Matthew Ropp (BA communications, 2013), currently a Fulbright English teaching Assistant in Malaysia, ventures along a bridge in Luang Prabang, Laos, during a trip there. Ropp writes about his ETA experience in the new issue of Mandala.

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1. This week’s lecture: Indonesia case studies in global health NEW
Tomoyuki Shibata, assistant professor of public health, will present “Global Health: Case Studies in Indonesia” at noon Friday, Nov. 7, in Room 110 (Honors), Campus Life Building. Shibata, who has been conducting public health research in Indonesia for the past several years, will talk about the environmental and social risk factors that affect child mortality there, and discuss how to move toward ending such preventable diseases as childhood pneumonia by 2025. 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. SEAS grad students presenting at NIU history graduate conference NEW
The Southeast Asianists are making their presence known at this week’s History Graduate Student Association Conference Nov. 7 in Swen Parson Hall. Seven CSEAS graduate students will be presenting in three different panels, all in the morning. They are:

The United States in Southeast Asia during the Cold War, 9:00–10:15 (Room 187)
- **Krista Albers** (NIU): “‘War Against Land’: Defoliation and the American Public”
- Kelly Smale (Marquette University): “The United States' Departure as Universal Defender of Democracy in the Vietnam War.”
- **James Dewitz** (NIU): “Be Some Place Else: Nuclear Testing Policy and Atomic Popular Culture.”

Government and Conflict in 20th Century Burma and Malaya (sponsored by the Burma Interest Group), 9:00–10:15 (Room 150)
- **Katrina Chludzinski** (NIU): “‘Criminal’ Buddhists at the Shwedagon Pagoda: Colonial Constructions of the Buddhist-Muslim Riots in Burma, 1938-1939.”
- **Nicole Loring** (NIU): Entrenching Military Rule and Violence in Burma.”

Dancing and Medicine: Asian Culture in the 20th Century, 10:15–11:45 (Room 150)
- Heeyoung Choi (NIU): "Influence of Performing Arts on Nationalism and Cultural Interaction between Ethnicities: Music and Dance of Korean Immigrants in Hawaii During the Early 20th Century."
- **Isabelle Squires** (NIU): "Dancing Towards Progress: Political Hegemony and Performing Arts Production in Marcos's Philippines."

3. Center associates update NEW
* Susan Russell (Anthropology) met Oct. 27 with a delegation from Bukidnon State University in the Malaybalay City and the Philippine Consulate in Chicago to discuss establishing an NIU internship program with an indigenous and environmental NGO working in the Mount Kitanglad watershed in Mindanao. They also discussed building faculty exchanges with Bukidnon and the colleges of Business and Education.
Tharaphi Than (Foreign Languages and Literatures) traveled to the University of Macau on Oct. 17–18 to present “Casinos and Borderland Politics in Burma” at a conference on casino development in Asia.

Center for Burma Studies Director Catherine Raymond (School of Art) is hosting two visiting librarians from Myanmar/Burma Oct. 31–Nov. 10, who have come to NIU for training in library collection development and materials preservation and digitization. Donn V. Hart Southeast Asia Collection curator Hao Phan, with Chalermsee Olson (University Libraries), set up the training program for the two librarians, Hlaing Hlaing Gyi (Yangon University Library) and Yin Win Htike (University Central Library). They are among six Burma librarians participating in a collaborative training project with NIU, Arizona State University, the University of Washington, and Rutgers University. (For more information about the project, see the Spring/Summer 2014 Mandala.)

4. Graduate POLS class added to spring 2015 SEA courses

A new graduate-level political science course has been added to the spring Southeast Asian Studies course list. Kikue Hamayotsu is offering POLS 664-1, Politics of Identity: Ethnicity, Religion and Conflict. She is also teaching POLS 376, Political Violence. In anthropology, Andrea Molnar will teach ANTH 491/591, Peace and Conflict in SEA from a Political Perspective. In history, Trude Jacobsen will teach HIST 342, Southeast Asia to 1800. Tharaphi Than will teach FLST 482, Censorship and Literature: State and Society in Authoritarian Countries. Catherine Raymond will teach ARTH 457/657, Topics in Art History: From Heaven to Hell: Protectors, Spirits, Magical Spells and Hungry Ghosts in SEA Art, and I Gusti Kertayuda will teach gamelan in MUSE 370/670. Kelly Champion is offering FCNS 384, Asian American Families, and CSEAS graduate assistant Iqra Anugrah will teach the Center’s Southeast Asia survey course, SEAS 225. All second-semester classes in Burmese, Indonesian, Khmer, Tagalog, and Thai also will be offered. For dates and times of all classes, see the full spring schedule on the Center website.

5. Apply by Nov. 12 for State Department summer language program

The Critical Language Scholarship (CLS) Program is a U.S. State Department program that aims to “broaden the base of Americans studying and mastering critical languages,” including the study of Indonesian and Chinese, both of which are offered at NIU. In the past three years, CSEAS has had three students accepted into this highly competitive summer intensive language program, including alumna Maria “Rai” Nihei (MA history, 2011), administrative director of the Center’s Southeast Asia Youth Leadership Program, who studied Indonesia in Malang in 2011. While in Indonesia, she says, she developed not only language proficiency but also learned to adapt and gained confidence in talking to others. “Malang was a wonderful and friendly city to study in, and the tutors and teachers at Universitas Negeri Malang helped us to learn the language skills we needed while we explored really interesting cultural topics,” she says. The deadline to
apply for the summer 2015 program is Nov. 12. All expenses, including international air travel, are paid. For more info, contact Nihei at mhancock3@niu.edu or learn more about the program at the CLS website.

6. 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 symposium honors Kuo-Huang Han, music professor emeritus and founder of the NIU Gamelan Ensemble. The **deadline for submission is Nov. 15**. Those accepted will be notified by Dec. 15. For information, email jcwang@niu.edu or see the symposium website.

7. 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 in June and July 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.

9. **Save the dates**: International Ed Week, Indonesian dance, World Music

- **Nov. 7**: History Graduate Student Association Conference, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., Swen Parson Hall (see item above).
- **Nov. 12**: CSEAS Alumni Connect via Skype with Jenn Weidmann (MA anthropology, 2005), deputy director, Rotary Peace Center, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, 7 p.m., Room 337, Founders Memorial Library. **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.
- **April 18**: Southeast Asia Club Culture Fest. Details TBA. **NEW**
- **April 25**: Southeast Club Spring Student Conference. Details TBA. **NEW**
- **Through May**: “Curated by DeKalb: 50 Years of the Anthropology Museum,” 50th anniversary exhibition drawn from the NIU Anthropology Museum collection, including Southeast Asian artifacts. Museum hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. Admission free.
10. 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.

11. 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.

12. Money for study
American Institute for Indonesian Studies
- 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.

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.

East-West Center
- 2015–16 graduate fellowship opportunities: Apply to study in Honolulu through variety of programs. Deadline: Nov. 3. 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.

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](#).

**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](#).

**13. Job/internship opportunities**

**Center for Khmer Studies**

- **Mid-Career Program Instructor:** Post-doc in political science or relevant field sought for new program, “Exploring Conflict in the ASEAN Region” for mid-career scholars, development professions and civil servants from Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam. **Deadline to apply: Dec. 31.** See [website](#) for details or email CKS Director Krisna Uk at krisna.uk@khmerstudies.org.

**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.

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

- **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).
- **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.

AAS-in-Asia, June 22–24, Academia Sinica, Taipei, Taiwan. Theme: Asia in Motion: ideas, Institutions, Identities. See conference website.

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

5th International Conference on Lao Studies, July 8–10, Thammasat University, Bangkok. See conference website.

EuroSEAS 2015, Aug. 11–14, University of Vienna, Austria. See conference website.

15. 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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