Area high school students chosen for the Center’s Global Youth Leaders Camp to be held during this year’s Southeast Asia Youth Leadership Program (SEAYLP) in April learned more at a March 12 orientation. See details and top 10 reasons to be a SEAYLP host family below.

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1. This week's lecture: Assessing the study of Islamic cultures in Vietnam, Cambodia

University of Wisconsin-Madison graduate history student William Noseworthy will present “Implications of the Discourse of Anthropology of Religion on the Study of History: Case Studies from the ‘Islamicized Bani’ of Vietnam and Cambodia” at noon Friday, March 21, in Room 110 (Honors), Campus Life Building. In taking a critical look at the history of the Champa and Bani culture, gradients of Cham religion, and the study of Cham manuscripts, Noseworthy makes the argument that the culture of these two communities are poorly understood and deserve continued scholarly attention. 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

2. Apply by April 15 for two CSEAS graduate assistantships for 2014–15

CSEAS is accepting applications for two graduate assistantships for the 2014–15 academic year. Both positions will be based at Pottenger House. All materials, which include a graduate assistantship application, cover letter, resume, and two reference contacts, must be received by Office Manager Nancy Schuneman by 4:30 p.m. April 15. Send to CSEAS, Northern Illinois University, 520 College View Court, DeKalb, IL 60115, email to nschunem@niu.edu, or FAX to 815-753-1776. See position descriptions below:

- **Teaching Assistant for ILAS 225**: Full-time (20 hours per week) position coordinating Center’s Southeast Asia survey course for fall and spring semester. Most lectures will be given by SEA faculty in all areas. Applicants should be advanced in their study, have knowledge or experience in SEA, and strong organizational, written and communication skills. Preference will be given to those in the process of completing the graduate concentration in Southeast Asian studies. Position pays $1,180 per month plus full tuition waiver.

- **Graduate Assistant for Sandwich Program**: Full-time (20 hours per week) staff assistant to administer the Sandwich Scholars Program, an initiative of the Indonesia Ministry of Education to bring advanced graduate students to NIU for short-term mentoring and research support. Applicants must be in good academic standing, have command of the Indonesian language, and have strong organizational, written and communication skills. Position pays $1,180 per month plus full tuition waiver.
3. Area students chosen for youth camp to be held during SEAYLP

Fifteen northern Illinois high school students, including ten from DeKalb County, have been chosen for a three-day Global Youth Leaders Camp to be held during the April 3–25 Southeast Asia Youth Leadership Program (SEAYLP) at NIU sponsored by the U.S. State Department and administered by the Center. The camp, to be held April 17–19 at the Stronghold Camp and Retreat Center in Oregon, Ill., will bring American and Southeast Asian students together in a program emphasizing civic engagement and cultural understanding, said SEAYLP administrative director Maria Nihei. “Like their Southeast Asian counterparts, the American students will act as ambassadors for their country,” Nihei said.

While SEAYLP has been run seven times at NIU, this is the first time the program is offering an opportunity for American students to participate, said CSEAS Director Judy Ledgerwood about the pilot program. DeKalb County students participating will be Gracia Watson from Sycamore High School; Morgan Yordy and Yareli Tenorio from Rochelle High School; and Peyton Billips, Mikaela Bobo, Shaylee Hester, Lydia Hoffman, Zachary King, Brittany Koch, Katelynn Lothson and Lief Williams from DeKalb High School. Other area participants include Jomarie Perlas and Sativa Volbrecht from Elgin High School, and Kailin Sepp and Luis Garcia from Larkin High School.

4. SEAYLP and PYLP want you: A few more host families still needed

More than 20 local families, including NIU President Douglas Baker and First Lady Dana Stover, have signed up to be hosts April 6–13 for high school students and adult leaders from ten Southeast Asian countries participating in the April 3–25 Southeast Asia Youth Leadership Program (SEAYLP). Eight more families for four pairs of boys and four pairs of girls are still needed for this one-week home stay. 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. 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.
5. Center associates update NEW

* Michael Buehler (Political Science) will be leaving NIU at the end of spring semester to take a position at the University of London School of Oriental and African Studies in fall. An Indonesia specialist in comparative politics, Buehler received his PhD from the London School of Economics and Political Science and joined the NIU Department of Political Science in fall 2009. The Center wishes Buehler well in his new appointment.

* Burmese language professor Tharaphi Than (Foreign Languages and Literatures) was quoted in a March 9 New York Times article, “Education Programs Try to Close Gaps in Myanmar.” Prior to the end of formal military rule in 2011 in Myanmar/Burma, education languished for decades after the government closed and decentralized schools after student protests in 1988. “Students had to literally wade through paddy fields to go to university,” Than said. “The idea was not just to physically disperse the student population but to also send a strong message that you cannot use higher education institutions for political activities.” Since 2011, American institutions, including NIU, have been working to assist the country in rebuilding its higher education infrastructure.

* Trude Jacobsen (History/NGOLD) is in print this month with her article, “Debt Bondage in Cambodia’s Past—and Implications for its Present,” in Studies in Gender and Sexuality 15.1 (2014).

6. Southeast Asia summer study abroad deadlines approaching

With application deadlines coming up, now’s the time to consider Southeast Asian studies travel over the summer. NIU faculty—including Center associates Trude Jacobsen, Eric Jones, Andrea Molnar, and Jui-Ching Wang—will lead five of the six SEA-focused study abroad programs being offered through NIU’s Study Abroad Office. Click links for each program listed below for complete information and online registration. Many of the course credits may be applied to the Center’s Southeast Asian studies minor or graduate concentration; check with CSEAS. NIU students may apply for the Provost’s Travel Grant for Study Abroad; for application and to review other funding options, click here. For more information, contact the Study Abroad Office at 815-753-0700 or email niuabroad@niu.edu. You can also attend a session of Study Abroad 101, which is offered at 3:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays in Williston 417.

● Examine NGOs in Cambodia, Thailand and Vietnam

Trude Jacobsen (History/NGOLD) will take a group May 28–June 13 to Cambodia, Thailand and Vietnam to study non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in those countries. A new program, “NGOs and Globalization: Southeast Asia (Cambodia, Thailand, Vietnam)” will look at how development policy is imagined, produced, and received (or resisted) across multiple

* Billboard in the Olympic Market in Phnom Penh, an initiative of a non-governmental organization working to raise awareness of domestic violence in Cambodia.
cultural contexts. “This course will be an exciting opportunity for students to see how issues that interest them, whether child rights, labor laws, NGO management, environmental issues, disability rights, community arts development, are handled across three different cultural contexts,” Jacobsen said. “It is also a great opportunity to network with NGOs and NGO workers for future fieldwork or internships.” Find more on Facebook at NGOs and Globalization: Southeast Asia Summer 2014. **Deadline to apply: April 1.**

- **Explore cultural diversity in Thailand**
  Andrea Molnar (Anthropology) will reprise her 2012 program, **“Cultural Diversity in Thailand,” May 16–June 14**, beginning in Bangkok. Molnar’s program will introduce students to Thai culture and diversity, and examine the relationship between the dominant majority and minorities of the country. The course utilizes a political anthropology perspective combined while focusing on cultural issues and their historical background, according to Molnar. “[Lectures] are reinforced whenever possible through partnering up NIU students with Thai students from participating partner institutions as well as through visits to cultural and historic sites,” Molnar says. Find photos of previous trips, course information, and more on Facebook at Thailand Study Abroad 2014. **Deadline to apply: March 31.**

- **Experience Balinese music, dance and culture in Indonesia**
  Jui-Ching Wang (School of Music) will introduce Balinese music, dance, theatre, architecture and crafts **July 1–30** in **“Experiencing the Arts in Bali,”** Wang’s new program to Bali, Indonesia. The ceremonial nature of the arts reflects the multiple layers of religious practices and philosophies embedded in Balinese society, according to Wang. Students will live in a traditional village compound and participate in festivals to celebrate the anniversary of the local temples. “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. **Deadline to apply: March 31.**

- **Connect with Indonesia’s colonial past in the Netherlands**
  Assistant CSEAS Director Eric Jones (History) is taking a group to Amsterdam in the Netherlands **Aug. 3–22** in his summer study abroad program, **“History of the Netherlands and European Colonialism.”** Jones, whose expertise is in Dutch/Indonesian colonial history, will focus on the history of the Netherlands, European and European colonial history, with particular emphasis on Indonesia where the Dutch East India Company, the globe’s first multinational company operated from 1602 to 1800. “Students will reside in a guesthouse in the city center,” Jones says, “and Students can expect to ride bicycles to get around most of the time during the Amsterdam study abroad.
our classroom settings entail a mix of traditional instruction and on-site, in-the-field coursework.” **Deadline to apply: April 15.**

### Conduct environmental research on public health in Indonesia

CSEAS affiliate [Tomoyuki Shibata](#) (College of Health & Human Sciences) returns to Indonesia **June 1–21** to continue research on environmental factors and public health in “**Global Health and Environments in Indonesia**.” The program is especially geared for students interested in interdisciplinary research, particularly in nursing, public health, anthropology, and environmental studies. Past projects have studied the effect of indoor air quality or mothers’ behaviors on children’s health. Find more at the program at its Facebook page, [NIU Study Abroad in Indonesia](#). **Deadline to apply: March 31.**

### Learn Lao language and culture in Laos

[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. Undergraduate student and Southeast Asian studies minor Andrew Duangdara (political science) attended SAIL in 2013, the first summer NIU credit was offered for the program. “I was interested in going to Laos because my family was from Laos,” he says. “We went back when I was seven years old but I don’t remember most of the trip.” From the bustling capital city of Vientiane, Duangdara and the 14 other participants from around the US traveled to rural Laos as well. “The program took us to the countryside an hour outside the city for two days and showed us what it was like to live there,” he says. “We planted rice, ate a traditional meal, and somehow squeezed fifteen people into three mosquito nets.” **Deadline to apply: June 6.**

7. Opportunities knock: On-campus funding for SEA research, travel

- 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. If travel times sync up with the Graduate School’s matching travel grant deadlines, you may be able to double funding. Contact Office Manager Nancy Schuneman at [nschunem@niu.edu](mailto:nschunem@niu.edu). Information on Graduate School funding is on the Graduate School website.

- The Graduate School is requesting proposals from graduate thesis and dissertation writers to cover the costs of travel to distant venues for field research. Grants of up to $500 are being offered to cover the cost of research travel between **May 15** and **Sept. 1**. To apply, students must send a letter of support from their thesis or dissertation committee chair and a research proposal to the Office of the Dean, 223 Adams Hall, by **April 18**. Contact the Graduate School for more details.
The Department of Political Science has announced a new scholarship for full-time POLS graduate students pursuing Southeast Asian studies. The Dr. Russell W. Smith Memorial Scholarship is a $1,000 travel grant to complete field work in Southeast Asia as part of a faculty-approved research project. The first award will be made for the 2014–15 academic year; applications are due April 1. Preference may be given to field work that is part of a doctoral dissertation, to U.S. military veterans, and students with demonstrated financial need. Students should supply a 1,000-word or less narrative and letter of support from a faculty member. For details, contact the department’s graduate student adviser, Scot Schraufnagel at sschrauf@niu.edu. See the department’s scholarships page for information on other funding opportunities.

8. NIU Thai Studies undergraduate language funding available NEW
The Thai Teaching and Research Fund Committee invites undergraduate students to apply for Thai studies research, language and study abroad funding. Students with a GPA of 3.0 or higher may apply for a $2,000 grant ($1,000 per semester) to pursue intermediate Thai language training. Submit a one-page statement of interest, a letter of support from their Thai language professor, a letter of recommendation and a transcript. Deadline to apply: March 31. Address application to Thai Fund Committee and email to Chalermsee Olson at eteolson@niu.edu.

9. Yale scholar to keynote April 5 student conference
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 at the Southeast Asia Club’s student conference coming up on Saturday, April 5. Scott, professor of political science and anthropology, is director of the Agrarian Studies Program at Yale. He will present “The Art of Not Being Governed: State Formation and Resistance in Southeast Asia.” 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. Scott’s appearance is sponsored by CSEAS, the NIU Graduate Colloquium Committee and the Department of Political Science. Scott will also give the Center’s weekly lecture Friday, April 4. He will discuss “The History and Ecology of the Irrawaddy River” at noon in the Heritage Room at the Holmes Student Center.

10. Distance Vietnamese to be added to fall 2014 SEA language lineup
The Center is testing the waters for offering introductory Vietnamese via distance learning with the University of Wisconsin-Madison 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. If interested, contact CSEAS at 815-753-1771 or by email at cseas@niu.edu (please put Vietnamese in the subject line).

11. 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.

12. Save the dates: Spring conferences, Asian American Heritage month, SEA culture fest
   - April 1–30: Asian American Heritage Month. See schedule of events at Asian American Center website. NEW
   - April 1, 10 and 24: Indiana Jones film fundraiser by NIU Rotaract Club to raise money for two international service projects. April 1: Raiders of the Lost Ark; April 10: Temple of Doom; April 24: The Last Crusade. Free admission. 6 p.m., Room 110, Campus Life. NEW
   - 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.
   - April 8: Lifelong Learning Institute lecture: “Witnessing the Cambodian Killing Fields: Using Life Histories to Design a Museum Exhibit,” CSEAS Director Judy Ledgerwood, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Holmes Student Center.
   - April 13: Screening of the film Cambodian Son, 6 p.m., Cole Hall Auditorium. Story of Cambodian prisoner in U.S. turned poet in Cambodia. Co-sponsors: Asian American Center, Graduate Colloquium Committee and Cambodian Studies Group. NEW
   - April 26: Southeast Asia Culture Fest, 4 to 6 p.m., Chick Evans Field House. Free and open to all. Families welcome.

13. Money for study
   Ateneo de Manila University
   - Institute of Philippine Culture: Three-day program on historical and ethnographic approaches to Philippine culture June 1–4 in Quezon City for PhD students in social sciences or interdisciplinary programs. Local travel, lodging and meals expenses covered. Deadline to apply: April 15. See website.

   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.

14. Job/internships opportunities
   Centre for International Governance Innovation
   - Research fellowship: One-year post-doctoral position at Ontario-based institution requires knowledge of politics, economics and Southeast Asia security issues. One-year extension possible. Apply by April 30. Email careers@cigionline.org.

   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.
15. Conferences, calls for papers and workshops

- **25th Graduate Student Conference**, April 2–4, University of Hawaii-Manoa. See conference website.
- **India’s Foreign Relations: Southeast Asia and the Indian Ocean**, April 4–5, Centre for Foreign Policy and Security Studies, Gujarat National Law University, Gandhinagar, India. For details, email Dr. Aruna Kumar Malik at amalik@gnlu.ac.in.
- **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.
- **9th Singapore Graduate Forum on Southeast Asian Studies**, June 25–27, National University of Singapore. See information online.
- **Congress of the Asian Political and International Studies Association**, Sept. 19–20, Chiang Mai University Institute for Southeast Asian Affairs, Thailand. **Deadline for abstracts and panel proposals: May 15.** Email Paul Chambers at paul@iseaa.org.

16. Area Southeast Asia cultural opportunities

- 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.

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