CSEAS Weekly Bulletin
Center for Southeast Asian Studies at Northern Illinois University • Week of February 23, 2015

Fortune smiles: Southeast Asia Club members Cecelie Keys and Elise Waite take a break in between I Ching readings at the club’s Lunar New Year Celebration Feb. 19 in Cole Hall. More than 75 people braved the cold to have their fortune told, learn about the tradition in a talk by CSEAS associate Trude Jacobsen (History), collect a red envelope after finding items in a scavenger hunt at the Anthropology Museum, and eating Asian food prepared by Indonesian instructor Rahmi Hartati and Thai instructor Piyathida Sereebenjapol. (Photo / Liz Denius)

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Burnish your resumé
Add a Southeast Asian Studies minor to an undergraduate degree or a graduate certificate to an advanced degree and pull your resumé to the top of the pile. To learn more, visit the CSEAS website or stop by CSEAS 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. This week’s lecture: Loyola anthropologist Kathleen Adams

Loyola University-Chicago anthropologist Kathleen Adams will present “Toraja Families, Funerals and Facebook: Re-Imag(in)ing an Indonesian ‘House-based Society’ in Transnational Times” at noon Friday, Feb. 27, in Room 110 (Honors), Campus Life Building. Adams is a socio-cultural anthropologist who received her PhD from the University of Washington. Her current research focuses on the marketing of Indonesian heritage arts and the narrative dimension of ethnic arts marketing on the Internet. To order an Indonesian 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 (cash preferred). For lunch details or questions, e-mail seabrownbag@gmail.com. For a complete spring lecture schedule, see the Center website.

2. Earn while you learn: Deadlines this week for new undergrad funds

- **Summer Research Opportunities Program (SROP):** The Office of Student Engagement and Experiential Learning is accepting applications for this new eight-week full-time program, which offers the opportunity to complete paid faculty-mentored research. The program runs June 15–Aug. 7, provides room and board on campus, and a $3,500 stipend. Open to sophomores, juniors and seniors. **Deadline to apply:** Feb. 27. For details, see program website.

- **Undergraduate Student Engagement Fund:** Need travel money for a conference, a stipend to work on a faculty-mentored research project, or funding to help pay for a study abroad program? A new fund has been established by the Office of Student Engagement and Experiential Learning and the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences to provide funding for undergraduates for just such activities. Students in good academic standing may apply on their own behalf or faculty may apply on behalf of a student. Awards range from $250 to $2,500. The **deadline to apply for summer and fall 2015 funds has been extended to Feb. 23.** The deadline for spring 2016 funds is Oct. 1. For details, see program website.

3. Center associates update: Wang

* Jui-Ching Wang (School of Music) brought the NIU Chinese Music Ensemble to the DeKalb Public Library Feb. 18 to play for the library’s lunar new year celebration. This is a busy spring semester for Wang, whose world music ensembles, including the NIU Gamelan Ensemble, are preparing for their concert to be held during Wang’s Teaching World Music Symposium April 9–11. The gamelan ensemble will perform Feb. 28 with Indonesian Dance of Illinois at the 2015 Asian American Coalition of Chicago’s Conference on Business and Networking and Lunar New Year Celebration.
4. Campus notes: SEAYLP, SEA Club and ROTC

The Southeast Asia Youth Leadership Program (SEAYLP) is gearing up for April 1–26, when 50 students and 11 adult leaders from 10 SEA countries arrive on campus for three weeks of leadership training. As part of the program, area families are invited to host a pair of students or an adult leader for a weeklong homestay experience, April 5–13, and area high school students are invited to apply for a three-day Global Youth Leadership Camp, April 17–19. SEAYLP is a US State Department program administered by the Center under the watchful eye of Administrative Director Maria “Rai” Nihei. This is the eighth session of SEAYLP to be held at NIU. For information on being a host family, contact Host Family Coordinator Liz Denius at 815-753-1901 (edenius@niu.edu). For details on the Global Youth Leadership Camp, contact Rai Nihei at 815-753-753-6956 (mhancock3@niu.edu). The Southeast Asia Club won the award for Social Media Presence at the Center for Asian American Studies’ Feb. 17 OHANA! meeting. OHANA! is an Asian American Center student support program that meets weekly at 5 p.m. Tuesdays in the Capitol Room of the Holmes Student Center. CSEAS associate Trude Jacobson (History) and Outreach Coordinator Julien Ehrenkönig gave a Southeast Asian history and culture workshop Feb. 12 to two classes of NIU’s Reserve Officers’ Training Corps (ROTC) cadets. The 80 students learned about cultural competency and the historical involvement of the US in Southeast Asia. The workshop opened more than a few eyes, Ehrenkönig said. “The students were surprised by the degree of cultural complexity in Southeast Asia and interested in learning more,” he said.

5. A year in Indonesia: Apply this week for language-cultural scholarship

The Consulate General of the Republic of Indonesia in Chicago invites students to apply for the 2015-16 Darmasiswa Indonesian Scholarship. The scholarship, sponsored by the Indonesian Ministry of Education and Culture and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, is a one-year grant offered to students whose countries have diplomatic relations with Indonesia to study Indonesian language, arts, culture, music and other subjects. All applications must be endorsed by and submitted to the consulate by Saturday, Feb. 28. For details about the scholarship, see the Darmasiswa website. Copies of the application may be obtained at the CSEAS office.
6. Vietnamese to be offered again in fall 2015 NEW
After successfully piloting distance-taught Vietnamese this year, NIU will be offering Vietnamese via distance learning with the University of Wisconsin-Madison next year. The course, FLST 103-104, will be taught by a UW-Madison instructor, but NIU students will receive credit from NIU. Interested students should contact CSEAS Director Judy Ledgerwood at 815-753-1771 or by email at cseas@niu.edu (please put Vietnamese in the subject line).

7. Deadlines approach for summer study in SEA
Interested in learning more about Southeast Asia, immersing yourself in a language or getting study-abroad college credit? Get thee to 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, with application deadlines in March and April. NIU also sponsors Summer Study Abroad in Laos with the San Francisco-based Center for Lao Studies. Apply online or through NIU’s Study Abroad Office in 417 Williston (email niuabroad@niu.edu or phone 815-753-0700). Some partial travel funding is available; contact the Study Abroad office. Deadline to apply for the Study Abroad Travel Grant is April 1.

Program information is also available at CSEAS.

Explore cultural diversity in Thailand
Anthropology professor Andrea Molnar will reprise her 2011 program, Cultural Diversity in Thailand, June 8–July 3. Molnar’s program will introduce students to Thailand’s diverse cultural groups and explore the relationship between the dominant majority and minorities of the country. The course uses a political anthropology perspective while focusing on cultural issues and their historical background. Deadline to apply: March 16. For more information, see the program’s Facebook page. Scholarships available from NIU Thai Studies Committee (see item 6 below).

Experience Balinese music, dance and culture in Indonesia
For the second year, music professor Jui-Ching Wang will take students to a village location in Bali, Indonesia to learn about Balinese music, dance, theater, architecture, art and crafts in her program Experiencing the Arts in Bali, July 4–25. Students will live in a traditional village compound and participate in festivals to celebrate the anniversary of the local temples. “The ceremonial nature of the arts reflects the multiple layers of religious practices and philosophies embedded in Balinese society,” Wang says. For information, see the program’s Facebook page. Deadline to apply: April 15.

Learn Lao language and culture in Laos
NIU also sponsors Summer Study Abroad in Laos (SAIL), a five-week Lao language and culture program June 27–July 31 in cooperation with the San Francisco-based Center for Lao Studies. Based in Vientiane, Laos, the program offers students language and cultural lessons as well as exposure to Lao history and culture. Deadline to apply: April 1.
8. 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 CSEAS associate Andrea Molnar’s June 8–July 3 study abroad program to Thailand. Submit one-page statement addressing academic interest in Thai studies, letter of support from Molnar, letter of recommendation, and either a transcript (for undergraduates) or an explanation of graduate work progress from program advisor (for graduate students). Funding is through the Thai Teaching and Research Fund administered by the NIU Foundation. Email to CSEAS associate Chalermsee Olson at eteolson@niu.edu by March 16.

9. Overseas language, exchange, and area studies programs

- **Advanced Study of Khmer, June 15–July 24.** Ten Fulbright-Hays fellowships available to qualified applicants for six-week intensive language program at the Royal University of Phnom Penh. Administered by the University of Hawaii-Manoa. **Deadline to apply:** Feb. 27. See [program website](#) or email Chhany Sak-humphry at sak@hawaii.edu.

- **US-Indonesia Society Summer Language Study, June 2–July 25.** Ten-week intensive program at Gadjah Mada University in Yogyakarta. Admissions based on availability of program funding. **Deadline to apply:** March 31. For details, see [website](#).

**Note:** Students taking language or area studies abroad through non-NIU programs are advised to work through NIU’s Study Abroad office, 417 Williston Hall. By doing so, students can receive NIU credit and possibly have NIU financial aid apply, in addition to receiving liability and insurance protection.

10. Call for papers: SEA Club Spring Student Conference

There’s still time to submit abstracts for the Southeast Asia Club’s 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 niuseacldb@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, author of *Cambodge: The Cultivation of a Nation (1860–1945)* (University of Hawai’i Press, 2007). Awards will be given for best undergraduate and graduate papers.

11. Save the dates: Alumni Connect, Vietnam fundraiser, bowling, student conference NEW

- **March 4:** [Alumni Connect](#) via Skype with SarahEmily Lekberg (MM music, 2013) of VietAID, Boston, 10 a.m., Room 337, Founders Memorial Library. NEW

- **March 4:** Fundraiser for [Vietnam Friendship Village Project USA](#), 4 to 5 p.m., Cole Hall 100. See the award-winning 2001 documentary *The Friendship Village*, a film about an international group of veterans who built a village in Vietnam for children with Agent Orange-related disabilities. Receive a soda and popcorn for any donation you choose to make. Sponsored by the Southeast Asia Club. NEW

- **March 7:** Join the fun with Southeast Asia Club fielding a team for Bowl for Kids Sake, Youth Service Bureau fundraiser for Big Brother/Big Sister. Join the fun. Email Krista Albers at kalbers@niu.edu. NEW
12. April World Music Symposium includes SEA forum, music concert
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 feature 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. The program concludes with the annual World Music concert, which will include Balinese gamelan, marching gamelan, Thai folk music and the NIU Chamber Choir performing an Indonesian folk song, at 3 p.m. in Boutell Hall. For information, email jcwang@niu.edu or see the symposium website.

13. Money for study NEW
McGill University NEW

- **Dissertation workshop:** Institute for the Study of International Development invites applications from advanced PhD students. All areas of development studies welcome including political science, economics, anthropology, sociology, geography and history. Full funding for accepted students. For details, email Institute Director Philip Oxhorn at Philip.oxhorn@mcgill.ca.

Harvard Kennedy School Ash Center

- **Transparency for Development Project:** Ethnographic pre-doctoral researchers wanted to live in three rural Indonesian communities for six months to contribute to case studies of health information and social action interventions. Sponsored by Ash Center and Results for Development Institute. Travel, $13,000 stipend, and language training as needed. **Deadline to apply:** March 6. See website.

Weatherhead East Asia Institute

- **Postdoc fellowship in Southeast Asian Studies:** Applications being accepted for 2015-16 fellowship through the Dorothy Borg Research Program, “The United States and Southeast Asia: Past Legacies, Present Issues and Future Prospects,” at the Columbia University-based
institute in New York City. **Deadline to apply: Feb. 25.** Contact Laura Lechner, Student Affairs Coordinator at weaipostdocs@gmail.com.

**University of Leeds (U.K.)**
- **Thai Studies research scholarships:** Three scholarships (approximately $18,000 each) offered by the university’s School of Languages, Cultures and Societies for graduate students to undertake field research in Thailand. **Deadline to apply: June 26.** See website.

**Center for Khmer Studies**
- **Khmer Language and Culture Study Program:** Six-week study abroad, June 16–July 24, at Royal University of 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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

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**14. Job/internship opportunities NEW**

**US Department of State NEW**
- **Fall 2015 Student Internship Program:** 10-week unpaid internships for undergraduate and graduate students at Washington headquarters and US embassies, consulates and missions worldwide. See program website.

**USINDO**
- **Program Associate/Editor/Executive Assistant:** Full-time position with US-Indonesia Society in Washington DC. For information, email dmerrill@usindo.org or call 202-232-1400. Position posted on USINDO website.

**Room to Read**
- **Positions open:** San Francisco-based organization that helps develop literacy skills among primary and secondary school students. Asia Regional Director (based in Asia) and Country Operations for Southeast Asia (based in Cambodia, Laos or Vietnam). See website.

**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 flex scheduling. Email NIU alum Derek Wright at derek.wright@hess.com.tw or see website.

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 health agency in the United Nations System encourages online applications for potential employment. See WHO website.

15. Conferences, calls for papers and workshops NEW

- Trans-Asia Graduate Student Conference, March 13–15, University of Wisconsin-Madison. “Lives and Afterlives: the Future of Asian Studies.” For details, email tagsconference@rso.wisc.edu, NEW
- Mon Society and Culture Program, March 18–24, Yangon, Myanmar. Sponsored by SEAMEO Regional Centre for History and Tradition. Includes five-day field trip to Mon State. For details, email seameo_chat@mptmail.net.mm
- 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.
- 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](#).

• 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](#).

### 16. Southeast Asia cultural opportunities

- Thai Cultural and Fine Arts Institute of Chicago offers classes in Thai language, dance and music among other programs. See [website](#) for details or phone 312-725-0640.

- “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. Free Indonesian language lessons also offered. See consulate [website](#).