As guests arrive at the CSEAS farewell potluck May 2, retiring CSEAS Office Manager Nancy Schuneman admires Nasi Tumpeng, a celebratory Indonesian dish made by Indonesian instructor Rahmi Hartati. Schuneman, along with retiring associates John Hartmann and Jim and Patricia Henry, were honored at the end-of-semester party. Details below.

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1. CSEAS bids farewell to longtime colleagues

It was a bittersweet gathering May 2 at the end-of-semester potluck-turned-farewell party honoring a number of departing CSEAS colleagues. Longtime Office Manager Nancy Schuneman and Thai language professor John Hartmann (Foreign Languages & Literatures) have announced their plans to retire after the spring semester. Associate Michael Buehler (Political Science) has accepted a position for next year at the University of London’s School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS). Other departures marked at the gathering were those of Indonesian language professor Patricia Henry (Foreign Language & Literatures) and computer scientist Jim Henry (Computer Science), who officially retired in 2013, but have been on campus in various capacities this year. “We will keenly miss all of these friends and colleagues, some of whom have been here more than thirty years and contributed immeasurably to the Center,” said CSEAS Director Judy Ledgerwood, who hosted the gathering. About seventy faculty, staff, and students, including retirees Clark and Arlene Neher and Richard and Thecla Cooler, attended the farewell at the home of Ledgerwood and CSEAS associate Kheang Un (Political Science). Perhaps more than usual at other CSEAS gatherings, tables and kitchen counters were groaning with excellent Southeast Asian potluck fare, including curries, stews, chicken satay, vegetable dishes, fruit salads, Filipino flan made by Lina Davide-Ong, and mango sticky rice courtesy of Thai Pavilion. In between much laughter and a few tears, the festivities were also an opportunity to bid farewell to this semester’s students graduating this week on May 9 and 10, and to summer Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) fellows heading to Southeast Asia and SEASSI this summer for language training. Best wishes to all.

2. Summer at CSEAS: Title VI and staff changes

School may be out for summer, but CSEAS will be keeping up the pace. For the past several months, Center Council members and Director Judy Ledgerwood have been working on proposals for the next Title VI National Resource Center grant submission. The grant proposal is due to the U.S. Department of Education on June 23 with notification from the government expected in mid-August.

The Center will also be adapting to two key staff departures over the summer. In addition to Office Manager Nancy Schuneman, Outreach Coordinator Julie Lamb has also announced her retirement. Lamb will be leaving May 31; Schuneman on June 30.
As veteran staff members well-versed in the workings of NIU, and as cheerful and outgoing co-workers, Nancy and Julie will be sorely missed at Pottenger House. In her 27 years at CSEAS, Schuneman has worked with six directors, 200 graduate and FLAS alumni, 50 former and current faculty, more than 30 FLTAs, and countless other students and international visitors. She has received several service awards, including the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences’ Gold Anniversary Faculty/Staff Award in 2010.

Lamb, who began her career at NIU as a graduate student in the Southeast Asian studies program in 1981, has built the Center’s successful outreach efforts from the ground up since assuming her role in 1997. Over the years, she has coordinated numerous Center events, workshops, programs, and conferences with faculty, staff, students, international visitors, area teachers, and other centers and colleges. As the undergraduate minor advisor, she has recruited dozens of students into the Center’s programs and worked closely with the Southeast Asia Club on its cultural events and annual student conferences. An active member of the Supportive Professional Staff Council and various commissions on campus, she received the SPS Presidential Award for Excellence in 2007.

3. Scott Abel awarded Neher fellowship

Growing up near the Jersey shore, Scott Abel (PhD student, history) grew up with the sea in his blood, spending time on the water with his father and grandfathers, all of whom knew their way around a boat. His father worked as a chief engineer on various ships plying the Great Lakes. As a youngster, Abel learned how to sail (“though I’m not an accomplished sailor!”) and as he grew older developed an interest in maritime commerce and history. Fast forward past a bachelor’s degree from Washington College and a master’s degree in history from Rutgers to Abel’s first trip to Southeast Asia in 2011 with CSEAS Assistant Director Eric Jones’ summer study abroad to Malaysia. The incoming doctoral student in History found his place on the Southeast Asian studies map: colonial maritime trade emanating from Malaysia. “I hope to write my dissertation on how Malay seafarers in the southern Straits of Malacca adapted to the challenges of globalization, colonialism, and technological advancement during the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries,” Abel wrote in his successful application for the 2014–15 Clark and Arlene Neher Graduate Fellowship for the Study of Southeast Asia. Now in his third year in the History department, Abel’s course of study has taken him through shipping records, archival records, and accounts of piracy on the high seas. He has studied Malay and Indonesian, spending summers in 2013 in Malaysia as a FLAS fellow and this summer studying Indonesian in Jogyjakarta. Abel plans to travel to Singapore to do research at the National University of
Singapore and hopes to delve into maritime records in London later this year. It is his hope that his dissertation “will illuminate the final years of Malay maritime economic dominance and provide a new social history for the Malay people,” said Abel, who would like to work as a regional expert for the government or research group after graduation. Abel is the thirteenth graduate student to receive the endowed Neher fellowship, which was established in 2002 by NIU political scientist emeritus and former CSEAS Director Clark Neher and External Programming Director emeritus and CSEAS associate Arlene Neher. The $5,200 fellowship plus tuition waiver for the next academic year is awarded in spring to one advanced-level graduate student planning research in Southeast Asia.

4. Center associates update: Burmese librarians, Philippine relief and more NEW

* Chalermsee Olson and Hao Phan (both Founders Memorial Library), and Center for Burma Studies Director Catherine Raymond (School of Art), will welcome four Burmese academic librarians—from University Central Library, Yatanabon University, and University of Yangon—to NIU June 28 to July 9. The librarians are here as part of a collaborative training program with the University of Washington and Arizona State and Rutgers universities. The group’s visit to NIU is funded by an NIU Foundation endowment established in 2002 in honor of the late May Kyi Win, curator of the Donn V. Hart Southeast Asia Collection.

* Susan Russell (Anthropology) and Lina Davide-Ong (International Training Office) wrapped up another successful Philippine Youth Leadership Program (the 11th) this week with the group’s visit to Washington, DC. While there, the group toured the White House May 8 where they were invited to wait on the South Lawn to see President Obama board the presidential helicopter. The president turned and waved as he crossed the lawn—a photo opportunity for all. PYLP participants depart for home May 10.

* Kikue Hamayotsu (Political Science) spoke on religious freedom and democracy in Indonesia, one of three presenters for “Building a Plural Society: Interreligious Relations in Indonesia,” a two-hour workshop May 2 at the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies at the University of Notre Dame organized by the institute and the Indonesian Consulate General in Chicago. Her article on Shariah politics in SEA appears in the May 8 issue of the online Nikkei Asian Review.

* John Hartmann (Foreign Languages & Literatures) will be demonstrating his interactive website, “Hello Southeast Asia: An Interactive Sampling of the Spoken and Written Languages of SEA,” at the 22nd annual Conference on Southeast Asian Language teaching and Applied Linguistics July 18–19 with co-presenter Nay Yan Oo (MA student, Political Science). Hartmann has used the website as a tool for illustrating the commonalities and differences among all SEA languages, and for encouraging students to study more than one.
Tharaphi Than (Foreign Languages & Literatures) will be in Southeast Asia in July, organizing a workshop at Yangon University in Myanmar/Burma and presenting papers at a conference there and at the inaugural AAS-in-ASIA conference July 17–19.

Katharine Wiegele (Anthropology) and Rhodalyne Gallo-Crail (Foreign Languages & Literatures) are featured in NIU Today this week for their active involvement in relief efforts on behalf of the thousands of people affected by last year’s deadly Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines. Wiegele has raised funds through Facebook and Gallo-Crail has organized bake sales with her Tagalog language students. Wiegele has just returned from a research trip during which she presented supplies and three fishing boats purchased with the proceeds to families in Tacloban City. Over the summer, Gallo-Crail will be in the Philippines, along with three of her students there for language study—Isabelle Squires, Carlo Aseron and Rachel Horvath—where the group plans to deliver donations from the class’s May bake sale toward the purchase of another fishing boat.

Jui-Ching Wang (School of Music) announces that Pak Ngurah Kertayuda will return next year as gamelan instructor after serving in that capacity during Wang’s 2013–14 sabbatical year. Wang is leading an arts and music study abroad program in Bali this summer.

Kenton Clymer (History) will be teaching a short intensive course about U.S. relations with Southeast Asia, in particular Burma, this summer at the School of International Affairs at Renmin (People’s) University in Beijing. He will also be at the International Burma Studies Conference Aug. 1–3 in Singapore with his presentation “From Deep Freeze to Thaw: United States Relations with Burma/Myanmar since 8/8/88.” Also on the panel will be Chinese scholar Bai Xuefeng, a visiting scholar at the Center last year.

Catherine Raymond (School of Art) will be on a panel entitled “Conserving and Sharing Burma’s Heritage” at the International Burma Studies Conference in August. She is also curating a forthcoming exhibition at the NIU Art Museum. “Dressing Difference: Exploring Gender and Ethnicity in Burma” will be on display Aug. 26-Nov. 15.

Michael Buehler (Political Science) will speak May 14 at “Southeast Asian Elections: Indonesia in the Comparative Perspective,” a workshop covering issues in the upcoming Indonesia and Thailand lections, and the 2013 Malaysia and Cambodia elections, for Columbia University’s Weatherhead East Asian Institute, where Buehler was a fellow before coming to NIU. His chapter, “Elite Competition and Changing State-Society Relations: Sharia’a Policymaking in Indonesia,” has just been published in Beyond Oligarchy, edited by Michele Ford and Tom Pepinsky (Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 2014).

The Center welcomes new CSEAS faculty affiliates King Chung (Audiology), Florensia Surjadi (Family, Consumer & Nutrition Sciences) and Jim Wilson (Geography).
5. Student news: Kudos all around

§ FLAS fellow Thomas Rhoden (PhD candidate, political science) has received a 2014–15 David L. Boren Fellowship, which provides National Security Education Program funding for graduate students to pursue language and area studies in regions of the world deemed critical to U.S. interests. Out of 497 applications for the graduate Boren Award, 106 were awarded. Rhoden will be studying the Karen language in Thailand. His article, “Atheism in Myanmar: The Case of Census Question #7” was posted May 7 on the Indo-Pacific Review website.

§ Iqra Anugrah (PhD candidate, political science) has received the Political Science department’s Russell W. Smith Memorial Scholarship, a $1,000 travel award to complete his field research in Southeast Asia.

§ FLAS fellow Alexxandra Salazar (MA student, anthropology) has been named the Anthropology Department’s Outstanding Graduate Student for 2013–14.

§ FLAS fellow Ron Leonhardt (BA history/political science, 2014) has been accepted into the History PhD program at George Washington University. His focus will be on ethnic minority conflict in the Lower Mekong Delta and Cold War diplomacy.

§ Francesca Pase (MSEd student, educational psychology) has received her department’s Language, Educational Psychology and Foundations Chair Award to travel to Indonesia this summer to collect data for her thesis on the relationship between Indonesian culture and interactions in English as a Second Language classrooms.

§ Aaron Johnson (PhD candidate, political science) is working as an advisor at the Thailand Institute of Justice, an affiliate of the Thai Ministry of Justice established in 2011. The organization is charged with implementing UN rules for the treatment of women prisoners as well as other UN standards for the treatment of women and children.

6. Southeast Asia Club closes year with culture fest, new officers

Congratulations to the Southeast Asia Club members and event organizer Anthonie Tumpag on a successful spring Southeast Asia Culture Fest. More than 120 people ventured to the Evans Field House on April 26 to see performances by the NIU Gamelan Ensemble, Indonesian Dance of Illinois and Malay Silat, make window mandalas, and learn more about the countries of Southeast Asia. At its last meeting of the year Tuesday, the club elected new officers for 2014–15. They are Scott Hanley, president; Krista Albers, vice president; Edward Pieri, secretary, Isabelle Squires, treasurer; Alexxandra Salazar, conference chair with Elise Waite; James DeWitz, cultural events chair with Carlo Aseron and Piyawit Moonkham; and Carlo Aseron, outreach/marketing chair with Andrew Waite and Cecelie Keys.
7. Notes from all over: Farewell to FLTAs
- The Center bids farewell to this year’s Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistants Nachayadar Srithum (Thai) and Basori (Indonesian). Upon his return to Indonesia, Basori will be teaching Indonesian to American students in the U.S. State Department’s Critical Language Scholarship immersion program in Tulungagung in East Java. Nacha returns to Thailand to teach English at Mae Fah Luang University in Chiang Rai. Best wishes to both of them!
- CSEAS adjunct Alan Potkin has been invited to give the keynote address at Information Visualization 2014 to be held at the University of Paris Descartes July 15–18. His presentation is entitled “An Artisanal Approach to Interactive Heritage Visualization,” encompassing the use of state-of-the-art visual technology on a variety of recent projects including the digital replication of murals inside a Lao temple.
- CSEAS adjunct Nancy Keiser, a professor of education at North Central College and an NIU alumna, has been named a Ruge Fellow at the college. Ruge fellows are senior faculty recognized for teaching excellence and distinguished service.
- NIU alumnus and current University of Washington doctoral student Joe Kinzer (MM music, 2012) has received a 2014–15 Fulbright award to continue his research into pop-cultural phenomena in Malaysia. Kinzer was a 2011–12 FLAS fellow while at NIU, where he studied with associate Jui-Ching Wang.
- Alumni of past NIU Southeast Asia Youth Leadership Program (SEAYLP) sessions were among the 550 Southeast Asian youth who met with President Barack Obama April 27 at a town hall meeting at the University of Malaya in Kuala Lumpur where the president said that their generation in SEA will define the “contours of the century ahead.” Obama launched the Young Southeast Asian Leaders Initiative (YSEALI) in December at a youth summit hosted by the Association of Southeast Asian Nations in Manila. The initiative supports the development of young leaders in the ten ASEAN member countries, according to the program. The president was in Malaysia as part of a four-country Asia tour.

8. New POLS class, grad-level SEA survey course, and Vietnamese on fall schedule
New Southeast Asian studies courses leading off the fall course listings include a new political science class, POLS 378, Political Islam (Kikue Hamayotsu), beginning Vietnamese as a distance learning course, and SEAS 690, a graduate-level Southeast Asia survey course taught by Trude Jacobsen (History/NGOLD).

The new graduate survey course, SEAS 625 (Southeast Asia: A Multidisciplinary Perspective), will be required for NIU’s new Southeast Asian studies graduate certificate, which replaces the concentration. As with the undergraduate SEAS
225 (formerly ILAS 225), the course format will feature guest lecturers. The graduate course will focus on seminal literature.

Beginning Vietnamese will be added to NIU’s SEA language and literature lineup. FLST 103 will be offered as a distance-learning course through the University of Wisconsin-Madison. It will be taught by a UW 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). Other Southeast Asia language and literature classes on the list include Burmese, Indonesian, Khmer, Tagalog and Thai, in addition to Chinese.

Other fall courses are: ANTH 328/790, Anthroponomy of Religion/Seminar in Anthropology (Andrea Molnar); ARTH 370/570, Studies in Asian Art: Indian and Southeast Asian Art (Catherine Raymond); FCNS 384, Asian American Families (Floresia Surjadi); HIST 660, Reading Seminar in Asian History: US Relations with Southeast Asia (Kenton Clymer); POLS 362, Politics of Developing Areas (Kheang Un); POLS 371, Politics of Southeast Asia (Danny Unger); POLS 672, Topics in Comparative Politics (Danny Unger). Students interested in learning to play gamelan may sign up for MUSE 370/670, Gamelan I, an ensemble class open to music and non-music majors. All of these courses can be applied toward SEA Studies minors/contract majors or graduate certificate. For details, see the CSEAS website or stop by Pottenger House, 520 College View Court.

9. Apply to study abroad in Laos by June 6

Study Abroad in Laos (SAIL), an NIU study abroad 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. Deadline to apply: June 6. Contact the Study Abroad Office at 815-753-0700 or email niuabroad@niu.edu.

10. Apply on campus in September for student Fulbright applications

Summer is a good time for students interested in applying for a Fulbright fellowship or English Teaching Assistantship to get their application materials together for this U.S. State Department-funded program. Sept. 15 is the campus deadline to apply through the Division of International Affairs, with interviews with the Campus Fulbright Committee in late September/early October. Students are advised to send draft proposals to Fulbright program advisor Janet Hathaway (School of Music) before that date. See the International Programs website or contact Hathaway at jhathaway@niu.edu or 815-753-7970.

11. Keep up with CSEAS over the summer

This is the last Center bulletin of the semester, but you can keep up with us all summer long. “Like” our Facebook page and we’ll pop up on your news feed whenever we post any news from CSEAS or about upcoming events this fall. If you are graduating this year, get connected
to our alumni network through the NIU-CSEAS Alumni Connection [group](mailto:cseas@niu.edu) on Facebook (email cseas@niu.edu to join). You may also follow us on [Twitter](https://twitter.com/CSEAS_NIU) at CSEAS_NIU.

12. **July 31 abstract deadline for fall Council on Thai Studies conference**

**July 31** is the abstract deadline for the annual Council on Thai Studies (COTS) meeting, which is scheduled for the weekend of **Oct. 17–19** at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. The lead speaker will be Chayan Vaddhanaphutti, director of the Regional Center for Social Science and Sustainable Development at Chiang Mai University. COTS, which was organized by NIU Thai studies faculty in 1972, is an informal organization of Midwest scholars interested in all aspects of Thai studies. Graduate students are encouraged to submit papers. Rooms have been reserved at the Lowell Center on campus; deadline for hotel registration is **Sept. 16** (use group code COTS); call 866-301-1753 or reserve [online](https://www.reservethisroom.com). Email brief abstracts and panel proposals, including contact information and institutional affiliation, to COTS chair Ian Baird, [ibaird@wisc.edu](mailto:ibaird@wisc.edu). See COTS [website](https://www.cotsweb.org) for details.

13. **Job/internship opportunities**

**Center for Lao Studies**
- **Program director:** San Francisco-based non-profit seeks half-time staff member to provide program planning and leadership. One-year temporary position that may be extended or convert to permanent position. Send cover letter with resume by **May 20** to [info@laostudies.org](mailto:info@laostudies.org). For details, see [website](https://www.laostudies.org).

**Asia Society**
- **Career opportunities:** Internships and jobs posted regularly on [website](https://www.asiasociety.org/careers).

**World Health Organization**
- Global public health nonprofit based in Geneva, Switzerland, encourages online applications for potential employment. See [WHO website](https://www.who.int).

**Idealist.org**
- Privately funded website offers searchable database of nonprofit international jobs and volunteer opportunities. See the [Idealist website](https://www.idealist.org).

**Hess International Educational Group**
- **Teach English across Asia:** Taiwan-based organization offers free training, benefits, and flexible scheduling. Contact NIU alum Derek Wright at derek.wright@hess.com.tw or see the Hess [website](https://www.hess.com.tw) for details.

14. **Conferences, calls for papers and workshops**

- **Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR),** June 10–21, Lexington, Ky. See [conference website](https://www.shafr.org).
- **9th Singapore Graduate Forum on Southeast Asian Studies,** June 25–27, National University of Singapore. See [information online](https://www.nus.edu.sg).
- **Conference on Southeast Asian Language Teaching and Applied Linguistics (COTSEAL),** July 18–19, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI. Call for papers. **Deadline to submit abstracts: May 15.** See [conference website](https://www.cotseal.org).
- **International Burma Studies Conference**, Aug. 1–3, National University of Singapore. See [conference website](#).


- **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.

- **Council on Thai Studies**, Oct. 17–19, University of Wisconsin-Madison. Call for papers. **Deadline for abstracts and proposals:** July 31. See [link](#) for details.

- **Symposium on ‘Social Resistance in Non-Democracies,”** Nov. 24–26, Lund University, Sweden. Call for papers. **Deadline for abstracts:** June 30. See [symposium website](#).

- **4th International JSA-ASEAN Conference**, Dec. 15–16, Thammasat University Institute of East Asian Studies. Theme: State and Non-state Actors in Japan-ASEAN Relations and Beyond. Call for papers. **Deadline for abstracts:** May 31. See [conference website](#).

- **International Symposium on Cambodia**, Dec. 15–16, Royal University of Fine Arts, Phnom Penh. Call for papers. **Deadline for abstracts:** May 1. See [symposium website](#).

- **Third Hmong Consortium Conference**, April 10–11, 2015, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI. Theme: Hmong around the World. Call for papers. **Abstracts due:** Dec. 31. Email to conference chair Ian Baird at ibaird@wisc.edu. See [consortium website](#).

15. Area Southeast Asia cultural opportunities

- Thai Festival, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., **June 18–20**, Federal Plaza, Adams and Dearborn, Chicago.

- Learn about the history of Laotian immigration to Elgin at the [Elgin Area Historical Society and Museum](#), 360 Park St., Elgin.

- “Remembering the Killing Fields” exhibit 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 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 need assistance at any CSEAS event may contact Nancy Schuneman at 815-753-1771 or nschunem@niu.edu. To no longer receive this bulletin, reply to this e-mail with request to remove your name.*