participants. Scott’s appearance is co-sponsored by the NIU Graduate Colloquium Committee and the Department of Political Science.

5. Raymond to present ‘Birds and Buddhas’ at NIU Art Museum Feb. 6

Center Associate Catherine Raymond (Art History, Center for Burma Studies), along with the NIU Art Museum Assistant Director Pete Olson, will present an informal slide talk, “Birds and Buddhas: Writing for and Illustrating Academic Journals,” from 5 to 5:50 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 6 at the museum.

6. Travel funding: CSEAS grants for students, Cobb fellowships for faculty

Graduate students presenting a paper at an out-of-town (or out-of-country) conference this spring, you may apply for up to $250 in travel funds from the Center. And if travel times sync up with the Graduate School’s matching travel grant deadlines, students may be able to double funding. For details on CSEAS funding, contact Office Manager Nancy Schuneman at nschunem@niu.edu. Information on Graduate School funding is on the Grad School website.

Faculty travel funding for the 2014–15 academic year is available from the Division of International Affairs’ Lillian Cobb Faculty Travel Fellowship program. Three $1,333 grants are available; a department match of up to $400 is required. Applications must be submitted by Feb. 18; successful applicants will be notified by March 14.

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

There are more choices than ever to study abroad in Southeast Asia this summer. 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 do environmental research on public
health in Indonesia. NIU faculty will lead five of the six study abroad programs to SEA being 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.

- **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 on environmental factors and public health. Past 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.

8. **SEAYLP and PYLP want you: Hosting is special experience for local families**

The center is seeking local families to act as hosts **April 6–13** for fifty high school students and eleven adult leaders from ten Southeast Asian countries participating in the spring session of the **April 3–25** Southeast Asia Youth Leadership Program (SEAYLP). Students are placed in pairs and adults may be placed as singles. Host families provide a bed for each participant, breakfast each day and most dinners, all meals during any weekend days at home, and transportation to and from class sessions at NIU. Host family orientation is scheduled.
for 6:30 to 8 p.m. Monday, March 31. There will be a farewell reception from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, April 21. Host family applications are available online. For more details, contact host family coordinator Liz Denius at 815-753-1901 or email edenius@niu.edu.

Host families are also being sought for the April 12–May 10 Philippine Youth Leadership Program (PYLP), another State Department-sponsored youth exchange program, this one bringing young people and adult leaders from the Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao and surrounding provinces in the Philippines to NIU for four weeks under the auspices of the International Training Office and direction of CSEAS associates Susan Russell (anthropology) and Lina Ong (ITO). The home stay dates for PYLP are April 21–May 3. Contact NIU home stay coordinator Leslie Shive for details at lshive@niu.edu.

9. 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.

10. Save the dates: USOAR deadline, spring workshops, student conference
   - Feb. 7: Deadline to submit proposals for NIU Undergraduate Special Opportunities in Artistry and Research awards. For details, see USOAR website.
   - Feb. 25: Noon to 12:50 p.m. Asian American Center’s Insight! YouTube Video Series exploring Asian American identity issues screens the five-minute video, “Labels: The Asian / American Divide,” which looks at how to create understanding among Asian international and Asian American students. Discussion follows video. Bring your own lunch; instant soup also available at the center. RSVP to mbringas@niu.edu or hillary940820@gmail.com by Feb. 21. Series continues through April. NEW
   - March 14: One-day workshop for graduate students, Publishing with an Academic Press, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Founders Library 297. Details here.
   - March 22: Teaching Southeast Asia to Undergraduates: Burma (Myanmar) symposium for college-level educators, 9 to 4:30, NIU-Naperville. See Center website for details.
   - April 3–25: NIU welcomes the Southeast Asia Youth Leadership Program (SEAYLP), welcoming youth from 10 Southeast Asian countries. Opportunities for area households to host students or adult leaders April 6–13. Contact edenius@niu.edu.
   - April 5: Spring student conference organized by the Southeast Asia Club. 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Altgeld Room 315. Keynote speaker: Yale political scientist James C. Scott.

11. Southeast Asia Research Group to hold second annual meeting at Cornell
   The newly formed Southeast Asia Research Group, established in 2013 to highlight the best new research by young social scientists working on Southeast Asian politics and to build a network of scholars in North America, will hold its second annual meeting May 3–4 at Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y. The gathering will feature five presentations by the group’s second class of Young Southeast Asia Fellows, junior scholars in their fields. The $75 registration fee will cover all activities and meals on Saturday and Sunday, according to meeting organizers. NEW
12. 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 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.

13. Calls for journal articles, chapters, papers
- The Center for Southeast Asian Studies at University of Hawaii-Manoa is looking for articles for its next issue of Explorations, a peer-reviewed graduate student journal of Southeast Asian studies. The theme is “Destabilizing Centers and Peripheries: Re-Examining Approaches to the Study of Southeast Asia.” Deadline for submission is Feb. 14. For details, see the journal website.
- Mark your calendar for the 2014 Council on Thai Studies (COTS) annual meeting set for Oct. 17–19 at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Deadline for abstracts is July 31.
- Chulalongkorn University Press is calling for chapters for a prospective textbook on “greening” agriculture and food security in the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Economic Community. The working title of the book is ASEAN Food Security, Sustainable Agriculture and Agrarian Reform in a Green Economy: Critical Interdisciplinary Perspectives. Deadline for first drafts is Feb. 21. For details, email Wayne Nelles at Chulalongkorn’s Center for Peace and Conflict Studies, at wayne.nelles@viu.ca.

14. Money for study
United States-Indonesia Society
- 2014 Sumitro Fellowships: $10,000 travel/study grant for postdocs, PhD candidates, senior academics and qualified candidates. Two grants offered, one for U.S. citizens and one for Indonesian citizens. Deadline to apply: Feb. 28. See website.
Harvard University
- Pre-doctoral fellowships: Two to four scholars sought for Transparency for Development Project grants by the Kennedy School’s Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation to conduct ethnographic studies of health information and social action interventions in Tanzania and Indonesia. PhD students must have completed all or most of their coursework; funding includes money for travel and some other expenses. Deadline to apply: March 14. See website.
Leibniz Institute for Tropical Marine Ecology
- Indonesia pre-doctoral post: Political scientist Marco Verweij of Jacobs University in Bremen, Germany, seeks student with a master’s degree in political science, anthropology or development studies to conduct research on managing coral reefs in Indonesia. Should speak Bahasa and be knowledgeable about cultural theory and willing to do field work. Email Verweij for details: m.verweij@jacobs-university.de
Boren Awards
- Foreign language study grants: Applications for 2014–15 Boren scholarships for undergraduates are on the Boren website. Undergraduate awards up to $20,000 for an
academic year’s study abroad. For application help, see Anne Seitzinger at Study Abroad, 417 Williston Hall (email aseitz@niu.edu). Undergraduate scholarship applications due Feb. 5.

Center for Khmer Studies

- **Undergraduate fellowships:** Applications open six-week summer junior resident fellowships at the Center for Khmer Studies in Siem Reap. Five students each from the U.S., Cambodia, and France will be chosen for the June 30–Aug. 8 program. **Deadline to apply:** April 1. See CKS website for details.

15. Job/internships opportunities

*Royal Netherlands Academy for Arts & Sciences*

- **Postdoctoral position:** Opening for 30-hour/week researcher to study political economy of Indonesia and organize conference. **Apply by March 1.** For details, see job posting.

*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.

16. Conferences, calls for papers and workshops


- **Grinnell College Peace Studies Conference,** Feb. 28–March 1, Grinnell, Iowa. Registration free. See conference website.


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


- **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.


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

17. Area Southeast Asia cultural opportunities

- Two showings of the Laotian film *The Rocket*, noon and 7 p.m., Tuesday, **March 4**, Lake Theatre, 1022 Lake St., Oak Park. Presented by the First Tuesday Film Club.
- “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 Vadanafort 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. Javanese gamelan and dance is offered from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturdays; gamelan music and Indonesian dance 3 to 6 p.m. Sundays. 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.**