Feel like dancing: Students practice Indonesian dancing accompanied by the NIU Gamelan Ensemble. Instructor Pak Ngurah is offering free Indonesian dance instruction this fall from 6:30 to 7 p.m. Mondays in Room 102 in the Music Building. For information, email Jui-Ching Wang at jcwang@niu.edu.

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1. This week’s lecture: Saving endangered Cham documents in Vietnam

Hao Phan, curator of the Donn V. Hart Southeast Asia Collection, will present “Cham Manuscripts: The Endangered Cultural Heritage from a Lost Kingdom” at noon Friday, Oct. 24, in Room 110 (Honors), Campus Life Building. The Cham are a minority people who live in villages in Central Vietnam, the Mekong Delta, and Southeastern Vietnam. For centuries they have produced palm-leaf and paper manuscripts recording their religious teachings, customs and literature. While some of these manuscripts have been collected and preserved in French and Vietnamese institutions, most are still kept locally and are in poor physical condition. Hao Phan has recently begun a project, funded by the British Library, to preserve some of these manuscripts. 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. All are welcome to bring a lunch and beverage if not ordering a lunch.

2. Student news: 2014–15 FLAS fellows, SEA trivia winners

Nine graduate students and four undergraduates have been named Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) fellows for 2014–15. Congratulations to graduate students Krista Albers (MA history), Karla Findley (MA anthropology), Scott Abel (PhD history), Isabelle Squires (MA history), Danielle Grimelli (MA political science), Scott Hanley (MA history), Alexxandra Salazar (MA anthropology), Shannon Thomas (MA anthropology) and Anthonie Tumpag (MA anthropology), and to undergraduates Caitlin Bemis (anthropology), Dennis Bridge (political science), John Hood (anthropology) and Cecilie Keys (English).

3. Indonesian graduate scholars begin program

NIU officially welcomed 10 Indonesian graduate scholars and their NIU faculty mentors at a reception Oct. 14 in the Holmes Student Center’s Illinois Room. Vice President of International Affairs Raymond Alden, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences Dean Chris McCord, and Associate Vice President for International Affairs Deborah Pierce, and Bernadeta Pratiwi, Consul for Information and Social Cultural Affairs at the Indonesian Consulate all made remarks before CSEAS Director Judy Ledgerwood introduced the participants: Edwin Basmar, Elpisah, Isli Iriani Indiah Pane, Lalu Suhiman, Manuela Todingbua, Muhammad Yunus Sakka, Sahril, Syukur, Taslim, and Yoga Prihatin. The group is the fifth to come to NIU for three months to work on their graduate research under the auspices of CSEAS and the Directorate of Higher Education of the
Indonesian Ministry of Education and Culture. The students come from four universities in Indonesia – Universitas Hasanuddin, Universitas Negeri Makassar, Universitas Sumatera Utara and Universitas Negeri Semarang. While at NIU, the scholars are being mentored by the following NIU faculty: Carl Campbell (Economics), Andrea Molnar (Anthropology), Doris MacDonald (English), Mark Rosenbaum (Marketing), John Evar Strid (Literacy and Elementary Education), Mayra Daniel (Literacy and Elementary Education), Paul Prabhaker (College of Business), and Katharina Barbe (Foreign languages and Literatures).

In addition to meeting with their mentors and working on their research, the students are taking a weekly workshop on publications taught by Assistant CSEAS Assistant Director Trude Jacobsen (History/NGOLD). The group has also met with CSEAS associate Hao Phan (University Libraries), who took them through the Donn V. Hart Southeast Asia Collection at Founders Library, and with International Training Office specialist Srie Ramli, who presented a cultural orientation upon the group’s arrival earlier this month. Coordinating the scholars project for CSEAS, previously known as the Sandwich Program, is CSEAS graduate assistant Azri Agoes.

4. Call for papers: Teaching World Music Symposium at NIU

The NIU Music Building will be resonating with the sounds of world music for three days next April when Teaching World Music Symposium: From the Exotic to the Global takes place. Symposium organizer and CSEAS associate Jui-Ching Wang has issued a call for papers, posters and panels from music educators, ethnomusicologists, composers, performers and interdisciplinary scholars. The deadline for submission is Nov. 15. Those accepted will be notified by Dec. 15. For information, email wang at jcwang@niu.edu or see the symposium website.

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

It’s never too early to start thinking about a summer study abroad in Southeast Asia. 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.

6. **Save the dates:** International Ed Week, Indonesian dance, World Music NEW
   - **Nov. 17-21:** International Ed Week. Films, food, panels, and other special events TBA.
   - **Monday nights:** Free Indonesian dance instruction, 6:30 to 7 p.m., 102 Music Building. For details, email Jui-Ching Wang at jcwang@niu.edu.
   - **April 9–11:** World Music Symposium honoring Kuo-Huang Han, music professor emeritus and founder of the NIU Gamelan Ensemble.

7. **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 career that involves the regular use of a Southeast Asian language. See the Blakemore Foundation website. Deadline to apply is **Dec. 30**.

8. **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 ehrenkonig@niu.edu; graduate students should contact Assistant Director Trude Jacobsen at tjacobsen1@niu.edu.

9. **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*

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

  *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](#).

10. **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.

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

  - **12th Northeast Conference on Indonesia**, Oct. 25, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY. Hosted by Cornell Indonesian Association and Yale Indonesian Forum. See [conference website](#).
  - **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).

International Graduate Student Conference on the Asia Pacific Region, Feb. 12–14, East-West Center, Honolulu. See conference website.

Year of ASEAN: Integrating Southeast Asia, March 20–22, Kuala Lumpur. 4th Southeast Asian Studies symposium at Sunway University. Organized by Project Southeast Asia at University of Oxford. See conference website.

Association for Asian Studies 2015, March 26–29, Chicago. See conference 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.

12. 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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