How we spent our summer FLAS fellowships will be the topic of this week’s Friday lecture by four NIU students who immersed themselves in SEA language study. John Hood (BA student, anthropology), seen above at the Kyaikpun Paya in Bago, Myanmar, studied Burmese in Yangon.

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1. This week’s lecture: Tales from summer FLAS

NIU students Krista Albers (MA student, history), Scott Hanley (MA student, history), John Hood (BA student, anthropology), and Isabelle Squires (MA student, history) will discuss their experiences as summer FLAS fellows at noon Friday, Sept. 26, in Room 110 (Honors), Campus Life Building. To order a Filipino lunch 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 or questions, e-mail cseasbrownbag@gmail.com.

2. NIU Anthropology Museum opens 50th anniversary exhibit this week

The NIU Anthropology Museum is beginning its 50th anniversary celebration with the opening Tuesday, Sept. 23, of “Curated by DeKalb: 50 Years of the Anthropology Museum.” The exhibit features items from the museum’s collection of ethnographic and archeological objects that were chosen 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, Assistant Director Trude Jacobsen selected a Cambodian cowbell, and Donn V. Hart Southeast Asia Collection curator Hao Phan picked a piece of Indonesian batik. The exhibit opens at 4 p.m. with refreshments and live music. The museum was founded in 1964 by the Department of Anthropology. As part of its 50th celebration, forensic anthropologist Kathy Reichs, creator of the fictional character Temperance Brennan in books and the TV series Bones, will give a public lecture at 4 p.m. Oct. 23 in Sandburg Auditorium.

3. Oct. 1 lecture: Scholars compare decentralization reforms in Thailand, Indonesia

Two Thai scholars will compare the progress of decentralization reforms in Thailand and Indonesia from a fiscal perspective in “The Specter of Leviathan in Central Local Relations Revisited” from 4 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 1, in Room 315 Altgeld. Speaking will be Achakorn Wongpredee, associate professor in the Graduate School of Public Administration at the National Institute of Development Administration in Bangkok, and NIU alum Tatchalerm Sudhipongpracha (PhD political science, 2011),
now a lecturer in the College of Local Administration at Khon Kaen University in Khon Kaen, Thailand. The lecture is sponsored by CSEAS and the divisions of Public Administration and International Affairs. Light refreshments will be served.

4. Learn about Thailand, Bali summer study abroad programs at fair Thursday NEW
Interested in doing a summer study abroad program in Southeast Asia next summer? Come by the Study Abroad Fair Sept. 25 to learn about two programs being offered by CSEAS associates Andrea Molnar (anthropology) and Jui-Ching Wang (School of Music). Molnar’s program, Cultural Diversity in Thailand, is set for June 8–July 3. Molnar, who has led this program before, will introduce students to the diverse cultural groups in Thailand and explore the relationship between the dominant majority and minorities of the country. Application deadline is March 16. Wang’s program, Experiencing the Arts in Bali, will take students to a village location in June and July to learn about Balinese music, dance, theater, architecture, art and crafts. The fair is set for 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Duke Ellington Ballroom, Holmes Student Center. Information on both programs is also available at the NIU Study Abroad Office, 417 Williston. Call 815-753-0700 or email niuabroad@niu.edu.

5. Center associates update: News on the museum front NEW
* Center for Burma Studies Director Catherine Raymond hosted two curators from the National Museum in Yangon, Myanmar/Burma, last week, in town for Raymond’s Sept. 19 symposium, Imaging the Others: The Art of Ethnography in Modern Burma. Daw Nu Mra Zan, former director and permanent consultant of the museum, and Daw Mie Mie Thet New, the museum’s deputy director, were in DeKalb for several days. In addition to the symposium, they attended the gallery talk for Raymond’s “Dressing Difference: Exploring Ethnicities in Modern Burma” exhibit, currently on display through Nov. 15 at the NIU Art Museum.
* NIU Anthropology Museum Director Jennifer Kirker-Priest is having a great month. In addition to kicking off the museum’s 50th anniversary celebration with a year-long exhibit from its collections (see above), Kirker-Priest heard last week that the museum is the recipient of a competitive $150,000 federal grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (INMS). The museum will use the funds to purchase much-needed compact storage units to safely store and preserve more than 3,200 objects in its collections. Upgrading the museum’s storage capacity has been a long-term goal since the museum moved from the Stevens Building to Cole Hall in 2012. See story in NIU Today.

6. Chiang Mai professor to lead off October COTS meeting NEW
Chayan Vaddhanaphutti, director of the Regional Center for Social Science and Sustainable Development at Chiang Mai University, will lead off the Oct. 17–19 Council on Thai Studies
meeting at the University of Wisconsin-Madison with a noon presentation Friday, Oct. 17. His presentation will be followed by an afternoon of Thailand-related films with the first panel presentations beginning Friday evening. Most of the meeting’s presentations will take place all day Saturday, Oct. 18, and in the morning Sunday, Oct. 19, all in Ingraham Hall. UW anthropology professor Katherine Bowie will host a brunch at her home following the meeting wrap-up Sunday morning. For more information, email COTS chair Ian Baird, ibaird@wisc.edu or see COTS website.

7. Save the dates: Exploring majors, grad school, study abroad fairs

- **Sept. 22–25:** Practice Interview Week for Juniors, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Room 260 Campus Life. See NIU Career Services [website](#) for schedules and sign-up. NEW
- **Sept. 23:** Exploring Majors Fair, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Duke Ellington Ballroom, Holmes Student Center (HSC).
- **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. Exhibit runs through May.
- **Sept. 25:** Study Abroad Fair, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Duke Ellington Ballroom, HSC.
- **Sept. 30:** Graduate and Professional School Fair, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Duke Ellington Ballroom, HSC.

8. SEAYLP news: From students to city officials in the Philippines NEW

In April, participants in the center’s Southeast Asia Youth Leadership Program (SEAYLP) heard DeKalb Mayor John Rey talk about best practices of city governance. Three SEAYLPers from the Philippines are putting what they learned to good use this week as youth city officials in Tarlac City. Through a program sponsored by the Tarlac City Rotary Club, Justine Karl Patrick Dantes was selected Youth City Mayor, Angela Marie Romero 1st Youth City Councilor, and Aira Euranne Inalvez City Council Secretary. This is the twenty-fourth year of the Tarlac City program.

9. Boren, Blakemore awards offer opportunity for intensive language study NEW

NIU political science PhD candidate Thomas Rhoden is spending this year in Thailand perfecting his Karen language skills courtesy of a prestigious David L. Boren fellowship, one of 106 students nationwide receiving the award for 2014–15. The Boren awards, along with the Blakemore Freeman fellowships, offer substantial opportunities to advance Southeast Asian language study.

**The Boren fellowships and scholarship program,** an initiative of the national Security Education program, is open to U.S. undergraduate and graduate students to hone their language skills abroad. Grants range from $20,000 for undergraduates to $30,000 for graduate students. The deadline to apply for Boren fellowships for undergraduates is **Jan. 27** for graduate students and **Feb. 4** for undergraduates. The Boren advisor at NIU is Study Abroad Director Anne Seitzinger; contact her at aseitz@niu.edu. For more information, see the [Boren website](#).

**The Blakemore Foundation** makes grants for the advanced study of selected Southeast Asian languages—Burmese, Indonesian, Khmer, Thai, and Vietnamese—by scholars and mid-career professionals. Applications for the 2014 Blakemore Freeman fellowships and Blakemore refresher grants are now being
accepted. The grants cover tuition and stipend, educational expenses, living costs and transportation. Candidates must be U.S. citizens with an undergraduate degree pursuing a professional, business, technical or academic career that involves the regular use of a Southeast Asian language. For more information, see the [Blakemore Foundation website](http://www.blakemorefoundation.org). The **deadline to apply** is Dec. 30.

10. Burnish your resumé: Sign up for SEA Studies minor or grad certificate
   Adding a minor to an undergraduate degree or a graduate certificate 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](http://www.cseas.niu.edu) or stop by Pottinger House, 520 College View Court. Undergraduates may make an appointment with Acting Outreach Coordinator Julien Ehrenkönig at [jehrenkonig1@niu.edu](mailto:jehrenkonig1@niu.edu); graduate students should contact Assistant Director Trude Jacobsen at [tjacobsen1@niu.edu](mailto:tjacobsen1@niu.edu).

11. Money for study

   **Center for Khmer Studies**
   - **Post-doc and senior fellowships**: Short-term and long-term funded research opportunities available through Council of American Overseas Research Centers. **Deadline to apply**: Nov. 30. See [website](http://www.caus.org). **NEW**

   **International Institute for Asian Studies, Leiden University**
   - **IIAS fellowships**: Funding available for scholars focusing on three topic areas: Asian Cities, Asian Heritages, and Global Asia. Interdisciplinary interests encouraged. **Deadline to apply**: Oct. 1. See [website](http://www.iias.nl) for details.

   **Social Science Research Council**
   - **International dissertation research fellowships**: Nine- to 12-month support for graduate students in humanities and humanistic social sciences. Amounts vary depending on research plan. **Deadline to apply**: Nov. 4. See [website](http://www.ssrc.org) for details.

   **American Institute for Indonesian Studies**
   - **AIFIS/CAORC research grants**: U.S. scholars invited to apply for $5,750 grants to support research in Indonesia. **Deadline**: Oct. 15. See [website](http://www.aonis.org) for details.
   - **AIFIS Henry Luce Foundation grants**: U.S. and Indonesian scholars invited to apply for $5,000 grants to support research across the field of contemporary and traditional Indonesian studies. **Deadline to apply**: Nov. 14. See [website](http://www.aonis.org) for details.

   **University of Cambridge**
   - **Charles Wallace Burma Trust Visiting Fellowship**: Centre of South Asian Studies three-month fellowship (Jan. 13 to March 13, 2015) open to Burmese scholars working in any field. **Deadline to apply**: Oct. 31. See [website](http://www.cus.cam.ac.uk).

   **East-West Center**
   - **2015–16 graduate fellowship opportunities**: Apply to study in Honolulu through variety of programs. **Deadline to apply**: Nov. 3. See [website](http://www.east-westcenter.org).

   **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](http://www.usisociety.org).

12. Job/internship opportunities
Asia Group

- Strategic and capital advisory group seeks engagement manager and associate based in Jakarta or Singapore. MA degree in business, economics, international relations, Asian regional studies or communications required. **Desired start date: Oct. 1.** Send cover letter, resume and writing sample to Shannon Hayden at hayden@the-asia-group.com.

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.

13. Conferences, calls for papers and workshops

- **Council on Thai Studies,** Oct. 17–19, University of Wisconsin-Madison. See link for details.
- **1st International Conference on Salween-Thaniwin-Nu Studies,** Nov. 14–15, Chiang Mai University.
- **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. See conference website.
- **International Symposium on Cambodia,** Dec. 15–16, Royal University of Fine Arts, Phnom Penh. See symposium website.
- **Dynamics of Religion in Southeast Asia (DORISEA),** Jan. 23–24, Humboldt University, Berlin. See conference website.
- **Workshop: Religious Pluralism, Magic and Gender/Sex Diversity in Southeast Asia,** Jan. 21–22, Humboldt University, Berlin. Precedes DORISEA conference (see separate listing). Call for papers. Some travel funding available. **Deadline: Sept. 30.** Email peter.jackson@anu.edu.au for details.
- **International Graduate Student Conference on the Asia Pacific Region,** Feb. 12–14, East-West Center, Honolulu. **Deadline for abstracts, travel grants:** Sept. 26. See conference website.
- **Artistic Inventions: Histories, Cartographies and Politics in Asia,** March 30–31, Hong Kong Baptist University. Call for abstracts. **Deadline: Nov. 15.** See website.
Third Hmong Consortium Conference, April 10–11, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI. Theme: Hmong around the World. Call for abstracts. **Deadline: Dec. 31.** Email to conference chair Ian Baird at ibaird@wisc.edu. See consortium website.

AAS-in-Asia, June 22–24, Academia Sinica, Taipei, Taiwan. Theme: Asia in Motion: ideas, Institutions, Identities. Call for panels and roundtables. **Deadline: Oct. 31.** See conference website. **NEW**

International Convention of Asia Scholars 9, July 5–9, Adelaide, Australia. See conference website.

EuroSEAS 2015, Aug. 11–14, University of Vienna, Austria. Call for panel proposals. **Deadline: Sept. 30.** See conference website.

14. 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.

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