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1. Center associates update; Poetry, publishing, presenting

* Hao Phan (University Libraries), curator of the Donn V. Hart Southeast Asia Collection, was invited to join two other Vietnamese poets—Linh Dinh and To Thuy Yen—to read selections of his poetry April 26 at Yale University’s Poetry Night Commemorating the Fall of Saigon. The readings, part of an entire week of events commemorating the end of the Vietnam War in 1975, was sponsored by Yale’s Vietnamese Students Association, the Council of Southeast Asian Studies, and interested faculty. Phan is the author of two poetry collections in Vietnamese, many of which have been translated into English and published, as well as essays. Phan, who is actively involved in NIU’s outreach to Myanmar universities and libraries, will be welcoming librarians MiMi Khin of Universities Central Libraries and Tun Aung Kyaw of Yadana University, to NIU this week to begin a month of training at Founders Memorial Library.

* Kheang Un (Political Science) is in print with “From Force to Legitimation: Rethinking Land Grabs in Cambodia,” with Alice Beban and Sokbunthoeun So, in the 2017 issue of Development and Change. He also has a chapter co-written with Stephen McCarthy, “The Rule of Law in Illiberal Contexts” in Marco Bunte and Bjorn Dressel’s 2016 book Politics and Constitutions in Southeast Asia (Routledge).

* Kikue Hamayotsu (Political Science) was invited to present “Intolerant Islam: Democratization, Religion and Conflict in Southeast Asia” April 27 at the University of Delaware. Her presentation was sponsored by the Center for Global and Area Studies.

2. Agoes awarded 2017–18 Neher fellowship

Azriansyah Agoes has been awarded the 2017–18 Clark and Arlene Neher Graduate Fellowship for the Study of Southeast Asia. Agoes, a doctoral student in political science, is from Malang, East Java. After receiving his bachelor’s degree in political science from Universitas Indonesia in 2008, Agoes successfully applied to be a foreign service officer at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Jakarta, where he worked until beginning the MA/PhD program in political science at NIU in 2012. While studying for his master’s, Agoes has worked at the Center since 2014 as a graduate assistant administering the PKPI program, an Indonesian government-funded program that brings Indonesian doctoral students to NIU for a semester of advancing their research projects or articles for publication. Agoes received his MA in 2015 and is proceeding in his doctoral studies, which he hopes to complete by 2019. He is the sixteenth graduate student to receive the endowed Neher fellowship, which was established in 2002 by NIU political scientist emeritus and former CSEAS Director Clark Neher and External Programming Director emeritus and CSEAS associate Arlene Neher. The $4,000 fellowship
plus tuition waiver for the next academic year is awarded in spring to one advanced-level graduate student planning research in Southeast Asia.

3. Student news: Out into the world NEW Graduate: Defenses have been made and doctorates will be conferred on two CSEAS graduate students graduating May 13:
Thomas Rhoden (PhD, political science) and Lily Ann Villaraza (PhD, history). Rhoden has accepted a job in international development with CARE at their headquarters in Atlanta, GA. Villaraza was recently appointed chair of the Philippine Studies Department at City College of San Francisco, where she began as an adjunct faculty member in spring 2014. We wish them both the very best in their future endeavors. ● ● ● Iqra Anugrah (PhD candidate, political science) gave a talk on agrarian transformation and rural poverty April 28 to an audience of students, NGO workers, local activists, and academics at the Akar Foundation, a rural development NGO in the city of Bengkulu, Sumatra. Anugrah has been doing field work in the North Bengkulu District. ● ● ● Five graduate students are headed to SEA on summer Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) fellowships. Kristen Amstutz (MA anthropology as of fall), Samuel Mallow (MS, geology) and Kallen Terry (MA, history) are going to Cambodia for Khmer; Matthew Peerboom (MA political science as of fall) to Myanmar for Burmese; and Amanda Spradling (MA, art history) to Thailand for Thai. In addition, anthropology graduate student Claire Buchanan will be studying Indonesian in Malang, East Java, through the U.S. State Department’s Critical Language Scholarship program.

Undergraduate: Congratulations to all of our soon-to-be graduating Southeast Asian Studies minors: Kristen Amstutz (anthropology), Sherry Butler (psychology), Cole Fraser (economics), Matthew Peerboom (political science), Leo Reich (English), and Benjamin Thomas (history). Amstutz and Peerboom will be continuing on in their fields at NIU as graduate students. ● ● ● Kudos to Christine Dose (anthropology), Kelsey Duquette (anthropology), Margaret Miller (biochemistry/psychology) and Andrew Waite (business/human resource management), who have received Fulbright-Hays scholarships through the Consortium for the Teaching of Indonesian (COTI) to attend eight-week immersion language classes this summer at the Universitas Kristen Satya Wacana in Salatiga, Central Java. A total of six undergraduate students will be studying language in Indonesia this summer, four through COTI and two, Rachel Jacob (history/political science) and Leo Reich
through the U.S. State Department’s Critical Language Scholarship program in Malang, East Java.

4. Outreach update: Celebrating Songkran, Southeast Asia and departing GAs NEW

April was a busy month for CSEAS outreach. Thai language professor Kanjana Thepboriruk made a splash at the DeKalb Public Library April 22 with an afternoon new year’s celebration of Songkran. About 40 community residents made ribbon fish in the festively decorated room at the library and several of Thepboriruk’s students presented a traditional dance along with two sets of dancers from Chicago’s Thai Cultural and Fine Arts Institute.

Burmese language teacher Tharaphi Than brought a sticky rice dessert and taught visitors how to make papier-mâché jellyfish. Two days later, Foreign Language Teaching Assistants Nyein Ma Ma (Burmese), Kutilda Asa (Thai), and Intan Hamzah (Indonesian) shared their language and cultures with 16 third- and fourth-graders at Littlejohn Elementary School’s after-school program April 24. The children made paper Burmese dolls, learned greetings in Thai, and how to say “This is my house” in Indonesian while coloring paper houses.

Finally, CSEAS will be saying goodbye soon to outreach graduate assistants Amanda Spradling (art history) and Michael McSweeney (music). While Spradling will still be on campus continuing her MA studies, McSweeney will be graduating with his master’s in music in May. We will miss Spradling’s artful eye with announcements, flyers and all things graphic and McSweeney’s expert touch editing Southeast Asia Crossroads podcasts.

5. Summer/fall classes: Chinese foreign policy, Asian American families and film and history

CSEAS will welcome Dr. Biwu Zhang, director of the Institute of Asia-Pacific International Relations at Xiamen University in Xiamen, China, as guest lecturer this summer to teach SEAS 490/690, China’s Foreign Policy: Past and Present. The class, which is cross-listed with POLS 395 and HIST 391/598, will be offered May 22–June 16. Zhang received his doctorate from Ohio State University and is the author of the book, Chinese Perceptions of the U.S.: An Exploration of China’s Foreign Policy Motivations (Lexington Books, 2011). Also being offered this summer is FCNS 383, Asian American Families, taught by CSEAS affiliate Florensia Surjadi (Family, Consumer and Nutrition Sciences), and HIST 390/591, Film and History, taught by CSEAS Assistant Director Eric Jones (History). Jones’ class will examine documentary, propaganda, historical and fictional feature films across cultures (with 50 percent Southeast Asia content). For information on these and fall 2017 classes, see Course Offerings.
6. Looking ahead: Fulbright ASEAN research award
Looking for funding? The Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program offers the ASEAN Research Program, a multi-country award for research in the region. Research may be conducted in one, two or three of these countries: Brunei, Burma/Myanmar, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam. Research projects should be three to six months in length, and may begin any time after June 1, 2018 and completed by Sept. 30, 2019. Scholars in all disciplines are welcome to apply. **Deadline to apply: Aug. 1, 2017.**

7. Tune in to our latest podcast: Fusion music for Thai steel drum
In our latest Southeast Asia Crossroads podcast, join CSEAS Assistant Director Eric Jones and associate Kanjana Thepboriruk (Foreign Languages and Literatures) in studio with Thai music director Chamni Sriprram and steel drum composer Yuko Asada to learn about the process of fusing these two dynamic and diverse music traditions. Other podcasts feature conversations with University of Leeds political scientist Duncan McCargo, NIU art historian Catherine Raymond (with graduate assistant Carmin Berchiolly), Kent State University historian Shane Strate, historian Philippe Peycam, director of the International Institute of Asian Studies in Leiden, Vietnamese-American poet and Grinnell University professor Hai Dang Phan, St. Mary’s College global studies professor Laura Elder, Miami University political scientist Tani Sebro, Burma historians Maitrii Aung-Thwin and Jovan Cavoski, Cambodia historian Matt Jagel and ethnomusicologists Naomi Gingold, Heather MacLachlan and Gavin Douglas. Our listenership keeps growing. Since the series’ inception in September 2016, Crossroads podcasts have been downloaded more than 1,500 times with listeners in 40 countries.

8. Save the dates: Spring potluck
- **May 5:** CSEAS spring potluck at the home of Asst. Director Eric Jones, 720 DeKalb Avenue in Sycamore. Parking available on side streets.

9. Keep up with CSEAS over the summer NEW
This is the last Center bulletin of the semester, but you can keep up with us all summer long. “Like” our Facebook page and we’ll pop up on your news feed whenever we post anything from CSEAS or notices about upcoming events in the fall. If you are graduating this year, get connected to our alumni network through the NIU-CSEAS Alumni Connection group on Facebook.

10. Burnish your resumé with Southeast Asian Studies
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 adviser Collen Gray at cgray3@niu.edu; graduate students should contact Assistant Director Eric Jones at iloveroti@gmail.com.

11. Money for study
**Rotary International**
- **Rotary Peace Fellowships:** Fully paid fellowships for master’s degree (up to two years) or professional development certificate studies (three months) offered through six universities worldwide, including Duke University and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in the US. Applications for 2018–19 fellowships open. See [website](#).
12. Conferences, symposia, calls for papers

- **Comparative Peacebuilding in Asia**, June 30–July 2, Sri Lanka. First of three conferences covering liberal and illiberal transitions from ethnic conflict and authoritarianism in South and Southeast Asia to be held in Sri Lanka, Indonesia (December 2017) and the UK (June 2018). See [website](#).


- **AAS-in-Asia: Asia in Motion**, June 24–27, Korea University, Seoul. See [website](#).

- **SSEASR Conference on ASEAN Region by End of 21st Century**, July 10–13, Ho Chi Minh City University of Social Sciences and Humanities and Vietnam Buddhist University, Ho Chi Minh City. See [website](#).

- **International Conference on National Human Rights Institutions in Southeast Asia**, July 13–14, Bangkok. See [website](#).

- **13th International Conference on Thai Studies**, July 15–18, Chiang Mai, Thailand. Theme: Globalized Thailand? Connectivity, Conflict and Conundrums of Thai Studies. See [website](#).

- **International Convention of Asia Scholars**, July 20–23, Chiang Mai, Thailand. Some funding available. See [website](#).

- **Singapore Graduate Forum on Southeast Asia Studies**, July 24–28, National University of Singapore. Sponsored by Asia Research Institute. Full or partial funding available. See [website](#).

- **International Conference on South China Sea: Emerging Scenario**, July 24–26, Tirupati, India. See [website](#).

- **EUROSEAS 2017**, Aug. 16–18, University of Oxford, UK. Call for papers. **Deadline for abstracts: May 15.** See [website](#).

- **66th Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs**, Sept. 15–17, University of Notre Dame. Call for papers (graduate and undergraduate). **Deadline to submit: June 15.** Awards ($100 cash and $100 travel stipend) for both graduate and undergraduate winners. See [website](#).

- **International Symposium on Gender in Southeast Asian Art Histories**, Oct. 11–13, University of Sydney, Australia. See [website](#).

- **Canadian Council of Southeast Asian Studies**, Oct. 26–27, York University, Toronto. Theme: People In and Out of Place. Hosted by York Centre for Asian Research. Call for papers. **Deadline for abstracts: May 31.** See [website](#).

- **Asia Research Institute**, Nov. 9–10, National University of Singapore. Topic: Labor Market Uncertainties for Youth and Young Adults. See [website](#).

- **5th International Conference on Contemporary Cultural Studies**, Nov. 27–28, Singapore. **Deadline to submit full papers: June 16.** See [website](#).

- **International Institute for Asian Studies Symposium**, Dec. 11–12, Airlangga University, Surabaya, Indonesia. Theme: River Cities: Water Space in Urban Development and History. See [website](#).

13. Careers

**Ford Foundation**
- Regional Director (Indonesia): Seeking dynamic, innovative leader to direct foundation’s activities in Indonesia from Jakarta office. Salary based on experience, with generous benefits. **Deadline to apply: May 4.** See [job listing](#). **NEW**

**Alliance for Tompotika Conservation**
- Assistant Director: Work closely with director of this U.S.-based conservation group located on Vashon Island, Washington. Must speak Indonesian, have excellent communication skills, and be able to travel to Indonesia four times a year where alliance’s work to protect endangered species is located. Bachelor’s degree required. Grant writing experience helpful. Send CV/resume, cover letter, writing sample in English and three references to sheila@tompotika.org. **NEW**

**Fulbright University in Vietnam**
- Dean, School of Public Policy: Candidate for this full-time position in Ho Chi Minh City must have doctorate or terminal degree equivalent. Remuneration and benefits internationally competitive. Send letter of interest and CV to foundingteam@fuv.edu.vn. **Posted April 12:** position will remain open until filled: See job posting [online](#) and more about **FUV. ** **NEW**

**National Institute of Education in Singapore**
- Assistant or Associate Professor, History: Full-time tenured or tenure-track Southeast Asia specialist. **Posted Feb. 6;** position will remain open until filled. See [job listing](#).

**Institute of Southeast Asian Affairs**
- Summer Instructor: Seeking instructor for three-week intensive undergraduate course, Public Health in Southeast Asia, in Chiang Mai June 26–July 14. Competitive pay and housing and travel costs covered. Candidates with background in public health in SEA should send CV and statement of interest to study@iseaa.org.

**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](#).

**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](#).

**US Department of State**
- Student internship program: Internship opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students at Washington headquarters and US embassies, consulates and missions worldwide. Explore postgraduate civil-service career paths as well. See [program 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.

Learn How to Become

- Privately funded website offers searchable database of meaningful volunteer and nonprofit career options and resources. See 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. Area cultural opportunities

- Go behind the scenes of the Philippine Collections at the Field Museum. Contact the museum’s co-curation team at cocuration.phillippines@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. Also see the consulate’s Facebook page.
- Indonesian Dance of Illinois offers traditional dance and gamelan music lessons Saturdays in Evanston, Il. See website.

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