Five alumni of the Center’s Southeast Asia Youth Leadership Program (SEAYLP) are now undergraduate students at NIU, majoring in engineering, biology, and medical laboratory sciences. From left are: Younan An from Cambodia, Lin Duc Phan (Harry) from Vietnam, Hnin Eaindroy Lin (Scarlet) from Myanmar, Thimoro Cheng from Cambodia and Ye Pyae Thu (Eric) from Myanmar. Harry was a fall 2010 SEAYLP participant; the others were SEAYLP 2014 participants. The next group in this US State Department-funded program arrives at NIU in April for three weeks of leadership training and cultural exchange.

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Burnish your resumé
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 program, visit the CSEAS website or stop by the Center at 520 College View Court. Undergraduates may make an appointment with Outreach Coordinator Julien Ehrenkönig at ehrenkonig@niu.edu; graduate students should contact Assistant Director Eric Jones at iloveroti@gmail.com.
1. Spring lecture series starts Jan. 30: Trude Jacobsen

The Center’s spring 2015 lecture series kicks off at noon Friday, Jan. 30, with Center associate Trude Jacobsen (History), who will present “Misogyny, Malice and Male Privilege in Cambodia: Translating the Chpab Srei [c. 1800]” in Room 110 (Honors), Campus Life Building. The Chpab Srei [“Code of Conduct for Women”] was first written at the turn of the 19th century and is one of the most cited pieces of Cambodian traditional literature. Believed to have been written by King Ang Duong (r. 1848–1863), the Chpab Srei was at least one factor ushering in a more conservative, misogynist attitude toward Cambodian women. In her lecture Jacobsen will explore questions and contexts surrounding the Chpab Srei. To order a Southeast Asian (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, e-mail seabrownbag@gmail.com. For a complete schedule, see the Center website.

2. Center associates update: Jones, Un, Than, Hamayotsu, Ledgerwood

Back from sabbatical Eric Jones (History) will join the Center staff as Assistant Director this semester. While away, Jones worked on translating, interpreting and combing through Dutch East India Company archival material. “The Dutch East India Company had a substantial seventeenth and eighteenth century presence in what is today Indonesia,” Jones said. “Initially the project was focused on a wider cultural history of the archipelago but in the process I decided to examine the institution of slavery in Southeast Asia and its role in the social history of the region,” Jones said. With his research ongoing, Jones said he is planning a book-length treatment of the subject.


Tharaphi Than (Foreign Languages & Literatures) spent winter break at the podium in Myanmar/Burma and the Netherlands. She presented “Democracy and Its Alternatives” in five lectures to second-year political science students at Yangon University in December and January. She also organized two workshops, “Myanmar History: Voices from Within,” Dec. 26 and 29 for junior faculty members from history and archeology departments at three Burmese institutions. On her way back to NIU, she presented “Trajectory of Modernity through Cartoons and Commercial Ads in Burma, 1910s to 1950s,” Jan. 12 and 13 at the Royal Netherlands Institute of Southeast Asian and Caribbean Studies in Leiden.

Trude Jacobsen (History)’s article “The Curious Case of Sherlock Hare: Race, Class, and Mental Health in British Burma, published in the winter 2014 edition of The Journal of Colonialism and Colonial History, has been nominated for the American Historical Association’s Berkshire Prize, awarded to women historians in North America.
CSEAS Director Judy Ledgerwood (Anthropology) will give the keynote address March 14 at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee’s annual Anthropology Student Colloquium. Ledgerwood, who focuses on violence, memory, and reconstruction of meaning in postwar and diaspora communities in her research, will address the colloquium theme, “Transformations in Time: Change as a Constant.” There is still time to submit research abstracts (deadline is Feb. 1); papers due for faculty review March 1. For details, see the colloquium website.

3. On the fast track in Cambodia, Vietnam with NIU alumni

![Soveacha Ros, Soknunthoeun So, Sedara Kim and Sovatha Ann fly the NIU flag in Phnom Penh.](image)

Associate history professor Trude Jacobsen celebrated the Christmas holiday with her family, then jumped on a plane Dec. 27 to be the faculty host for a 12-day NIU Alumni Association trip to Phnom Penh and Siem Reap in Cambodia and Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City in Vietnam. In Cambodia, the 22 alumni, accompanied also by the association’s Pat Anderson, toured the temples of Angkor in Siem Reap and visited Phnom Penh. While in Hanoi, they toured Halong Bay, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, took in a traditional puppet show, and visited Ho Chi Minh’s mausoleum and the Temple of Literature. In Ho Chi Minh City, they went to the Presidential Palace and traveled by speedboat to the Cu Chi Tunnels. While in Phnom Penh, the group met up with four Cambodian alumni: Soveacha Ros (EdD, 2010), Soknunthoeun So PhD political science, 2009), Sedara Kim (MA anthropology, 2001) and Sovatha Ann (MA anthropology, 2009).

4. Student/alumni news: In the field and on campus

An article by Thomas Rhoden (PhD candidate, political science), “Myanmar’s Military Still Hold the Purse Strings,” appeared in the Jan. 5 edition of Asia Sentinel. Rhoden is currently in Thailand studying the Karen language on a 2014–15 David L. Boren fellowship. . . . Congratulations to alum Joe Kinzer (MM, 2012), a PhD candidate in ethnomusicology at the University of Washington-Seattle, who travels to Kuala Lumpur this month on a 12-month Fulbright-Hays research fellowship. Kinzer, a familiar face in the NIU Gamelan Ensemble while he was at NIU, is studying how traditional Malay music is being incorporated into Malaysia’s music conservatories. . . . The Southeast Asia Club wants you! New members are always welcome to the Center’s student club. Socialize with other students passionate about Southeast Asia and work on club
projects, such as a Lunar New Year celebration in the works for February and the spring student conference set for April 25. The club’s spring mixer will be 5 to 7 p.m. Feb. 4 at Cole Hall; food, refreshments and bring a friend! For more club info, email niuseaclub@gmail.com.

5. Applications due Feb. 1 for 2015–16 FLAS, Neher fellowships NEW
The deadline to apply for 2015–16 Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) fellowships or the 2015–16 Clark and Arlene Neher Graduate Fellowship for the Study of Southeast Asia is 4:30 p.m. Feb. 1. For FLAS fellowship information and application, go to the funding page at the CSEAS website. FLAS fellowships are funded by the U.S. Department of Education’s Title VI Program of Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships. Note: Students awarded a FLAS fellowship will have any financial aid they receive from NIU reduced by the dollar amount equal to the fellowship award. U.S. and international graduate students are invited to apply for the Neher fellowship, which is funded through an NIU Foundation endowment established by the Nehers. It includes a tuition waiver and a $5,200 annual stipend. To apply, students must be in good standing with the university and demonstrate a commitment to a career involving Southeast Asian studies. Students should be at an advanced stage in their program, either master’s or doctoral, and be planning field or archival research. Applications and accompanying materials for both FLAS and Neher fellowships may be emailed to CSEAS Office Manager Rita Miller at ram@niu.edu or mailed to the Center at 520 College View Court, DeKalb, IL 60115.

6. Still time to sign up for spring 2015 SEA classes
A new undergraduate/graduate-level art class featuring Indonesian crafts has been added to the spring Southeast Asian Studies course list, which includes all courses with 50 percent or more Southeast Asian content. The class, ART 489/689, Authentic and Alternative Practices in Asian Art, will be taught by associate art professor Shei-Chau Wang Tuesday evenings at NIU’s Naperville campus. It will cover cultural contexts and practices of Asian art; 50 percent of the class will address Indonesian crafts including Wayang Kulit carving, wood carving, weaving and batik. Kikue Hamayotsu is offering a new graduate political science course, 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. ENG 381D, Asian American Literature, taught by Ibis Gomez-Vega, will explore texts of different genres by authors of various Asian backgrounds. It contains 25 percent SEA content but is not applicable to the SEAS minor. For dates and times of all classes, see the full spring schedule on the Center website.

7. CSEAS actively recruiting teachers for Philippine Fulbright-Hays study tour
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.

8. Gear up to study abroad with NIU this 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. Scholarships available from NIU Thai Studies Committee (see below). 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.

9. 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.

10. Call for papers: NIU Southeast Asia Student Conference
The Southeast Asia Club invites papers for its 2015 spring student conference, which will be held Saturday, April 25, in Room 315 Altgeld. Papers may be submitted on any topic pertaining to Southeast Asia; email niuseaclub@gmail.com. Abstracts will be accepted through March 6.
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.

11. Teaching World Music Symposium includes SEA forum
The NIU Music Building will be resonating with the sounds of world music April 9–11 when the 2015 World Music Symposium: From the Exotic to the Global takes place. Music educators, ethnomusicologists, composers, performers and interdisciplinary scholars are invited to attend. The third day of the conference will be a Teaching Southeast Asia Performing Arts Forum (with funding provided for community college educators to attend). The symposium, organized by CSEAS associate Jui-Ching Wang (School of Music), 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. For information, email jcwang@niu.edu or see the symposium website.

12. Save the dates: FLAS, Neher application deadlines; Lunar New Year!
- Feb. 1: Applications for 2015-16 academic-year FLAS and Neher fellowships due to CSEAS.
- Feb. 19: Southeast Asia Club Lunar New Year Celebration, 6 to 8 p.m., Cole Hall.
- April 9–11: Teaching World Music Symposium, NIU School of Music.
- Through May: “Curated by DeKalb: 50 Years of the Anthropology Museum,” 50th anniversary exhibition including SEA artifacts. Admission free.

13. Deadlines approach to apply for Boren awards
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 details, see the Boren website.

14. History journal seeks manuscripts
Want to get published? The Academic Research Journal of History and Culture is accepting manuscripts for peer review and publication. To submit papers to this free open-access journal, see the authors guide on the journal website.

15. Money for study
Center for Khmer Studies
Khmer Language and Culture Study Program: Six-week study abroad, June 16–July 24, in Phnom Penh for undergraduates, post-graduates, and faculty. Funding for tuition and some program costs available for up to eight participants. Administered by the University of Hawai‘i. **Deadline to apply:** Feb. 27. See website. **NEW**

Harvard Kennedy School
- **Indonesia Research Fellowships:** For Indonesian PhD students, post-docs, and practitioners, appointments run Aug. 1, 2015 to May 31, 2016. **Deadline to apply:** March 13. See website. **NEW**

Smithsonian Institution
- **Summer Institute Fellowships:** Intensive program for graduate students in cultural anthropology. June 22–July 17. Funding covers room, board, and tuition. Housing and small stipend also provided. **Deadline to apply:** March 1. See website. **NEW**

Rotary International
- **Rotary Peace Fellowships:** Fully paid fellowships for master’s degree study offered at six universities worldwide. **Deadline to apply for 2016 fellowships:** July 2015. 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. **NEW**

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.

**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
- 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.
- Association for Asian Studies 2015, March 26–29, Chicago. See conference website.
- Artistic Inventions: Histories, Cartographies and Politics in Asia, March 30–31, Hong Kong Baptist University. See conference 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.
- 4th International Conference on International Relations and Development (ICIRD), July 9–10, Mahidol University, Salaya, Thailand. Call for abstracts and panel proposals. Deadline: March 30. See conference website. NEW
- 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.
- 5th International Conference on Lao Studies: Lao PDR in the ASEAN Context, July 8–10, 2016, Thammasat University, Bangkok. Call for papers. Deadline for abstracts: Oct. 31. See conference website. NEW

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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