Luce Grant Acquisitions

The Luce Grant for this year focused on building the Burma collection. (See Mandala no.4, summer 1989.) To date, we have received on microfilm virtually all the American Baptist Missionary correspondence related to Burma from the Baptist Historical Society at the Colgate Divinity School in Rochester, New York. (There are still a couple of file cabinets of material left at the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, that will eventually be microfilmed.) Two additional sets have been sent to Cornell and Rangoon University as part of the Cornell-NIU-Rangoon Project. Each set has approximately 50 reels of microfilm. Skimming through some of these letters, I came across a very fascinating letter that might interest Thai historians. Prince Mongkut, at the time apparently in a monastery, sent a letter in very good English to Judson. He addressed Judson the “monk” with all sorts of honorifics, while the Prince assumed a low posture. Mongkut was interested in Burmese grammar and asked Judson several questions concerning the subject, including the nature of the Burmese script. (We’ll publish a list of our acquisitions sometime in the future.)

Another set of microfilms we received is the now famous 114 reels held by the Toyo Bunko. Between November and March 1973-74, a group of scholars from Kagoshima University, led by Professor Ogiwara, visited Burma and microfilmed a large number of primary Burmese sources, including chronicles and sittans. Almost all of these are in the Burmese language. Most were of records kept during King Bodawpaya’s inquests of the late 18th and early 19th centuries. (A catalogue of this set was published by the Toyo Bunko in 1976 entitled “List of Microfilms Deposited in the Centre for East Asian Cultural Studies.”) The Japanese provided the Burmese with microfilming equipment, which they left behind after the project was complete. The Cornell-NIU-Rangoon Project is doing the same thing: we are supplying Burma with a new machine, chemicals, film, etc. and will leave it there after the project is complete. U Thaw Kaung, Director of the Universities Central Library, has been hired as field director to insure the project’s completion.

The entire set of the British Settlement reports on microfilm has also been ordered from the India Office Library. Because the original settlement reports come as close to the conditions under the monarchy as possible (if one is more concerned with the pre-colonial period), they are superior to later revision settlement reports, by which time, changes implemented by the British had already had an impact.

Lastly, the inventory of private holdings of Burma materials in the U.S. is proceeding as scheduled. Once a master list is complete and redundancies are eliminated, we will proceed to microfilm these under another project designed to begin in the fourth year of the acquisitions program.

Last summer faculty associate Constance Wilson conducted research in Thailand and brought back a list of microfilm holdings at the national archives. We are in the process of assessing and ordering these as well. Most of them deal with the Mahathai (Ministry of the Interior) records, a total of about 109 reels.

Harriet Hart has been commissioned to organize the remaining field notes of the late Donn Hart, with the help of our graduate assistant Than Than Win. This is a very important collection of data that may no longer be available in the field itself. Much of it is currently on paper that is beginning to disintegrate. After the papers are properly organized, they will be catalogued and microfilmed.

As reported in the last issue, the Luce grant also supported a Beginning Burmese Text project, to be written by John Okell of SOAS. John has arrived in DeKalb, where he is consulting with U Saw Tun, our Burmese language teacher. John will then head for Burma to collect more materials and consult with other scholars there. The text will be published by the Center and should be available in 1992.

As indicated, U Saw Tun is finally here in a tenure track position. His beginning Burmese class has twelve students, while his upper level class on Medieval Burmese Poetry, has two, the Burmese graduate assistant and the director of the Center for Southeast Asian Studies. He will continue to teach beginning Burmese next term, along with an upper level→
course on modern Burmese literature. Those Burma \textit{wallah} who have always wanted to study upper level Burmese but never had the time or opportunity here, perhaps you can schedule your leaves/sabbaticals to take advantage of this one of a kind offering in the United States.

We bid farewell and best wishes to Carol Mitchell, curator of the Donn V. Hart Southeast Asian Collection between 1988 and 1989. She has taken a similar position at the \textit{mandala} to the north (Wisconsin), where, apparently, the pastures are greener. Nanie Cruz, visiting Philippines materials specialist from the National Library of the Philippines, has been assisting at the Collection as interim curator.

\textbf{Publications}

The publications program of the Center is moving at a good pace. It is one of our highest priorities, a sentiment apparently shared by the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, for the office of the Dean, LAS, recently granted our request to purchase more equipment for our publications office. As the Center had recently purchased an Apple scanner for the editor, the College funded the purchase of a more powerful Mac II series computer with a full-page portrait monitor. In the near future, we hope to purchase text recognition software for the scanner to make the reissuing of some select, out-of-print volumes much more reasonable.

\textbf{Center for Burma Studies}

Between October 1988 and September 1989, the CBS received 733 donations of bibliographic items. It also installed two new permanent exhibits of Burmese art in Swen Parson Gallery: "Burmese Lacquer and Gold from the Bekker Collection" and "Burmese Naga Images from the Bekker Collection." (There is available, by the way, a video tape catalogue of the complete holdings of the Burma Gallery). Recently, a complete shelf list of Burmese holdings in the Donn Hart Collection has been produced and will be sent out to members of the Burma Studies Group. Anne Zeller is the new secretary of the Center for Burma Studies to whom we wish to extend a hearty welcome. Sandy Blanc has also been hired as the new graduate assistant in the Center for Burma Studies. Director Richard Cooler will be on sabbatical in the Spring semester of 1990 at the Institute for Asian Studies, Singapore, completing research on design motifs in early SEA art.

\textbf{Lecture Series}

The success of the Friday noon Southeast Asia lecture series resulted in partial funding of this program by the graduate school. It allows us to bring more external speakers to the campus. The series was inaugurated by Professor Alton (Pete) Becker of Michigan, who gave an extremely stimulat-
Our Distinguished Friday "Brown Bag" Lecture Series
Fall 1989

September 15
Alton Becker  
Department of Language and Literature  
University of Michigan-Ann Arbor  
“The Economics of Learning Burmese”

September 22
Constance Wilson  
Department of History  
Northern Illinois University  
“Two Lao Cities: Vientiane and Luang Prabang”

September 29
Dwight King  
Department of Political Science  
Northern Illinois University  
“The Political Climate on Campus: Impressions from a Visit to an Indonesian University”

October 6
Grant Olson  
Center for Southeast Asian Studies and  
Jay Hubbard  
Graduate Student in Political Science  
Northern Illinois University  
“What a Woman Sees First, is the First to Go: A Discussion of Liminal and Subliminal Experience, Ordination into the Thai Buddhist Order”

October 20
Daniel Doeppers  
Department of Geography, and Director of the Center for South and Southeast Asian Studies  
University of Wisconsin—Madison  
“The Impact of the Great Depression on Metropolitan Manila: The Archival Record vs. Living Memory”

October 27
Ed Thomas  
Department of Physical Education  
Emory University  
Atlanta, Georgia  
“Nirvana vs. Nike: Physical Culture in the Hermit Kingdom of Burma”

November 3
Susan Russell  
Department of Anthropology  
Northern Illinois University  
“Ritual and Expressions of Resistance Among Highland Luzon Peasants”

November 10
Don Emmerson  
Department of Political Science  
University of Wisconsin—Madison  
“Apocalypse Postponed: Re-Interpreting Indonesia”

November 17
M. Ladd Thomas and Brantly Womack  
Department of Political Science  
Northern Illinois University  
(Tentative topic: “The Consequences of Cambodian Changes on Southeast Asia Policy”)

December 1
Stanley J. Tambiah  
Chair, Department of Anthropology  
Harvard University  
“Notes on Recent Research in the Slums of Bangkok”
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ANTH 120 Introduction to Anthropology
ANTH 240 General Physical Anthropology
ANTH 320 Folklore
ANTH 427 Economic Anthropology
ANTH 441 Fossil Humans
ANTH 451 History and Theory of Anthropology
ANTH 490 Anthropological Research Training
ANTH 498 Independent Study
ANTH 528 Religion and Cosmology in Southeast Asia
ANTH 590 Independent Study in Anthropology
ANTH 599 Masters Thesis
ANTH 690 Seminar in Anthropology

Art History
AH 378 Indian and Southeast Asian Art
AH 490 Independent Research
AH 598 Studies in Oriental Art
AH 603 Independent Study in the History of Art

Economics
ECON 341A Economics Area Study—Asia

Foreign Languages and Literatures
FLIN 103 Beginning Indonesian
FLTH 103 Beginning Thai
FLBU 103 Beginning Burmese
FLTH 203 Intermediate Thai
FLTH 203 Intermediate Indonesian
FLST 381-1 Special Studies in Language (Indonesian)
FLST 381-2 Special Studies in Language (Thai)
FLIN 421 Introduction to Indonesian Literature
FLIS 481 Independent Study in a Foreign Language
FLST 481-1 Special Topics in Literature (Thai)
FLST 481-2 Special Topics in Literature (Medieval Burmese Poetry)

Geography
GEOG 390 Topics in Geography
GEOG 439 Geography of Developing Areas
GEOG 491 Undergraduate Research in Geography
GEOG 558 Readings in Geography
GEOG 571 Independent Research

Geology
GEOL 494 Special Topics in Geology

History
HIST 261 American History Since 1865
HIST 343 History of Southeast Asia since ca. 1800
HIST 560 Reading Seminar in Asian History
HIST 636 Independent Study (Asian History)
HIST 656 Research Seminar (Thai-Burmese History)
HIST 699 Dissertation

Interdisciplinary
ILAS 225 Southeast Asia: Crossroads of the World

Music
MUSC 234 Introduction to World Music I
MUSC 398A World Music Ensemble: Gamelan
MUSC 598A World Music Ensemble: Gamelan
MUSC 639 Selected Studies in Music History and Literature

Political Science
POLS 260 Foreign and Comparative Politics
POLS 371 Politics in Southeast Asia
POLS 453 Marxism
POLS 495 Seminar in Current Problems
POLS 568 Seminar in Political Economy of Developing Areas
POLS 596A-B Independent Study in Political Science
POLS 696 Independent Study in Political Science
POLS 699 Dissertation

Sociology
SOCIO 354 Marriages and Families
SOCIO 435 Environmental Sociology
SOCIO 457 Comparative Family Systems
SOCIO 476 Seminar in Sociological Research Methods
SOCIO 495 Proseminar in Sociology

Announcing Position Openings at NIU

Curator: Pending official approval, the University Libraries and the Center for Southeast Asian Studies anticipate the opening of a full time (12 month), tenure-track position of Curator of the Southeast Asian Collection. An MLS with a concentration in SEA studies (or appropriate equivalent) is required. A PhD in any discipline with a focus on SEA studies that has involved extensive bibliographic work is preferred.

Economist: Pending official approval, the Center for SEA Studies and the Dept. of Economics, NIU, anticipate a tenure-track position beginning in the fall of 1991. The candidate must have a PhD with a specialization in econ. dev. of SEA. Research, teaching, or publication experience concerning SEA are important. A PhD in Geography with a focus on regional econ. dev. in SEA are also eligible to apply. Preference, however, will be given to applicants in Economics.

Political Scientist: Pending official approval, the Center for SEA Studies and the Dept. of Political Science, NIU, anticipate a tenure-track position beginning in the fall of 1991 in the Dept. of Political Science. Candidate must have PhD, preferably in international relations, with a specialization in Burma. Research, publications and teaching experience concerning SEA are important.

Send letters of application and current vita to:
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Center Associates’ Activities


Lee Dutton, Southeast Asian Collection, Founders Library, made a visit to the Yale University Library in New Haven during the latter part of July. He met with Charles Bryant and enjoyed a visit to the Southeast Asia Collection.


John F. Hartmann, foreign languages and literatures, presented a paper at the SEASSI Conference this summer in Hawaii on “The NIU FLIS (Foreign Language Instruction Station): Current State of the Art in Computer-assisted Language Instruction of Thai and Indonesian.”

Patricia Henry, foreign languages and literatures, and Jim Henry, computer science, spent the summer in Malang, East Java, Indonesia. Pat was the in-country director of the Indonesian Studies Abroad Program for students wishing to improve their language skills. She coordinated housing, scheduling, and curriculum for the eleven-week intensive course. Jim spent a large amount of time gathering audio and video material for computer-based, Indonesian language lessons.

Hai Yi Ling, geology, was named one of three NIU Presidential Research Professors for 1989-1993. The recognition will allow Ling to carry on a continuous program of research or creative work over a four-year period, supported in part by a $5,000 award each year and release time from teaching and service duties equivalent to one semester.

Dwight King, political science, has a forthcoming chapter, “The Political Economy of Indonesian Foreign Policy,” in The Political Economy of Foreign Policy in Southeast Asian States, David Wurfel and Bruce Burton (eds.), published by McMil-
Introducing Our Graduate Students

Achala Mohanty — LUCE (Spring 1990), MA, anthropology. She plans to conduct research on “Culture as a Symbolic System” in Bali and Java.

Phillip Albano — FLAS for Thai (Second Year), MA, political science. He is specializing in international relations and comparative politics.

Daisy Arbizo — PhD, political science. She is studying rural development in SEA.

John Baker — LUCE (Spring 1990), PhD, political science. He is particularly interested in Thailand and Laos.

Paul Bellman — MA, history.

Michael Breen — FLAS for Thai, MA, political science. His research interests include development policy in SEA, ASEAN as an effective international regime, and relations between the ASEAN nations and communist Indo-China.

Charas Suwanmala — PhD, political science. His area of study is public finance administration.

David Conner — FLAS for Thai (Second Year), EdD, adult continuing education. He is aiming to conduct his dissertation research in Thailand during the academic year of 1990-1991.

Jeselito Fornier — LUCE, PhD, history. He is interested in comparative social history focusing on the Spanish colonial period in the Philippines from 1565-1898.

Andrew Gallagher — FLAS for Indonesian (Second Year), MA, adult education. He is specializing in TESOL and linguistics and hopes to teach Indonesian in the US.

Barbara Griffiths — FLAS for Thai, PhD, history. She is particularly interested in the effects of Indian culture on Thailand and Burma.

Jay Hubbard — LUCE, MA, political science. Although educated in the US, Jay’s heart is still with his motherland, Thailand. He plans to join the diplomatic corps at the Foreign Ministry of Thailand and eventually teach in the Thai academic system.

Kittipak Thavisri — PhD, political science. His dissertation deals with corporate trends in Thailand and Malaysia.

Narayan Ganesan — PhD, political science. His major research interest is Singapore’s foreign policy in ASEAN, and his dissertation is close to completion.

Nuttanee Ratanapat — PhD, history. Her dissertation, “Vajiravudh’s Nationalism and its Impact on Political Development in Thailand,” is now in final form. She hopes to defend it before the end of October.

Pamornrat Tunsangsanwong — PhD, political science. Her research interest is economic development in the “Third World.”

Panitan Wattanayagorn — PhD, political science. He is specializing in comparative politics and public administration and is the graduate teaching assistant for the Center’s “Crossroads” class.

Jeremy Plotnick — PhD, political science. He intends to make a comparative study of the arms transfer policy between the US, Indonesia, and Thailand.

Betsy Prescott — FLAS for Thai (Second Year), MA, anthropology. She is interested in SEA religions and hopes to do research on the Shan.

Ratanaporn Sethakul — PhD, history. Her dissertation title is “Political, Social, and Economic Changes in the Northern State of Thailand Resulting from the Chiang Mai Treaties of 1874 and 1883.”

Michael Rhodes — LUCE, MA, political science. He hopes to eventually initiate, develop, and implement a Peace Corps program specific to the needs of Vietnam.

Rosalina Hanis — MA, instructional technology. She is a newly-arrived graduate assistant working with Pat Henry and assisting the FLIS computer project.

Santosa — LUCE (Second Year), MA, music (ethnomusicology). He is an expert in the Javanese gamelan.

Philip Schwehm — PhD, political science. He spent the summer at SEASSI (Hawaii) studying Tagalog, specializing in Philippine politics and development policies under the Aquino regime.

James Scott — PhD, political science, international relations.

Sidek Baba — PhD, adult continuing education. He is interested in policy studies relating to non-formal education.

Holly Smith — LUCE (Fall), MA, anthropology. Her master’s thesis focuses on an analysis of dualistic and triadic forms of symbolic classification in Dayak ritual chants from Kalimantan, Indonesia.
Sukunya Bumroongsuk — LUCE (Spring 1990), PhD, history. Her dissertation title is “Chulachomklao Royal Military Academy: The Modernization of Military Education in Thailand (1887-1948).”

Steve Taylor — MA, history.

Than Than Win — MA, TESOL. She works as a graduate assistant at the Center concentrating mainly on the Burma acquisitions project.

Dan Wallen — MA, political science. He is interested in biopolitics and works as a graduate assistant at the Social Science Research Institute.

Woosung Koh — LUCE (Fall), PhD, political science. His dissertation involves a comparative study of the role of the state in the development process in South Korea, Indonesia, and Malaysia.

**SEASSI Videos Still Available**

Two video cassettes of the 1987 SEASSI program are now available for purchase. Both are in VHS format, and the playing time of each is 60 minutes.

**Cassette I: “In and Out of the SEASSI Classroom”**

The focus of the film is to show students actively using a SEA language. A range of teaching techniques used in teaching Khmer, Burmese, Thai, Lao, Indonesian, and Hmong is seen in the short, dynamic segments. Role-playing and student skits are just a few of the student-centered activities designed to promote competency in everyday use of the language. Cultural activities include the dance and music of Laos, Thailand, and Indonesia, and a visit to the Lao Buddhist temple in Rockford, Illinois, on the day of khao phansa (the beginning of “Buddhist Lent”). The cassette has a narrative soundtrack and titles.

**Cassette II: “The Blossoming of the Lao Culture in Illinois”**

Three dimensions of Lao culture and traditions in the Lao communities of Elgin and Rockford, Illinois, are captured in this hour-long video. Made during 1987 SEASSI, most of the film deals with the participation of SEASSI students in the day-long ceremonies marking the beginning of the Buddhist Lenten season at the Lao temple in Rockford. Two other traditions of Laos—classical dance and mo lam (courtship songs)—complete the catalog of culture brought to Illinois by recent refugees from Laos.

To order any video cassette, send a check for $25 payable to the Center for Southeast Asian Studies (Northern Illinois University). Please direct inquiries to Professor John Hartmann.

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**NIU Folk to Attend Regional MCAA**

Ron Provencher, Michael Rhum, and Grant Olson of the anthropology department will be giving presentations under the rubrik of “Religion in Southeast Asia” at the Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs. Graduate student, Panitan “Tum” Wattanayagorn will also be giving a paper on “ASEAN and the Semi-Quadrilineal Engagement” on a panel dealing with ASEAN issues. The MCAA is being held from October 28-29 at Michigan State University, East Lansing.

**FLAS and LUCE Fellowship Applications Available from Center**

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Ritual, Power, and Economy

The Center has just published a new monograph edited by Susan D. Russell entitled Ritual, Power, and Economy: Upland Lowland Contrasts in Mainland Southeast Asia. It includes a substantial introduction by the editor and Mark Woodward, as well as five essays by the following authors: Richard D’A Cross, Nicola Tannenbaum, F. K. Lehman, E. Paul Durenburger, and Mark Woodward. This text has been priced at $10.00. For personal orders, textbook orders, and availability, contact the Center Publications Program.

Crossroads 4:2, Special Thai Issue (Part One)

A new issue of Crossroads has just gone to press and should be available soon. It includes a variety of articles based on original research ranging from prostitution in the North to the development of the tourist industry on the eastern coast, rice trade around the turn of the century, “ghosts” in old Thai manuscripts, the use of a computer-generated concordance of Phra Lo, the new use of an old Buddhist term by Buddhadasa Bhikkhu, and more. We hope subscribers should be receiving this issue well before Christmas. For non-subscribers, it will be available for $8. We encourage you to subscribe at the reasonable $10 annual rate.

Crossroads issue 5:1 will constitute part two of a focus on Thailand; and we are hoping to have the following “general issue” focus on Malaysia and the Philippines. However, we still welcome manuscripts on any part of the region.

Forthcoming Publications:

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Robert J. Bickner — “An Introduction to the Thai Poem Phra Law (The Story of Phra Law)”

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