Bang the gong: The NIU Gamelan Ensemble prepares for their star turn Nov. 16 accompanying the Indonesia Dance of Illinois performance at the fourth annual Chicago International Dance Forum at Northeastern Illinois University in Chicago. The fall gamelan open house performance will be at 6 p.m. Dec. 1 in the Recital Hall at the Music Building. (Photo / Jui-Ching Wang)

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1. CSEAS wins International Recognition awards

It was a good day for CSEAS faculty and students on November 18 at the Division of International Affairs’ 2014 NIU International Recognition awards reception. Assistant CSEAS Director Trude Jacobsen (History/NGOLD) was named Outstanding International Educator and students Nay Yan Oo (MA student, political science) and Laurence Anthonie Tumpag (MA student, anthropology) won the Outstanding International Student awards. The University Honors Program, led by CSEAS faculty affiliate J.D. Bowers (History), won the award for Outstanding International Department. Center for Burma Studies Director and CSEAS associate Catherine Raymond (School of Art), the 2013 Outstanding International Educator, presented “Learning through Experiencing Southeast Asian Art.” The awards recognize individuals and departments within NIU and the City of DeKalb for their contributions and achievements in international education during the past year.

2. On display: Student exhibits at Founders Library, Holmes Center

In honor of International Education Week, the Donn V. Hart Southeast Asia Collection at Founders Memorial Library is featuring the work of several SEAS students for the next few weeks in the hallway display cases outside the collection’s office. Drawing from her research on Cambodian shadow puppet theater in Cambodia last summer, anthropology graduate student Alexxandra Salazar’s exhibit features photographs from performances at Wat Bo in Siem Reap and at Sovanna Phum Arts in Phnom Penh, and an articulated leather puppet of the character Neang Seda from the Reamker, the Cambodian folktale version of the Indian epic, Ramayana. Other featured student work is a display of research materials on Indonesian comic books collected by Outreach Coordinator and NIU alum Julien Ehrenkonig (MA anthropology, 2014), photographs by Francesca Pase (MA student, education), and an article and website display by political science graduate student Nay Yan Oo. There is also a display devoted to SEA faculty publications, including books by Kenton Clymer, Trude Jacobsen, Judy Ledgerwood, Andrea Molnar, Clark Neher, and Tharaphi Than, and a display about the history of CSEAS and Peace Corps training at NIU in the 1960s.
Another SEA exhibit, “Project Cambodia,” an original student exhibit by senior Honors anthropology student Rachel Slowik is at the Holmes Student Center across from the Duke Ellington Ballroom and the Capitol Room. The display shows Cambodia is taking traditional ideals and uniting them with modern aesthetics.

3. Call for papers: NIU Southeast Asia Student Conference [NEW]
The Southeast Asia Club invites papers for its 2015 spring student conference, which will be held Saturday, April 25, in Room 315 Altgeld Hall. Papers may be submitted on any topic pertaining to Southeast Asia; email niuseaclub@gmail.com. Abstracts will be accepted through March 6. The conference theme is “Identity Narratives” and the keynote speaker will be University of California-Berkeley historian and Cambodian specialist Penny Edwards. Best paper awards will be given for undergraduate and graduate papers.

4. Thai Studies Committee offers grants for Thailand study abroad program
The NIU Thai Studies Committee invites undergraduate and graduate students to apply for two $1,500 scholarships to be applied to Anthropology Professor Andrea Molnar’s June 8–July 3 study abroad program to Thailand (see details on the study abroad program below). Applicants should submit a one-page statement addressing their academic interest in Thai Studies, a letter of support from Molnar, a letter of recommendation and either a transcript (for undergraduates) or an explanation of graduate work progress from program advisor (for graduate students). Funding for the scholarships is through the Thai Teaching and Research Fund administered by the NIU Foundation. Submit application to CSEAS associate Chalermsee Olson at eteolson@niu.edu by March 16.

5. Thailand, Bali, Laos: Summer study abroad in SEA beckons

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. Scholarships available from NIU Thai Studies Committee (see above). Wang’s program, Experiencing the Arts in Bali, will take students to a village location in Bali July 4–25 to learn about Balinese music, dance, theater, architecture, art and crafts. Program dates and application deadline have not yet been set. 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. Application deadline is April 1. 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. Apply for summer FLAS by Jan. 1
With fall semester winding down, students planning to apply for a summer 2015 Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) fellowship should start getting their paperwork in order. Information and forms to apply are posted on the funding page at the CSEAS website and should be submitted to the Center by Jan. 1. FLAS fellowships are funded by the U.S. Department of Education's Title VI Program of Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships. The fellowships provide for the summer study of Southeast Asian languages at any U.S. Department of Education-approved educational institution, especially those in Southeast Asia but also including the Southeast Asian Studies Summer Institute at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Priority will be given to students planning to study in a Southeast Asian country. A list of currently approved programs is posted on the CSEAS website (more schools are currently being considered for approval). Summer FLAS awards are expected to provide a stipend of $2,500. In addition, a FLAS fellow's tuition at a Southeast Asia language program is covered up to $4,000.

7. Deadline extended for Teaching World Music Symposium papers
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, and marks the 40th anniversary of the world music program at NIU. The deadline for submission has been extended to Nov. 30. Those accepted will be notified by Dec. 15. For information, email jcwang@niu.edu or see the symposium website.

8. SEA language tutoring available
The Foreign Language Multimedia Learning Center in Watson 101 is now offering tutoring for some Southeast Asian languages on request: Burmese, Indonesian and Thai. The learning center also offers beginning assistance with Chinese. Contact any student assistant working in the Learning Center for more details or call 815-753-6455.

9. Center associates update: EuroSEAS-bound next summer
* Center for Burma Studies Director Catherine Raymond (School of Art) will be presenting “The Art of Ethnography in Modern Burma” in August at the 2015 EuroSEAS conference. She will be part of the “Technologies of Ethnicity in Western Mainland Southeast Asia: Burma, Yunnan, and Thailand” panel.
* CSEAS Assistant Director Trude Jacobsen also will be presenting at EuroSEAS. Her paper is “Documenting les dingues: Geographies of madness in British Burma and French Indochina.” She will be presenting on the “Psychiatric Institutions in Colonial Southeast Asia: New Research and Comparisons” panel.

10. Fulbright-Hays Philippines project actively recruiting teachers
High school social studies teachers and community college instructors are invited to apply for a Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad program that will take six teachers and six instructors from northern Illinois to the Philippines for a four-week study tour June 20–July 20, 2015. The project, led by Anthropology Professor Susan Russell in collaboration with NIU senior Tagalog instructor Rhodalyne Gallo-Crail, is funded by the US Department of Education. Funding covers all participant expenses, including international air travel. Applications are due Feb. 1. For details, see the program website and article in NIU Today.

11. Save the dates: International careers panel, gamelan open house
- Dec. 1: NIU Gamelan Ensemble open house, 6 p.m. Recital Hall, Music Building.
- Jan. 1: Summer FLAS applications due to CSEAS.
- Feb. 1: 2015-16 academic-year FLAS applications due to CSEAS.
- 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.
- Through May: “Curated by DeKalb: 50 Years of the Anthropology Museum,” 50th anniversary exhibition drawn from the NIU Anthropology Museum collection, including SEA artifacts. Admission free.

12. Graduate POLS class, undergrad ENG 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, which includes courses with 50 percent or more Southeast Asian content. 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. In foreign language and literatures, Tharaphi Than will teach FLST 482, Censorship and Literature: State and Society in Authoritarian Countries. In art history, 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. In music, Ngurah 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. Just announced is a new ENG course for spring: ENG 381D, Asian American Literature, taught by Ibis Gomez-Vega. The class will explore texts of different genres by authors of various Asian backgrounds and will be offered Mondays and Wednesdays, 3:30 to 4:45 p.m. For dates and times of all classes, see the full spring schedule on the Center website.

13. 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.
14. 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.

15. 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.

Rotary International

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.

16. Job/internship opportunities
Asia Society
- Career opportunities: Internships and jobs posted regularly on website.

Association of Southeast Asian Nations
- Jobs listed under Opportunities tab of ASEAN website.

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.
Devex: Do Good. Do It Well

- International aid and development jobs in 1,000 agencies, companies and NGOs in 100 countries. See website.

DevMetJOBS.org

- International development jobs and consulting opportunities. See 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.

Idealist.org

- Privately funded website offers searchable database of nonprofit international jobs and volunteer opportunities. See the Idealist website.

ReliefWeb

- Specialized digital service of the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs that posts jobs regularly. See website.

World Health Organization

- Global public health nonprofit based in Geneva, Switzerland, encourages online applications for potential employment. See WHO website.

17. Conferences, calls for papers and workshops

- **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.
- **Cornell Southeast Asia Program Graduate Student Conference**, March 13–15, Ithaca, NY. Call for papers. Conference theme: What’s Hot in Southeast Asia? Limited travel funding available. Email abstracts to seapgradconference@gmail.com by Dec. 15. Papers due Feb. 15. NEW
- **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](#).
- **NUS/ARI Workshop: International Medical Travel and the Politics of Transnational Mobility in Asia**, Aug. 26–27, National University of Singapore Asia Research Institute. Call for papers. Partial or full travel funding available. **Deadline: March 31.** See [website](#) for details.

### 18. 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, chosen by members of the NIU and local communities. Museum hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. Admission free.
- “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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