No one is too young to learn to play the gamelan, as instructor Ngurah Kertayuda, left, demonstrates with the son of graduate students Matthew Jagel and Jessica Marchetti at the 2012 Area Studies Open House. This year’s first CSEAS event is set for Thursday, Aug. 27. Details below.

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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](mailto:ehrenkonig@niu.edu); graduate students should contact Assistant Director Eric Jones at [iloveroti@gmail.com](mailto:iloveroti@gmail.com).
1. International Area Studies Open House spans the globe

The International Area Studies Open House is back with an African twist as the Center for Black Studies joins CSEAS and the centers for Burma Studies and Latino and Latin American Studies this year to host this annual event. Come to the shady confines of College View Court from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 27 (weather permitting; in case of rain, the event will be held in Room 100 Campus Life Building). “This is the first year the Center for Black Studies in association with the African Student Alliance will participate,” said Joy Coates, associate director of the Center for Black Studies. The center was established at NIU in 1971 and offers a minor in African or African American studies as well as a one-year sequence in Swahili. At the open house, the centers will be dishing up food from Southeast Asia, Mexico, and Africa. There will be music from all three parts of the globe along with information on Southeast Asian, Latin American and Black studies at NIU. Student clubs affiliated with all three centers will also be on hand. Come take a tour on the Balinese gamelan with gamelan instructor Ngurah Kertayuda (no experience necessary!), take a salsa lesson, and enjoy an African dance performance. “It’s a great opportunity to meet new people and to learn about area studies programs here at NIU,” said CSEAS Director Judy Ledgerwood.

2. Fall lecture series starts Sept. 4: Gender and Balinese shadow play

The Center’s fall 2015 lecture series kicks off at noon Friday, Sept. 4, with Indiana University theatre professor Jennifer Goodlander presenting “Female Characters, Female Selves: Gender and Tradition in Balinese Shadow Play” in Room 100, Campus Life Building. To order an Indonesian lunch, submit an online request by 6 p.m. Thursday at CSEAS Brown Bag 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 cseasbrownbag@gmail.com.

3. New Thai instructor joins foreign language faculty

Yin dee dton rap (Welcome) to new Thai language instructor and assistant professor Kanjana Thepboriruk, who begins teaching first-year and intermediate Thai this week. Thepboriruk comes to NIU from the University of Hawai’i-Manoa where she completed her master’s and PhD degrees in linguistics and Southeast Asian studies. “I would describe my teaching style as interactive—with emphasis on the active,” she said in an interview in the latest issue of the Center’s Mandala newsletter. “There are a lot of activities that require everyone (me included!). . . .I find that if everyone is being silly and having fun, they are too busy to get embarrassed about making mistakes and forget how hard learning a new skill or language can be.” Thepboriruk’s office is in 335 Watson.

4. Center associates update: Clymer, Wang

* Kenton Clymer (History) is hosting two visiting Chinese scholars this year. Historian Wen Ronggang from Bohai University arrives on campus this week. Fellow historian Pang Hai-hong from Yunnan University is scheduled to arrive later in fall semester.
* Jui-Ching Wang (School of Music) is presenting “Where is Asia? A Content
Analysis of the Inclusion of Asian Cultures in a World Music Textbook from 1984 to 2009” at the Oct. 16–18 Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs at Washington University in St. Louis. Wang and the NIU Gamelan Ensemble under the direction of Ngurah Kertayuda were invited to play Aug. 14 with other ethnic percussion ensembles in Wrigley Square in Millennium Park for a concert calling for mutual respect and peace in the world. “It was a great experience playing with hundreds of other musicians,” Wang said.

5. Still time to sign up for a fall SEA course
There’s still time to sign up for SEA courses for fall, including the Center’s undergraduate and graduate Southeast Asia survey courses. The undergraduate class, SEAS 225, Southeast Asia: Crossroads of the World will be taught by CSEAS Assistant Director Eric Jones (History) 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 CSEAS associate Trude Jacobsen (History) from 2 to 4:40 p.m. Thursdays.

Five Southeast Asian language and literature classes are being offered this fall: Burmese, Indonesian, Khmer, Tagalog and Thai. 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, 520 College View Court.

6. Welcome, FLTAs: Four Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistants will be assisting in the Southeast Asian language program this year. They are, from left, Piansin Pinchai (Thai), Thandar Swe (Burmese), Wina Tirtapradja (Indonesian) and Marie Gianina Concepcion Decano (Tagalog).

7. Campus deadline for Fulbright fellowships Sept. 14
The campus deadline to apply for a 2016 Fulbright fellowship or English Teaching Assistantship (funded by the US Department of State) is Sept. 14. The new campus Fulbright adviser is Associate History Professor Valerie Garver (vgarver@niu.edu). Note, applicants must have a letter of affiliation or indication of academic admission (if enrolling somewhere) by Sept. 24. Interviews with the Campus Fulbright Committee will take place in late September/early October. For details, contact either Garver or Sarah Lindell with the Division of International Affairs (slindell@niu.edu or phone 815-753-9526).
8. **Save the dates: Meet, greet, and eat**
   - **Aug. 26:** Welcome reception, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, noon to 3 p.m. Neptune Courtyard. Meet a professor, have a hot dog, and check out CLAS opportunities.
   - **Sept. 1:** Asian American Welcome Night, 5 to 7 p.m., Asian American Center, 429 Garden Road.
   - **Sept. 21:** Academic Career Expo, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Duke Ellington Ballroom, Holmes Student Center.
   - **Oct. 1:** Study Abroad Fair, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Duke Ellington Ballroom, Holmes Student Center. See [Study Abroad](#) website for details.
   - **Oct. 9:** Alumni Connect with John Brandon, director of international relations, Asia Foundation, 1:30 p.m., CSEAS, 520 College View Court.

9. **Bangkok Post editor to speak at Council on Thai Studies meeting**
Kong Rithdee, deputy life editor of the *Bangkok Post*, will be the lead speaker at the annual Council on Thai Studies (COTS) meeting set for **Oct. 23–24** at Ohio University in Athens. COTS, which was organized by NIU Thai studies faculty in 1972, is an informal organization of Midwest Thai studies scholars who get together once a year to share ideas and research. Graduate students are encouraged to submit papers. For details, email coordinator Jeffrey Shane at [shane@ohio.edu](mailto:shane@ohio.edu).

Rooms have been reserved at the Ohio University Inn on campus; deadline for discounted hotel registration is **Sept. 23** (mention that you are COTS participant); call 866-593-6661.

10. **Money for study**
   **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](#).

   **Blakemore Foundation**
   - **Advanced language study abroad fellowships:** Tuition plus stipend for one year of advanced language study of Vietnamese, Indonesian, Thai, Burmese and Khmer. US graduate students with three years of language study eligible to apply. **Deadline to apply for 2016 fellowships: Dec. 30.** See [foundation website](#).

   **Rotary International**
   - **Rotary Peace Fellowships:** Fully paid fellowships for master’s degree study offered at six universities worldwide, including Duke University and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in the US. **Applications for 2017–18 fellowships will be available Dec. 1.** See [website](#).

11. **Job/internship opportunities**
   **Center for Lao Studies**
• **Program Coordinator:** Provides planning and program leadership for San Francisco-based center. One-year contract for half-time position. US citizen with bachelor’s degree eligible to apply (master’s degree preferred). Send letter and resume to info@laostudies.org by Aug. 31.

Chinese Mutual Aid Association

• **Internships available:** Pan-Asian social service organization is seeking interns for business development, grant writing and workforce development and outreach liaison duties. Contact Michelle Lura White at michellew@chinesemutualaid.org or 773-784-2900. 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.

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.

12. Conferences, calls for papers and workshops

• **Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs,** Oct. 16–18, Washington University, St. Louis. Call for papers. Register by Aug. 31. Program posted on conference website.

• **Southwest Conference on Asian Studies,** Nov. 6–7, Texas Christian University, Ft. Worth. Call for panels. **Deadline for proposals: June 15.** Contact Harold Tanner at htanner@unt.edu for details. See conference website.
• **International Graduate Student Conference on the Asia Pacific Region**, Feb. 11–13, East-West Center, Honolulu, HI. **Deadline for abstracts, travel grants: Oct. 1.** See [conference website](#).


• **5th International Conference on Lao Studies: Lao PDR in the ASEAN Context**, July 8–10, Thammasat University, Bangkok. Call for papers. **Deadline for abstracts: Oct. 31.** See [conference website](#).

13. 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.

• “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](mailto:icc@indonesiachicago.org). Also see the consulate’s [Facebook](#) page.

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