Behind the scenes at SEAYLP: Administrative director Maria Nihei, center, and the Southeast Asia Youth Leadership Program team, from left, Rachael Skog, Jordan York (MA anthropology, 2013) and Computer Science graduate student Cho Mar Aye take a break from their busy preparations for the SEAYLP program, which begins April 3. (Photo / CSEAS)

Spring finally springs at CSEAS
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1. Yale political scientist James C. Scott to give two lectures at NIU in April

NIU and CSEAS will welcome influential Yale scholar James C. Scott, author of *The Art of Not Being Governed: An Anarchist History of Upland Southeast Asia* (Yale Press, 2009) and *Two Cheers for Anarchism* (Princeton University Press, 2012), to campus on April 4–5. Scott, the Sterling Professor of Political Science, Anthropology, Forestry and Environmental Studies, has been described as “the last of a breed of wide-angled 20th-century social theorists . . . to marry the insights of social science to the broad sweep of history.” Scott will present “The History and Ecology of the Irawaddy River” at the Center’s weekly lecture at noon Friday, April 4, in the Heritage Room at the Holmes Student Center. On Saturday, April 5, Scott will present the keynote lecture, “The Art of Not Being Governed: State Formation and Resistance in Southeast Asia,” for the Southeast Asia Club’s spring student conference. 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. The Center thanks the NIU Graduate Colloquium Committee, the Department of Political Science, the Center for Burma Studies, and the Burma Interest Group-NIU, for their generous co-sponsorship.

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. Send a graduate assistantship application, cover letter, resume, and two reference contacts to Office Manager Nancy Schuneman by 4:30 p.m. April 15. Mail 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. Top 10 reasons to be a host family: Still time to sign up for short home-stays

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). Six more families for three pairs of boys and three 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), which brings 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.

4. Award-winning Cambodian Son to be shown at Cole Hall April 13

Director Masahiro Sugano of Studio Revolt films will be on campus April 13 to screen his new feature documentary, *Cambodian Son*, which follows the journey of an exiled American poet, Kosal Khiev, from the streets of Phnom Penh to the 2012 Cultural Olympiad in London. Studio Revolt is a collaborative media laboratory and an active participant in the contemporary arts scene in Phnom Penh. *Cambodian Son* will be shown at 6 p.m. in Cole Hall Auditorium. Free.

5. Student/alumni notes from all over

Congratulations to FLAS fellow Tiffanesha Williams (MA candidate, political science) for being accepted into the Consortium for the Teaching of Indonesian (COTI) Advanced Indonesian Language Program at the Universitas Kristen Satya Wacana in Salatiga, Central Java, this summer. Williams has also been awarded a Fulbright-Hayes fellowship to attend the June 19–August 13 program . . . . 

SarahEmily Lekberg (MM music, 2013) checked in from southern Vietnam where she is a 2013–14 Fulbright English Teaching Assistant. “I thoroughly enjoyed my first semester as a professor at An Giang University where I taught English-speaking skills,
American studies, and American literature,” she says. “This semester I’m teaching pronunciation and speaking skills to younger students. . . .Since I’m located in the Mekong Delta, I’ve enjoyed traveling around the south a lot and have gotten acquainted with many of the towns and cities around here.” . . . .The NIU Rotaract Club is getting a little help from that other professor Jones (not CSEAS associate Eric Jones) by hosting a three-night film screening in April to raise funds for an international service project. The first three Indiana Jones films—Raiders of the Lost Ark, Temple of Doom, The Last Crusade—will be shown April 1, 10, and 24 respectively in Room 110, Campus Life. Admission is free; refreshments for sale; the cause is good.

6. Center associates update: On the road in Southeast Asia NEW
* CSEAS Director Judy Ledgerwood (Anthropology) left March 24 for a two-week Southeast Asia trip with College of Liberal Arts & Sciences Dean Chris McCord, College of Business Dean Denise Schoenbachler and Associate Vice President for International Affairs Deborah Pierce to discuss increasing exchange programs and opportunities to bring students from the region to study at NIU. The team will visit Indonesia, Malaysia, and Myanmar/Burma.
* Jui-Ching Wang (Music) is back in her home country of Taiwan after spending sabbatical time in Yogyakarta, Indonesia, where she conducted fieldwork on children’s singing games in that city. At Gadjah Mada University, Wang gave a talk to Culture Science students about the importance of gamelan in western classical music and incorporating gamelan into American music programs, and sat in with the school’s gamelan ensemble. Wang also reconnected with 2012–13 Indonesia Foreign Language Teaching Assistant Dyah Mitayani (Mita) and observed a community choir directed by Mita’s father. A choir member who was also a local journalist interviewed Wang for his newspaper. “The trip was great in many aspects, and I am especially happy with the professional connections I made there with the help from Mita and her family,” Wang reports. Wang is conducting a study abroad on Bali arts and culture this summer.
* Michael Buehler (Political Science) was interviewed March 16 on International Public Radio’s Background Briefing program about the political fallout between China and Malaysia following the disappearance of Beijing-bound Malaysia Airlines Flight 370. He has also been interviewed recently on the staying power of Indonesian political dynasties by Reuters.
* Kikue Hamayotsu (Political Science) will be in Washington, DC this week presenting “Elections, Religion and Democracy in Indonesia: Why is Islam Not Winning?” at the United States-Indonesia Society (USINDO) from 2:30 to 4 p.m. on March 28 as part of USINDO’s 2014 Elections Open Forum Series Event. The lecture will take place at USINDO’s office, 1625 Massachusetts Ave., NW, Suite 550.
7. Decisions, decisions: Southeast Asia summer study abroad deadlines approach

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.

● 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 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. “[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. Wang will be co-directing the program with NIU art professor Shei Chau Wang. **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 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.

8. 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. 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.

9. NIU Thai Studies undergraduate language funding available

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.

**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.
- **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. Still openings for USINDO summer language/cultural immersion program**
The U.S.-Indonesia Society (USINDO) is offering ten-week language/cultural immersion program from June 2 to July 25 for U.S. students and recent graduates at Gadjah Mada University in Yogyakarta. The deadline to apply is **March 31.** See the USINDO website

**14. 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.

### 15. Job/internships opportunities

**Mazars Starling Resources**
- **Business/policy analyst:** Indonesia-based consulting group seeks analyst for Bali office. **Apply by April 11.** See [job posting](#).

**Fulbright American-Indonesian Exchange Foundation, Jakarta**
- Executive director: Experienced individual, either American or Indonesian, sought to lead [AMINEF](#), non-profit binational organization that supports educational exchanges between the U.S. and Indonesia. Master’s required, PhD or commensurate experience desirable. Three-year renewable contract. **Apply by April 23.** See [job posting](#).

**Pembroke College, Cambridge**
- **University Lecturer in Asian Politics:** Applicants sought for the Mohamed Noah Fellowship. **Apply by April 20.** Job interviews scheduled for May 28. For details, see [job listing](#).

**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](mailto: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](#).

### 16. 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](mailto:amalik@gnlu.ac.in).
- **2014 Philippine Political Science Association International Conference,** April 10–11, University of the Philippines Visayas, Iloilo City, Philippines. See [conference website](#).
- **Re-imagining Indonesia: Ideals, Actions and Challenges,** April 11–12, Yale University. Hosted by the [Yale Indonesia Forum](#).
- **Thailand in the World: 12th International Conference on Thai Studies,** April 22–24, 2014, University of Sydney, Australia. See [conference website](#).
• **Southeast Asia Research Group annual meeting**, May 3-4, Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y. Best new research by young social scientists working on SEA politics. $500 travel grants funded by the Luce Foundation available for PhD students. **Apply for grants by April 4. NEW**

• **3rd International Conference on Leadership and Learning in the Asian Society**, May 12–14, University Sains Malaysia, Pulau Penang. 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.

17. **Area Southeast Asia cultural opportunities**

• Cambodian Day of Remembrance, an **evening** of reflection, commemoration, hope and renewal sponsored by the Cambodian Association of Illinois, to be held at 5:30 p.m. **April 5** at New Furama 2828 S. Wentworth Ave., Chicago. Tickets $100. For information, call 773-878-7090. **NEW**

• 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.