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This just in: CSEAS awarded Title VI funding

As the bulletin went to press, the Center received word from the US Department of Education that it has been named a Title VI National Resource Center for the fifth time, and will receive approximately $2 million in federal funding through 2018. This includes funding for Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) fellowships. More details will be announced in next week’s bulletin.

1. This week’s lecture: ‘Empire’ and the Greater American Exposition, 1899

Creighton University historian and NIU alumnus Michael Hawkins (PhD history, 2009) will present “First Showing: Negotiating Empire at the Greater America Exposition, 1899” at noon Friday, Oct. 10, in Room 110 (Honors), Campus Life Building. Hawkins, an adjunct CSEAS associate, received his doctorate from NIU in 2009. His talk examines the first formal exhibit of Filipinos under American rule at the Greater America Exposition in Omaha in 1899, and its precursor role before official discourses of empire and the “Philippines” or “Filipinos” were established. Hawkins is the author of Making Moros: Imperial Historicism and American Military Rule in the Philippines’ Muslim South (NIU Press, 2012) and the Tagalog Verb Dictionary (NIU Press, 2011) with CSEAS associate Rhodalyne Gallo-Crail. To order a Filipino 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 or questions, e-mail cseasbrownbag@gmail.com.

2. Alumni Connect: ‘Fireside chats’ this week explore life after Southeast Asian Studies NEW

This week the Center is launching Alumni Connect, an informal opportunity for students to chat with CSEAS alumni about how they translated their NIU experience into a meaningful career. This week the Center welcomes two alums, one from the corporate world and academia. On Tuesday, Oct. 7, students can meet with Shaun Levine (MA political science, 2006) from 5 to 6 p.m. in the Donn V. Hart Southeast Asia Collection on the fourth floor of Founders Memorial Library. In his career as an area analyst, Levine has gone from SEA to Washington, D.C., and is now headed back to Asia in his new position as a Vice President for Met Life in Hong Kong. On Friday, Oct. 10, Michael Hawkins, an assistant professor and associate chair of History at Creighton University, will meet students at the Center from 1 to 2 p.m. after the weekly Friday brownbag. Undergraduate and graduate students alike are encouraged to come and ‘connect’ with both of these alumni.

3. Study abroad in Thailand, Bali or Laos next summer

Thinking about heading to Southeast Asia next summer? CSEAS associates Andrea Molnar (anthropology) and Jui-Ching Wang (School of Music) are actively recruiting for their study abroad programs in Thailand and Bali respectively. Molnar’s program, Cultural Diversity in Thailand, is set for June 8–July 3. It will introduce students to Thailand’s diverse cultural groups 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 Bali for three weeks to learn about Balinese music, dance, theater,
architecture, art and crafts. NIU also sponsors Summer Study Abroad in Laos (SAIL), a five-week Lao language and culture program, in cooperation with the San Francisco-based Center for Lao Studies. Information on all study abroad programs, and opportunities for partial travel funding, is available at the NIU Study Abroad Office, 417 Williston. Call 815-753-0700 or email niuabroad@niu.edu.

4. Chiang Mai professor to lead off October COTS meeting
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. CSEAS is organizing a van to the conference. If interested, please contact the Center at cseas@niu.edu.

5. Boren, Blakemore awards offer opportunity for intensive language study
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. The deadline to apply is Dec. 30.

6. 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 or stop by Pottenger House, 520 College View Court. Undergraduates may make an appointment with Acting Outreach
Coordinator Julien Ehrenkönig at jehrenkonig1@niu.edu; graduate students should contact Assistant Director Trude Jacobsen at tjacobsen1@niu.edu.

7. 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: Nov. 30.** See website.

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: Nov. 4.** See website 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 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: Nov. 14.** See website for details.

University of Cambridge


East-West Center

- **2015–16 graduate fellowship opportunities**: Apply to study in Honolulu through variety of programs. **Deadline: 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: Jan. 31.** See website.

8. Job/internship opportunities

New York University Abu Dhabi

- **Tenured or tenure-track Southeast Asian history**: Applications sought for assistant, associate or full professor position. Benefits include housing and educational subsidies for dependents. Appointment to begin Sept. 2015. **Application review begins Oct. 15.** For information, see website.

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.

### 9. Conferences, calls for papers and workshops
- **Symposium on ‘Social Resistance in Non-Democracies,”** Nov. 24–26, Lund University, Sweden. See symposium website.
- **Dynamics of Religion in Southeast Asia (DORISEA)**, Jan. 23–24, Humboldt University, Berlin. See conference website.
- **International Graduate Student Conference on the Asia Pacific Region**, Feb. 12–14, East-West Center, Honolulu. 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.
- **International Convention of Asia Scholars 9**, July 5–9, Adelaide, Australia. See conference website.
- **EuroSEAS 2015**, Aug. 11–14, University of Vienna, Austria. See conference website.

### 10. Southeast Asia cultural opportunities
- “Curated by DeKalb: 50 Years of the Anthropology Museum,” on display at the NIU Anthropology Museum through the 2014-15 academic year. The exhibit features items from the museum’s collection of ethnographic and archeological objects, many from SEA, that were chosen by members of the NIU and local communities.
- “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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