CSEAS Weekly Bulletin
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CSEAS Director Judy Ledgerwood, named a Presidential Engagement Professor this week, visits the Lao Buddhist Temple in nearby Burlington, Ill. this week with the Southeast Asia Youth Leadership Program (SEAYLP) participants. (Photo / Scott Walstrom-NIU Media Services)

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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: ASU political scientist Sarah Shair-Rosenfield

Arizona State University political scientist Sarah Shair-Rosenfield will present “Beyond Gender Quotas: The Multifaceted Impact of Electoral Reforms on Female Political Representation in Indonesia” at noon Friday, April 17, in Room 110 (Honors), Campus Life Building. 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.

2. Center associates update: Two named Presidential Engagement Professors

* CSEAS Director Judy Ledgerwood (Anthropology) and Kurt Thurmaier (Public Administration), founding director of the School of Public & Global Affairs, have been named Presidential Engagement Professors for 2015. The two officially received the honor April 13 at the Faculty Recognition Awards ceremony in Altgeld Hall Auditorium. Ledgerwood received her bachelor’s degree from the University of Puget Sound and her MA and PhD from Cornell University. In addition to her teaching she has led field schools to Cambodia and served on the board of the Cambodian American Heritage Museum and Killing Fields Memorial in Chicago. As director of CSEAS, she has been active in building linkages with area community colleges and establishing MOUs with educational institutions throughout Southeast Asia, most recently in Vietnam and Myanmar. Thurmaier, director of the Division of Public Administration, received his bachelor’s and master’s degrees from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and his PhD from the Maxwell School at Syracuse University. For several years, he has led a month-long summer study abroad program to Tanzania to study the role of non-governmental organizations in developing countries. Thurmaier and his wife, Jeanine, have founded Tanzania Development Support, a DeKalb-based NGO that is raising funds for the construction of a library and community resource center in Nyegina, Tanzania.

3. Apply this week for summer study abroad in Bali

This is the last week to sign up for NIU’s summer study abroad program to Bali with CSEAS associate Jui-Ching Wang (School of Music. 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. For details, see the program’s Facebook page. Apply online or through NIU’s Study Abroad Office in 417 Williston (email niuabroad@niu.edu or phone 815-753-0700).
4. The FLAS report: Awardees named for summer

Five graduate and three undergraduate students have been awarded summer Foreign Language and Area Studies grants to go Southeast Asia to sharpen their Burmese, Indonesian, Tagalog and Vietnamese language skills in the field. Graduate students Katie Chludzinski and Karla Findley, and undergraduate John Hood, will travel to Myanmar; graduate student Mao Lee will go to Thailand; graduate student Shannon Thomas and undergraduate Colin Finnegan are headed for Manila; graduate student Krista Albers is going to Vietnam; and undergraduate student Andrew Waite is going to Indonesia.

5. SEAYLP on the move: Sharing knowledge and cultures

It’s already been 14 days in DeKalb for the 61 participants of the 2015 Southeast Asia Youth Leadership Program (SEAYLP), with just one more week at NIU before the group leaves for Chicago and Washington, DC. They’ve attended a reception with the home of NIU President Doug Baker and Dana Stover Baker; conducted a diplomatic simulation; participated in workshops on topics ranging from theatre arts for civic engagement to conflict resolution; attended a New Year’s Celebration at a nearby Lao Buddhist temple; shadowed students for a day at DeKalb and Sycamore high schools; completed several community service projects including reading to children at DeKalb Public Library; spent a week with 28 local host families; and experienced how local communities deal with the aftermath of an April 9 tornado that ripped through two DeKalb County towns, eighteen miles from campus. This week the group will be working on their individual country action plans, attending workshops; making cultural presentations at local elementary schools; and meeting up with twelve selected area high school students April 17–19 for the second SEAYLP Global Youth Leaders Camp, this year being held at Camp Kupugani grounds in Leaf River, Ill. Upon SEAYLPers’ return to NIU in the afternoon of April 19, they get into high gear as they ready individual country presentations for SEAYLP Cultural Night, a community event from 5 to 7 p.m. in Sandburg Auditorium in the Holmes Student Center.
The campus portion of SEAYLP is scheduled to end April 21 with an afternoon farewell reception for participants, faculty and staff. The group departs for Chicago April 22 for one day and night before leaving for Washington, DC April 23. SEAYLP is funded by the U.S. Department of State Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

6. Student news: New SEA Club officers elected NEW
The Southeast Asia Club has elected new officers for 2015–16: Andrew Waite, president; Abbey Pieri, vice president; Katie Willis, secretary; Shannon Thomas, treasurer; Iva Innaya, social/cultural event coordinator; Caitlin Bemis, conference coordinator; Andini Hertias, marketing coordinator; Cecelie Keys, events/conference planner. Congratulations to all! The club finishes out the 2014–15 year with its student conference April 25. See details below . . . CSEAS graduate assistant Azri Agoes spent the afternoon of April 11 at the Teaching World Music Symposium escorting Indonesian Consul General Andriana Supandy to the concluding concert in Boutell Hall. The consulate sent one of its staffers to the morning Southeast Asia Forum preceding the concert, which featured music from Indonesia and Thailand among the performances. After the concert, Aginoes said, the consul general spent time talking to NIU Indonesian students also in attendance before returning to Chicago.

7. Location change for Spring Student Conference
The Southeast Asia Club’s Spring Student Conference will now be in Room 188 Swen Parson Hall on Saturday, April 25. Check-in and continental breakfast begins at 8:30 a.m. outside of Room 188 and the conference begins at 9:30. Lunch will be held in the Thurgood Marshall Gallery after which 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) will give the keynote address in Room 188. The conference theme is “Identity Narratives.” Awards will be given for best undergraduate and graduate papers.

8. Summer/Fall course list live on website NEW
From the Vietnam War to the people and cultures of insular Southeast Asia and studies in Asian art, there’s plenty to choose from on the summer and fall 2015 Southeast Asian studies course schedule. This summer, Florensia Surjadi will offer CNS 384, Asian American Families, as an online course while Trude Jacobsen will teach HIST 469/569, The Vietnam War, from 2 to 4:40 p.m. Monday-Thursday in DuSable 422.

Six Southeast Asian language and literature classes will be offered in fall: Burmese, Indonesian, Khmer, Tagalog and Thai with Vietnamese again offered as a distance-learning course through the University of Wisconsin-Madison. The course, FLST 281, will be taught by a UW instructor but NIU students will receive credit from NIU. If interested, contact CSEAS Outreach Coordinator Julien Ehrenkönig at 815-753-1595 or by email at ehrenkonig@niu.edu (please put Vietnamese in the subject line).
The Center’s undergraduate and graduate Southeast Asia survey courses are both being taught in the fall. The undergraduate class, SEAS 225, Southeast Asia: Crossroads of the World (instructor of record, Judy Ledgerwood), is offered from 12:30 to 1:45 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. The graduate class, SEAS 625, Southeast Asia: A Multidisciplinary Perspective, will be taught by Trude Jacobsen from 2 to 4:40 p.m. Thursdays.

Other courses on the fall schedule include: ANTH 407/507, Peoples and Cultures of Insular Southeast Asia (Susan Russell); ANTH 421/521, Social Organization (Andrea Molnar); ARTH 570, Studies in Asian Art (Catherine Raymond); FCNS 384, Asian American Families (Florensia Surjadi); HIST 475/575, The United States and Southeast Asia and the Indian Subcontinent (Kenton Clymer); and HIST 760, Colonialism Research Seminar (Eric Jones). Students interested in learning to play gamelan may sign up for MUSE 370/670, Gamelan I, an ensemble class open to music and non-music majors. All of these courses can be applied toward SEA Studies minors/contract majors or graduate certificates. For details, see the CSEAS website or stop by Pottenger House, 520 College View Court.

9. ‘Sounds of Austronesia’ subject of student exhibit

Several traditional musical instruments from maritime Southeast Asia and the Indian and Pacific oceans, known as Austronesia, are now on display through April 30 in the Donn V. Hart Southeast Asia Collection in Founders Memorial Library. The migration of Austronesian language speakers is thought to have begun 6,000 years ago from Taiwan to the far reaches of the Indian and Pacific oceans. The instruments, collected by anthropology graduate student Anthonie Tumpag, include a boat lute, zither, and bamboo nose flute. “While the three instruments presented in this exhibit are not found in every island of the region, they do exist in various pockets of Austronesia and may possibly shed further insight into the migration matters of these people through time,” Tumpag said.

10. Save the dates: Sounds of Austronesia, SEAYLP culture night, student conference

- **April 1–30**: ‘Sounds of Austronesia,’ anthropology graduate student Anthonie Zumpag’s exhibit of musical instruments from maritime SEA, 4th floor, Southeast Asia Collection, Founders Library.
- **April 19**: Southeast Asia Cultural Night presented by SEAYLP, 5 to 7 p.m., Sandburg Auditorium, Holmes Student Center.
- **Through May**: “Curated by DeKalb: 50 Years of the Anthropology Museum,” 50th anniversary exhibition including SEA artifacts. Admission free.

11. Money for study

*Institute of Southeast Asian Studies*

- **Visiting Fellowships in Indonesia Studies**: One-year positions for visiting scholars and post-docs (PhD to have been received no earlier than Aug. 1, 2010) who have done work or can work on Indonesia projects associated with urbanization and socio-political change, transnational trajectories of Islam, changing social demography and its implications, and
political and economic roles of Chinese in contemporary Indonesia. Stipend, housing subsidy. **Deadline to apply: May 15.** Email Ang Swee Loh at sweeloh@iseas.edu.sg for details. **NEW**

**USINDO**
- **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 extended to April 24.** For details, see [website](#). Students taking language or area studies abroad through non-NIU programs are advised to work through NIU’s Study Abroad office, 417 Williston Hall. Receive NIU credit and possibly have NIU financial aid apply.

**NIU**
- **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? The Office of Student Engagement and Experiential Learning and the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences is now providing funding for undergrads. 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. Deadline for spring 2016 funds is **Oct. 1.** See [program website](#).

**McGill University**
- **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. Funding for accepted students. Email Director Philip Oxhorn at Philip.oxhorn@mcgill.ca.

**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](#).

**Rotary International**
- **Rotary Peace Fellowships:** Fully paid fellowships for master’s degree study offered at six universities worldwide. **Deadline for 2016 fellowships: July 2015.** See [website](#).

**12. Job/internship opportunities**

**America’s Unofficial Ambassadors**
- **Study Abroad Internship in Indonesia:** Spring 2016 semester of service abroad in Indonesia offers internship with school or NGO along with academic program to study language and international relations. Partnership with College of New Jersey and Gadja Mada University. **Deadline to apply: June 15.** Email stefanc@creativelearning.org or see [website](#). **NEW**

**Asia Foundation**
- **Assistant Program Officer:** Full-time position in Washington, DC office. Bachelor’s degree required. See [website](#).

**US Department of State**
- **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](#).

**Room to Read**
• **Positions open:** San Francisco-based organization that helps develop literacy skills among primary and secondary school students. 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](#).

### 13. Conferences, calls for papers and workshops

• **Hmong National Development Conference**, April 17–19, Crowne Plaza Intercontinental, St. Paul, MN. See [conference website](#).

• **ISEAS Writers Workshop**, May 25–26, Singapore. Subject: Chinese natural resource extraction in Southeast Asia. Limited travel funds available. See [workshop website](#).

• **AAS-in-Asia**, June 22–24, Academia Sinica, Taipei, Taiwan. Theme: Asia in Motion: ideas, Institutions, Identities. See [conference website](#).

• **The Emergence of Theravada Buddhism in Cambodia: Southeast Asian Perspectives**, July 3, SOAS University of London. See [symposium website](#).

• **International Convention of Asia Scholars 9**, July 5–9, Adelaide, Australia. 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. See [conference website](#).

• **International Conference on Burma/Myanmar Studies**, July 24–25, Chiang Mai University, Thailand. 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. See [website](#).
• Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs, Oct. 16–18, Washington University, St. Louis. Call for papers. Deadline for proposals: May 31. Register by Aug. 31. Awards for graduate and undergraduate papers. See conference website. NEW


14. 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. Exhibit features items from the museum’s collection of ethnographic and archeological objects, many from SEA. 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 Saturday classes: Indonesian language classes at 10:30 a.m. (intermediate) and 1 p.m. (children’s class); Indonesian traditional dance, 2 to 4 p.m.; and Javanese gamelan, 4 to 6 p.m. All classes held at the Indonesian Cultural Center, 711 W. Grand Avenue. For info, call 312-920-1880, ext. 104/105, or email icc@indonesiachicago.org. Also see the consulate’s Facebook page. NEW

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