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1. This week’s lecture: UC-Berkeley historian Penny Edwards
UC-Berkeley historian Penny Edwards will present “Exile from History: Prince Myngun Min of Burma” at noon Friday, April 24, in Room 110 (Honors), Campus Life Building. Edwards will also be the keynote speaker for the Southeast Asia Club’s Spring Student Conference April 25 (details below). 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. Fifteen papers to be presented at Spring Student Conference Saturday
The Southeast Asia Club’s Spring Student Conference will kick off at 8:30 a.m. April 25 in Swen Parson Hall. Check-in and continental breakfast begins at 8:30 a.m. outside of Room 188, with breakfast served in the Thurgood Marshall Gallery. The conference will begin at 9:30 a.m., with fifteen papers scheduled for presentation in four sessions, two in the morning and two in the afternoon. The conference theme is “Identity Narratives.” Session topics and times are Southeast Asia and the West (10 to 10:50 a.m.); Arts and Education in SEA (11 to 11:50 a.m.); Public Health and Ecology in SEA (2 to 2:50 a.m.); and Religion and Spirituality in SEA (3 to 3:40 a.m.). An Italian lunch catered by Feed ‘Em Soup will be served in the Marshall Gallery from noon to 1 p.m. After lunch, 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. Edwards’ topic will be “Identity Matters: Narrating Nation in Cambodia.” Following the two afternoon sessions, awards will be given for best undergraduate and graduate papers. Conference coordinators are Alexxandra Salazar (MA student, anthropology) and Elise Waite (undergraduate, environmental studies). Co-sponsored by the Graduate Colloquium Committee and CSEAS.

3. CSEAS associate Deborah Pierce to retire
Longtime CSEAS associate Deb Pierce, associate vice president of the Division of International Affairs, will retire at the end of April. The division is hosting a reception in her honor from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. (with a presentation at 3:30 p.m.) April 28 in the Sky Room at the Holmes Student Center. Please join us in wishing Pierce all the best in her retirement.

4. Student news: Kudos
CSEAS graduate student Iqra Anugrah (PhD candidate, political science) was invited to the April 24 meeting of the NIU Political Science Department Advisory Council in Chicago to present “Elite-Peasant Relations in Post-Authoritarian Indonesia: Decentralization, Dispossession, and Countermovement,” the topic of Anugrah’s dissertation research. . . . Ronnie R. Nataatmadja (PhD candidate, political science) has received the 2015 Maryanov Award from the Political Science Department. The
award recognizes intellectual capacity, commitment and character, qualities embodied by late Political Science Professor Gerald S. Maryanov.

5. 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 FCNS 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 fall courses 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. 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.

6. Khmer Rouge survivor, now professor, to present Saturday at NIU’s TEDx
Cambodia-born Sophal Ear, whose family fled the Khmer Rouge in 1975, will be among the featured speakers April 25 at TEDx: The Hidden Superheroes Among Us, a day of thought-provoking talks from 9 to 4:30 p.m. in Altgeld Hall. Barely a toddler when his family left Cambodia, Ear moved to the US via France at age 10 and is currently an associate professor of diplomacy and world affairs at Occidental College in Los Angeles. He is the author of Aid Dependence in Cambodia: How Foreign Assistance Undermines Democracy (Columbia University Press, 2013) and co-author of The Hungry Dragon: How China’s Resources Quest is Reshaping the World (Routledge, 2013). Ear’s 2011 documentary film The End/Beginning: Cambodia is based on his 2009 TED Talk. TED is a nonprofit organization devoted to spreading ideas via short online talks in more than 100 languages. Tickets to NIU’s TEDx are $15 for students; $17 for others.
7. ‘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.

8. Save the dates: Sounds of Austronesia, 50 years of the Anthro Museum

- Through April: ‘Sounds of Austronesia,” anthropology graduate student Anthonie Zumpag’s exhibit of musical instruments from maritime SEA, 4th floor, Southeast Asia Collection, Founders Library.
- Through May: “Curated by DeKalb: 50 Years of the Anthropology Museum,” 50th anniversary exhibition including SEA artifacts. Admission free.

9. 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.

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.

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- 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 to apply for 2016 fellowships:** July 2015. See website.

10. 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.

US Department of State

- **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.

DevolJOBS.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.

11. Conferences, calls for papers and workshops

- **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.

12. 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
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