“Dressing Difference: Exploring Ethnicities in Modern Burma” opens Aug. 26 this week at the NIU Art Museum. A year-long exhibit at the Anthropology Museum, including items from Southeast Asia chosen by NIU faculty and community members, opens Sept. 1 at the museum in Cole Hall. See details below.

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### Be part of CSEAS’s future

The next half-century for Southeast Asian Studies at NIU will offer exciting opportunities for teaching and learning about this rising region of the world. To keep NIU’s program strong, consider making a donation to CSEAS through the NIU Foundation. To contribute online, go to the [Donate Now](#) tab at the NIU Foundation website. Under Designations, select “college or university wide program,” then write in “Center for Southeast Asian Studies.” Continue on through the form. If your current employer matches your charitable donations, please take a moment to also fill out that form. We appreciate every gift. Thank you!
1. Fall lecture series starts: Thailand update with Danny Unger

The Center’s fall 2014 lecture series kicks off at noon Friday, Sept. 5, with Center associate Danny Unger (Political Science), who will present “Thailand’s Latest Coup: Causes, Context and Consequences” in Room 110 (Honors), Campus Life Building. Unger will look at the underlying structural and cultural dynamics of the political conflict that began in 2005 and culminated in a military coup in May. He also will look at plausible medium-term future political scenarios. (The leader of the coup, Gen. Prayuth Chan-ocha, was named prime minister on Aug. 21.) To order a Southeast Asian lunch (Filipino this year), 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.

2. Who’s new at the Center this fall

The Center welcomes Rita Miller as the new CSEAS Office Manager, replacing longtime office manager Nancy Schuneman, who retired in June. Miller comes to CSEAS from the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures, where she worked as an office support specialist for the past seven years. Also new to the Center this fall are graduate assistants Iqra Anugrah, who will be teaching SEAS 225, and Azriansya Agoes, who is coordinating the Overseas Postgraduate Fellowship program (also known as the Sandwich program), a collaborative effort of CSEAS and Indonesia’s Directorate General of Higher Education (DIKTI). Sixteen Indonesian graduate fellows are expected to arrive on campus for three months in September to work with faculty mentors on honing their research and writing skills. Both Iqra and Azri are PhD students in political science. NIU alumnus Julien Ehrenkonig (MA anthropology, 2014) is coordinating all Center outreach activities this fall, temporarily filling the duties of Outreach Coordinator Julie Lamb, who also retired this past spring. The Center has not yet been cleared to fill the position permanently. Come meet them all at the Area Studies Open House on Sept. 4!

3. Flying the flags for area studies at NIU

Mark your calendar for this year’s Area Studies Open House from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 4. CSEAS and the centers for Burma Studies (CBS) and Latino and Latin American Studies (CLLAS) will be dishing up Southeast Asian food, games, and information on Southeast Asian studies at NIU outside the Center in the shady confines of College View Court. The Southeast Asia Club and the Burma Interest Group-NIU student groups will be there as well as affiliated student organizations from CLLAS.
Take a turn on the Balinese gamelan with gamelan instructor Ngurah Kertayuda, find out more about Center programs and fellowships, and visit with friends, faculty, and staff.

4. Still time to catch an SEA class this fall

There’s still time to sign up for Southeast Asian studies classes this semester. New courses leading off the fall course listings include a new political science class, POLS 378, Political Islam (Kikue Hamayotsu) and SEAS 625/HIST 690, a graduate-level Southeast Asia seminar taught by Assistant CSEAS Director Trude Jacobsen (History/NGOLD).

The new graduate survey course, Southeast Asia: A Multidisciplinary Perspective, will be required for NIU’s new Southeast Asian studies graduate certificate, which replaces the graduate concentration. The graduate course will focus on seminal literature in Southeast Asian studies. Undergraduates are invited to take SEAS 225, the Center’s SEA survey course.

Beginning Vietnamese (FLST 103) has been added to NIU’s SEA language and literature lineup 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. 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, Anthropology 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 (Florensia 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.

5. Welcome to this year’s FLTAs: Three Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistants (FLTAs) will be teaching in the Southeast Asian languages program this year. They are, from left, Pruksapan Bantawtook (Thailand), Maw Maw Tun (Myanmar), and Riyani (Indonesia). They will be assisting Thai instructor Piyathida “Pooh” Sereebehapol, Indonesian instructor Rahmi Hartati and Burmese language professor Tharaphi Than respectively. (CSEAS photo)
6. Aug. 31 abstract deadline for fall COTS; apply for student grants by Sept. 19

The abstract deadline for the Council on Thai Studies (COTS) annual meeting, scheduled for the weekend of Oct. 17–19 at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, has been extended to Aug. 31. Graduate students are encouraged to submit papers. The Thai Studies Fund Committee at NIU will consider applications for up to three NIU students to receive small grants to attend COTS to present work involving international research and training in Thai studies. Applications must be submitted by Sept. 9 and include a concise description of the presentation and the acceptance letter from conference organizers. Successful applicants must present their work at COTS and be a participant for the conference duration. Applications should be addressed to the Thai Fund Committee and emailed to CSEAS associate Chalermsee Olson at eteolson@niu.edu. The keynote speaker will be Chayan Vaddhanaphutti, director of the Regional Center for Social Science and Sustainable Development at Chiang Mai University. 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. Email brief abstracts and panel proposals, including contact information and institutional affiliation, to COTS chair Ian Baird, ibaird@wisc.edu. See COTS website for details.

7. Worlds of Southeast Asia open in two campus exhibits

NIU will be treated to two exhibits featuring Southeast Asian art and artifacts this semester at the NIU Art Museum and the NIU Anthropology Museum. Opening Aug. 26 this week at the NIU Art Museum in Altgeld Hall is “Dressing Difference: Exploring Ethnicities in Modern Burma.” This exhibit, co-curated by Center for Burma Studies Director Catherine Raymond and Sherry Harlacher, director of Denison Museum in Ohio, features the clothing, head coverings, accessories, weaponry, and smoking artifacts of a number of ethnic groups from Burma (Myanmar). The objects were drawn from Burma art collections at NIU and Denison. The opening reception will be 4:30 to 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11; Raymond and Harlacher will give an informal gallery talk from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 18, in conjunction with the symposium, Imaging the Others: The Art of Ethnography, which will be held the next day, Sept. 19, from 9 to 5 p.m. in 315 Altgeld. The exhibit will close Nov. 15.

“Curated by DeKalb: 50 Years of the Anthropology Museum,” which features items from the museum’s collection of over 20,000 ethnographic and archeological objects, will open Sept. 23 and run through May. The objects were selected by members of the NIU and local communities, including CSEAS associates. Director Judy Ledgerwood chose a prahok scoop, a basic kitchen tool in rural Cambodian homes, while Donn V. Hart Southeast Asia Collection curator Hao Phan picked a piece of Indonesian batik. The opening reception will start at 4 p.m. Sept. 23 with refreshments and live music. The museum was founded in 1964 by the
Department of Anthropology and will host a number of special events during its 50th anniversary year. Stay tuned.

9. Save the dates: Exhibit events, Fulbright deadlines, upcoming fairs
- **Aug. 26–Nov. 15:** “Dressing Difference: Exploring Ethnicities in Modern Burma,” curated by Center for Burma Studies Director and CSEAS associate Catherine Raymond, NIU Art Museum, Altgeld Hall. Public reception: 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. **Sept. 11.** Curator’s gallery talk and reception 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. **Sept. 18.** Exhibit in conjunction with Imaging the Others: The Art of Ethnography in Modern Burma symposium, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. **Sept. 19.** Altgeld 315.
- **Sept. 15:** NIU deadline to submit applications for Fulbright fellowships or English Teaching Assistantships.
- **Sept. 23:** Exploring Majors Fair, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Duke Ellington Ballroom, Holmes Student Center.
- **Sept. 23:** Opening reception for “Curated by DeKalb: 50 Years of the Anthropology Museum” exhibit, 4 to 7 p.m., Anthropology Museum, Cole Hall. Refreshments and live music. The exhibit runs through May.
- **Sept. 25:** Study Abroad Fair, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Duke Ellington Ballroom, Holmes Student Center.

10. Apply on campus Sept. 15 for student Fulbright awards
Interested in applying for a student Fulbright fellowship or English Teaching Assistantship? Now is the time to put the final touches on your application materials for this U.S. State Department-funded program. **Sept. 15** is the deadline to apply through the Division of International Affairs, with interviews with the Campus Fulbright Committee slated for late September/early October. Students are advised to send draft proposals to Fulbright program advisor Janet Hathaway (School of Music) before that date. Contact Sarah Lindell at NIU’s Division of International Affairs at 815-753-9526 or email her at slindell@niu.edu for details.
11. Money for study

*East-West Center*

- **2015-16 graduate fellowship opportunities:** Apply to study in Honolulu through variety of programs. **Deadline to apply:** Nov. 3. See [website](#).

*United States-Indonesia Society*

- **2015 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:** Jan. 31. See [website](#).

11. Job/internship opportunities

*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](#).

*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](#) for details.

12. Conferences, calls for papers and workshops


- **Congress of the Asian Political and International Studies Association,** Sept. 19–20, Chiang Mai University Institute for Southeast Asian Affairs, Thailand. See conference [website](#).

- **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. 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. See [conference website](#).

- **International Symposium on Cambodia,** Dec. 15–16, Royal University of Fine Arts, Phnom Penh. See [symposium website](#).

- **International Graduate Student Conference on the Asia Pacific Region,** Feb. 12–14, East-West Center, Honolulu, HI. **Deadline for abstracts and travel grants:** Aug. 29. See [conference website](#).

- **Third Hmong Consortium Conference,** April 10–11, 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](#).
13. Area Southeast Asia cultural opportunities

- “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 Rita Miller 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.