Join the Southeast Asia Club from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 8, in Cole Hall to celebrate the Year of the Monkey. Details below.

**Lunar New Year celebration Feb. 8**

*This week’s Friday lecture has been cancelled. The next Friday lecture will be Feb. 19*

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**Burnish your resumé**

Add a Southeast Asian Studies minor to a bachelor’s 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. Southeast Asia Club to host Lunar New Year celebration

The Southeast Asia Club will mark the Year of the Monkey at its annual Lunar New Year celebration next Monday, Feb. 8, from 6 to 8 p.m. in Cole Hall. Come for a Buddhist blessing from the monks at Phap Lam Temple in Rockford, I Ching readings, Indonesian dancing, Asian refreshments and a red-envelope scavenger hunt through the new Hmong exhibit in the Pick Museum. The event is free and open to all.

2. Apply by Feb. 1 for 2016–17 FLAS and Neher fellowships

Monday, Feb. 1, is the last day to apply for a 2016–17 Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) fellowship and for the 2016–17 Clark and Arlene Neher Graduate Fellowship for the Study of Southeast Asia. For FLAS grants, both undergraduates and graduate students are eligible to apply. The application and all information on FLAS awards are posted on the Student 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. Send applications and all materials to CSEAS Office Manager Rita Miller at ram@niu.edu. U.S. and international graduate students are invited to apply for the Neher fellowship, which includes a tuition waiver and a $4,000 annual stipend. To apply, students must be in good standing with NIU 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 in SEA studies. The application is posted on the Student Funding page of the CSEAS. Send application to CSEAS Office Manager Rita Miller at ram@niu.edu.

In accordance with NIU policy, students awarded a FLAS fellowship will have any financial aid they receive reduced by the dollar amount equal to the fellowship award.

3. Distance Vietnamese to be added to fall 2016 SEA language lineup

Beginning Vietnamese will be added to NIU’s SEA language and literature lineup in fall 2016. FLST 103-104 will be offered as a distance-learning course through the University of Wisconsin-Madison. It will be taught by a UW instructor but NIU students will receive credit from NIU. If interested, contact CSEAS at 815-753-1771 or by email at cseas@niu.edu (put Vietnamese in the subject line).

4. Call for papers: Spring Southeast Asia Student Conference

The Southeast Asia Club invites papers from undergraduate and graduate students for its 2016 spring Southeast Asia Student conference Saturday, March 26, in Room 100 Campus Life. The conference theme is “From City to Village: Urbanization & Southeast Asia.” Papers may be submitted on related topics or any relevant to the region. Abstracts are due Feb. 25. The keynote speaker will be University of Leeds political scientist Duncan McCargo.

McCargo

5. The match game: Apply for CSEAS match to Graduate School travel funding

CSEAS will match up to $250 in Graduate School travel grants for students traveling to out-of-town (or out-of-country) conferences to present. If you will be receiving Graduate School travel funding,
contact CSEAS Office Manager Rita Miller about the CSEAS match. If you are considering applying (next 2015–16 deadline is March 21), you must have completed one year of school with 3.5 GPA or above. See Graduate School website for details on its travel funding; submit applications to Dean, Graduate School, 223 Adams Hall.

6. SEAYLP and PYLP want you: Be a host family for spring SEA exchange programs NEW
CSEAS and the International Training Office (ITO) are actively seeking host families for two spring Southeast Asia exchange programs sponsored by the US State Department. CSEAS is looking for 33 families to act as hosts April 9–17 for fifty high school students and ten adult leaders from ten Southeast Asian countries participating in the April 5–30 session of the US State Department’s Southeast Asia Youth Leadership Program (SEAYLP). Students are placed in pairs and adults may be placed as singles. Host families provide a bed for each participant, breakfast each day and most dinners, all meals during any weekend days at home, and transportation to and from class sessions at NIU. Host family orientation is scheduled for 6:30 to 8 p.m. Monday, April 4, in the Holmes Student Center. Host family applications may be submitted online; see the right column on the SEAYLP website. Applications due by March 18. For details, contact host family coordinator Liz Denius at 815-753-1901 or email edenius@niu.edu.

ITO is also seeking host families in April for the Philippine Youth Leadership Program (PYLP), which brings young people and adult leaders from the Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao and surrounding provinces in the Philippines to NIU for four weeks under the auspices of the International Training Office and direction of anthropologist Susan Russell and ITO Director Lina Ong. The home stay dates for PYLP are April 17–30. Contact NIU home stay coordinator Leslie Shive for details at lshive@niu.edu.

7. Never too early to start polishing your profile... NEW
...The real world will come knocking soon enough. Before it does, check out the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences’ new Office of Student Professional Development in Reavis 306A. Get assistance with finding internships and jobs, learn about on-campus career events, and browse through available positions. Office hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Learn 35 secret weapons to be successful at You On Your Best Day, a March 1 College of Business event featuring motivational speaker Michael Allosso. The event will be 6 to 8 p.m. at the Barsema Alumni & Visitors Center; check-in and refreshments at 5 p.m. Event free; registration required. For information, call 815-753-5088.
8. Getting it all on paper
Graduate students, here are two new places to send your stellar scholarship to be prized and published.

AAS Southeast Asia Council
- **2017 Pattana Kitiarsa Prize for Best Graduate Student Paper**: Recognizes emerging scholarship in SEA studies. Papers invited of length and scope to be presented on AAS panel. **Deadline to submit: April 3.** Submit papers and proof of student status, or questions, to David Biggs at biggsbiggs@gmail.com. $500 prize and certificated to be presented at 2017 AAS in Toronto.

Explorations: A Graduate Journal of Southeast Asian Studies
- Call for papers for this peer-reviewed forum for graduate students to present disciplinary and interdisciplinary research on any topic related to Southeast Asia. **Deadline to submit: Feb. 12.** For details, see journal website.

9. **Save the dates:** FLAS deadlines, spring events **NEW**
- **Feb. 1:** Applications for 2016–17 FLAS and Neher fellowships due to CSEAS
- **Feb. 8:** Southeast Asia Club Lunar New Year celebration, 6 to 8 p.m., Cole Hall.
- **Feb. 8:** Opening of “Storytelling: Hmong American Voices” exhibit, Pick Museum of Anthropology, Cole Hall. **NEW**
- **Feb. 25:** Abstracts due for spring student conference
- **March 26:** Southeast Asia Club spring student conference, From City to Village: Urbanization and SEA. Keynote speaker: University of Leeds political scientist Duncan McCargo.
- **April 13:** Indonesian teaching assistant Rahmi Hartati will demonstrate how to make nasi kuning, Indonesian yellow rice, from noon to 1 p.m. in DuSable 328 for the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures brown bag lunch series. **NEW**

10. **Public health research opportunity in Indonesia or Myanmar **NEW**
Tomoyuki Shibata (Public Health), executive director of the Global Environmental Health Lab, is making plans to take students this summer to Myanmar (mid-June to mid-July) and Indonesia (mid-July to mid-August) to participate in field research projects involving water quality and public health. For details on costs, college credits and other information about the projects, email Shibata at tshibata@niu.edu.

11. **Hmong exhibit to open Feb. 8 at Pick Museum of Anthropology**
“Storytelling: Hmong American Voices,” a major exhibit celebrating 40 years of Hmong American history, will open **Feb. 8** at the Pick Museum of Anthropology in Cole Hall. The exhibit will focus on the history of life in Laos continuing through the 1953–75 Laotian Civil War (known by Hmong veterans as the Secret War) and prominently feature the oral histories and material culture of Hmong Americans. The exhibit will also spotlight the museum’s permanent collection of Hmong textiles.

12. **Money for study **NEW**
NIU
- **USOAR grants**: Undergraduate Special Opportunities in Artistry and Research program funds student-generated research or artistry projects on campus, elsewhere in the US or abroad. Open to all colleges, majors and backgrounds. Proposal guidelines are available
online. Students have up to Dec. 31, 2016 to complete their projects. Deadline for spring 2016: Feb. 12.

- **Student Engagement Fund grants:** Grants available to undergraduate students for research or service, including study abroad, conference travel and mentored research or service learning projects. Guidelines are available online. Deadline for summer 2016: Feb. 15; deadline for fall 2016: March 15.

- **Summer Research Opportunities Program:** Funding for undergraduates to conduct paid, faculty-mentored research while living on campus during the summer. Deadline to apply: Feb. 26. For details, see website. NEW

- **Graduate School Travel Grants:** Students invited to submit proposals for 2015–16. Next deadline to apply: March 21. One year of school completed with 3.5 GPA or above. See website for details. Submit applications to Dean, Graduate School, 223 Adams Hall. Matching funds available through CSEAS.

- **Graduate School Travel to Conduct Research Grants:** Students in good standing invited to submit proposals for research travel planned for May 15 to Sept. 1, 2016. Grants up to $500 will be awarded. Must have approved thesis or dissertation committee on file (PhD students must have passed their comprehensive examinations). Applications due to the Graduate School: April 1 (departments earlier; contact for deadline.) For questions, email Dana Hughes at dHughes@niu.edu.

### Chulalongkorn University Institute of Thai Studies

- **Thai studies scholarships:** Funding for graduate students and young scholars (ENITS and ENITAS grants). Deadline to apply: Feb. 29. For details, see website. NEW

### Center for Khmer Studies

- **Junior Resident Fellowships:** CKS and the American Research Center in Cambodia offers six-week fellowships to five US, five Cambodian, and five French undergraduate students July 1–Aug. 10 in Siem Reap. Deadline to apply: April 1. For details, see website. NEW

### Columbia University

- **Postdoctoral Fellowship:** Weatherhead Institute invites applications for 2016-17 Borg Fellowship in Southeast Asian Studies. Must have completed PhD between July 2014 and July 2016. Deadline to apply: Feb. 25. For details, see website. NEW

### UCLA

- **Summer Advanced Indonesian Abroad Program:** Immersion language program at Universitas Kristen Satya Wacana in Central Java. Funding available through Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad. Qualified students may use FLAS funding from their home institutions. Deadline to apply: Feb. 29. For details, see website. NEW

### US Department of Education

- **Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad:** Six- to 12-month month fellowships for PhD students in foreign languages and area studies, FY 2016. Apply by late spring (check website for application availability and other info).

### ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute

- **Postdoctoral Fellowships in SEA Studies:** Must have completed PhD no earlier than August 2011. Deadline to apply: Feb. 29. For details, see website. NEW

### 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 now available. **Deadline to submit through local Rotary district: May 31.** See [website](#).

### 13. Job/internship opportunities NEW

**Duke University**
- **Program Coordinator:** Provides support for Southeast Asia Research Group and Asian/Pacific Studies Institute. Bachelor’s degree required; master’s degree desirable. Proficiency in East or Southeast Asian language preferred. Apply immediately. See [job details](#) here. **NEW**

**Globaljobs.org**
- **Job/internship opportunities:** Turn area studies into an internship or a career. See job listings at NGOs, think tanks, government, and private-sector employers. See [website](#). **NEW**

**Chinese Mutual Aid Association**
- **Interns:** Pan-Asian social service organization accepting candidates for interns for business development, grant writing and workforce development and outreach liaison duties. Contact Michelle White at michellew@chinesemutualaid.org or 773-784-2900. See [website](#). **NEW**

**US Department of State**
- **Student internship program:** Internship opportunities 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](#).
14. Conferences, calls for papers and workshops NEW

- International Graduate Student Conference on the Asia Pacific Region, Feb. 11–13, East-West Center, Honolulu, HI. See conference website.
- Cornell University Southeast Asia Program Graduate Student Conference, March 11–13, Ithaca, NY. Conference theme: (Re)creating Currents in Southeast Asia. See conference website.
- 6th International Conference on Hmong Studies, March 18–19, Concordia University, St. Paul. Contact Lee Pao Xiong at Center for Hmong Studies at xiong@csp.edu.
- Association for Asian Studies, March 31–April 3, Seattle. See conference website.
- 1st Graduate Student Conference for Southeast Asia Research, April 14–15, University of British Columbia. Call for papers. Abstracts due: Feb. 10. Some travel subsidies available. Keynote speaker: Political scientist Eric Kuhonta, McGill University. For details, email csear.grad@gmail.com. NEW
- Heritage as Aid and Diplomacy in Asia, May 26–28, International Institute for Asian Studies, Leiden, the Netherlands. See conference website.
- 1st International Graduate Symposium on Thai Studies, June 16–17, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok. Organized by Thai Studies Center and Research Section. Call for papers. Abstracts due: April 18. Email to thaistudies.grad.symposium@gmail.com. See conference website.
- AAS-in-Asia, June 24–27, Doshisha University, Kyoto, Japan. See conference website.
- 5th International Conference on Lao Studies: Lao PDR in the ASEAN Context, July 8–10, Thammasat University, Bangkok. See conference website.

15. Area cultural opportunities

- Go behind the scenes of the Philippine Collections at the Field Museum. Contact the museum’s co-curation team to make arrangements at cocuration.philippines@fieldmuseum.org. To learn more about the museum’s Philippines work, see the co-curation team’s newsletter.
- 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. Call 312-920-1880, ext. 104/105, or email [icc@indonesiachicago.org](mailto:icc@indonesiachicago.org). Also see the consulate’s [Facebook](#) page.