The Program

Fall 1990! Why did we think it would be different? Like any other fall semester, this one was just as hectic. Right after SEASSI was over at Mount Meru, the program seemed to immediately move to Jambudipa (that’s DeKalb! Poetic license allows dhammarajas to fiddle with geography a bit). Perhaps because it is once again Title VI time that the year did not seem to end but continue in an endless cycle of birth, death, and rebirth. In any case, the mandala of the heartland sends its wishes to the rest of the galactic polity, especially the new mandala of Suvannabhumi in the western cakkavala and the coastal nagari even farther west.

The Southeast Asia Speakers Series (SASS) began when Craig Reynolds from the University of Sydney gave a talk on the subject of “the state in early Southeast Asia,” after which the annual fall harvest festival was held at the abode of the dhammaraja. Many attended with foods sweet and sour, savory and bland, hot and mild. The next guest speaker was Eleanor Moran Mannikka who honored us with her usual stimulating work on Angkor Wat. She was followed on October 19th by Phra Sunthorn Plamintr, a bhikkhu from the nearby Thai wat, Buddhadharma, who spoke on “The Role of Thai Monks in America.” Paul Taylor, invited by the Anthropology Department, will present a lecture entitled “Perspectives from the Folk Biology of the Tobelo People (Halmahera Island), Indonesia” on October 26. Afan Gaffar from Gadjah Mada University will speak on “Islam and Politics in Indonesia’s New Order” on November 2. Then, Ben Bronson from the Field Museum of Natural History will present us with “The Archaeology of Early Trade in Southeast Asia” on November 9, followed by Soledad Reyes on November 16, who is coming from the mandala of the north (Wisconsin), where she is this year.

The Burma Studies Group held its biennial conference in October in the newly refurbished NIU Art Gallery where a large portion of the Burma Art Collection is now on permanent display. Laureen Reu, graduate student in art history, NIU, gave a splendid walking lecture of the objects. The rest of the weekend saw over fifty guests attend and deliver lectures on Burma, some coming from as far away as SOAS, University of London, and some even farther away—from Burma. Several valuable donations of manuscripts and art objects were made to CBS during the weekend, and Richard Cooler, director of CBS, is glad that the event occurs only once every two years.

In the middle of October, the Council on Thai Studies (COTS) and Consortium of Teachers of Southeast Asian Languages (COTSEAL) held meetings here as well. The dhammaraja and dhammarajini, Neher and Neher, hosted guests at their palace, and the feast was prepared by some of our local Thai experts. COTS elected Grant A. Olson as their new president for the next two years.

As announced in the last Mandala, the national Festival of Indonesia program is not scheduled to come to the heartland, and so the mandala of the heartland has organized a mini-Festival of Indonesia to be held on the 19-20 of April, 1991 (see announcement below). If you wish to present a paper, send appropriate biodata, the title, and a one-page abstract of your proposed talk to the Center, which has a committee overseeing the panels. Subjects may include all fields and disciplines in the social sciences and humanities. There are no registration fees and the program is open to the public. We have submitted a mini-grant proposal to help provide some subvention to performers and speakers. If you need to stay overnight, call the Holmes Student Center at (815) 753-1444, or let us know if you are willing to stay with a Center associate. We will try to arrange some housing.

There are several new publications that were completed this year, including the latest CROSSROADS, Special Thai Issue (Part Two). There are still several manuscripts almost ready to go to press, including works by Robert Bickner and Konrad Kingshill, which you can see on the list provided below. Penny Van Esterik’s work on women in Southeast Asia is being reprinted with a new preface, and the Burma issue of Crossroads is now out-of-print, but will be reprinted sometime in the future.

Once again it is time to start preparing for LUCE and FLAS applications, enclosed with each issue of the Mandala. They are due March 1, 1991. LUCE fellowships are $6000 plus fees;
FLAS awards are $7000, plus fees and insurance, unless otherwise informed. FLAS awards are available for Thai, Burmese, Indonesian, and possibly Tagalog. Monette Reyes, a native speaker of Tagalog, is the assistant for Tagalog, being taught this year on a trial basis and supervised by Professor Patricia Henry. We hope to continue this program next year.

Faculty

Welcome to our new curator Daw May Kyi Win from Burma. She won an immigration lottery (no money, just a green card) and came to us via Austin, Texas, where she was working in their science library. She comes with a diploma in library science (Dip. Lib.) from Rangoon University, where she was division chief for eleven years. She also created a library for the British Consul in Rangoon and has helped many CORMSEA librarians when they were in Burma collecting materials. She and Sam Huang, director of the Rare Books and Special Collections, are currently compiling what will be an up-to-date and comprehensive catalogue of the Hart Collection.

Several faculty went to Asia this summer and fall, conducting research as well as attending conferences and gathering materials. Constance Wilson, who went to Yunnan and Thailand, arranged for the purchase of nearly ninety reels of microfilm from the Ministry of the Interior (Mahathai) in Bangkok and the twelve volumes of Lanna Tai Law. Our editor, Grant Olson, went to Thailand in the fall, to work towards completing the translation of a modern Thai Buddhist text. Another faculty associate, Brantly Womack “visited” England for a semester, but preferred the wide open spaces of the heartland to the cold and dismal weather of England, and so he decided to return to the fold. We are all grateful.

The Division of International and Special Programs of NIU in cooperation with faculty received a USIA grant this summer of approximately $74,999 for a three-year faculty exchange project with Prince of Songkhla University. Several NIU faculty (including Clark Neher, Ron Provencher, Ladd Thomas, Bob Albirion, and Lois Self from Women’s Studies) will be going to Thailand with this project over the next three years, and counterpart faculty from PSU will be coming here. The project deals with five different subjects that range from gathering data in Southern Thailand on elections, to archaeology, and women’s studies. The Center has also been asked to be consultant in the establishment of an Institute for Southeast Asian Studies at Khon Kaen University in Northeast Thailand.

Several adjunct faculty from nearby Illinois universities have been added to the Center. All Southeast Asianists to greater or lesser degrees, they represent the disciplines of anthropology, sociology, demography, political science, religion, and language and literature together with the countries of Indonesia, Thailand, Vietnam, and Burma. They are as follow: Theodora Bofman, Northeastern Illinois University; Edward Bruner, University of Illinois; Clark Cunningham, University of Illinois; F. K. Lehman, University of Illinois; M. Ismail Khan Maung, Western Illinois University; Frank E. Reynolds, University of Chicago; and William Turley, Southern Illinois University.

Southeast Asia Collection

All the Original Settlement Reports and Revised Settlement Reports of the British done on Burma have arrived in the form of 107 reels of microfilm. In addition to purchases, several donations have been made to the Hart Collection recently. Paul Jerry Bennett left more than 3000 invaluable Burmese language books in his will, half of which (in ninety boxes) are already here. Most are on Burma, but a large number include books on Thailand, Vietnam, and Southeast Asia in general. In addition, his substantial art collection is being packed at his estate and will be sent to CBS very soon. Apart from Paul Bennett’s excellent Burma collection, Professor Edward Bruner from University of Illinois—Urbana donated 250 Indonesian books. Professor Willis Sibley from Cleveland, Ohio, donated a large number of materials on the Philippines, and we are currently investigating the possibility of copying all or some of the Barrows papers on the Philippines at Berkeley. Ladd Thomas has been organizing his personal collection for a future donation to the Library as well, for which we are all grateful. Grant A. Olson received a donation of several cartons of books on religion in Thailand from the collection of Francis Seely, much of which he shared with the Donn V. Hart Collection. Those who wish to donate money to the Donn V. Hart Fund, please find enclosed a form with which to do so.

Students

Twelve new graduate students enrolled this year in our program. In all, there are thirty-seven graduate students with a concentration or interest in Southeast Asia. They represent a wide variety of disciplines and areas. Five are on Luce Fellowships, and eight are on FLAS. Of these, three are taking Thai, two Indonesian, two Burmese, and one Tagalog. Seven are Center graduate assistants, and six have assistantships with their respective departments.

The Agnese Lindley Foundation is supporting a Burmese student to attend NIU in TESOL, whose arrangements are being handled by the Center for Burma Studies. Philip Schwegm has been awarded a Fulbright to do research in the Philippines on the impact of ideology on Philippine development.
ment strategy and government structures since 1972. Congratulations to Phil! Andrew Gallager returned from the advanced Indonesian program in Malang and gave a very insightful talk at SASS on language and culture. He hopes to do research there next year.

Undergraduate David Oldfield is the new president of the Southeast Asia Club—whose camaraderie and esprit d’corps have attained new heights. The Center wishes to invite all students interested in Southeast Asia to join, regardless of their discipline or field of study.

May this fall bring you a good harvest for all your labors!

Michael Aung-Thawin
Director

Announcing the Midwest Festival of Indonesia!

The Center for Southeast Asian Studies wishes to announce the celebration of a mini-Festival of Indonesia to be held on the NIU campus in DeKalb, Illinois, during the 19th and 20th of April 1991. There will be a wayang kulit, performed by dalang Widiyanto from Berkeley, a guest conductor/drummer from Washington DC, and Friends of Gamelan of Chicago (FROC). A gamelan concert will also be performed by the NIU gamelan ensemble, who will accompany a Balinese dancer from the Consulate of the Republik of Indonesia of Chicago. Academic panels will also be held. Paper proposals in any discipline are still welcome: write to the Center for further information. A final announcement will include details of dates and times.

The Donn V. Hart Endowment

In 1983 the Donn V. Hart Southeast Asian Collection was established, and in 1989 it was officially endowed. Each year the investment income will be made available to the Collection to help it carry out its mission of serving students and scholars. We are working to see the endowment grow. It seeks your generous, tax-deductible contributions in order to improve the Collection and its services. Contributions may be sent to the NIU Foundation, Attn: Donn V. Hart Endowment, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL 60115 USA. Please make checks payable to the “NIU Foundation.” We thank you for your support.

Graduate Students in Residence at NIU

**Political Science**
- Phillip Albano (Thailand)
- Daisy Arbizo (Philippines)
- John Baker (Thailand/Burma)
- Steven Browning (Laos/Thailand)
- Liu Jun (US-Philippines relations)
- Jeff Lattimer (Indonesia/Thailand)
- Michael Rhodes (Vietnam)
- Philip Schwehm (Philippines)
- James Scott (SEA-US foreign relations)
- Charas Suwannama (Thailand)
- Steve Taylor (Thailand)
- Kittipak Thavisri (Thailand)
- Dan Wallen (SEA-China)

**History**
- Sukunya Bumroongsook (Thailand)
- Michael Egan (Burma)
- George Fisher (Burma)
- Joselito Fornier (Philippines)
- Barbara Griffiths (Thailand)
- Grace Mateo (Philippines)
- Barbara Provencher (Malaysia)

**Anthropology**
- Ida Fadzillah (Malaysia/Indonesia)
- Cecile LeRoux (Philippines)
- Achala Mohanty (Indonesia/Malaysia)
- Ann Parsons (Indonesia)
- Betsy Prescott (Thailand)
- Katie Wiegle (Philippines)

**Adult Continuing Education**
- David Conner (Thailand)
- Dana Maxfield (Thailand)

**Library & Information Sciences**
- Chalermsue Olson (Thailand)

**English**
- Andrew Gallagher (Indonesia)

**Center for Southeast Asian Studies**
- Supa Angkurawaranon, Instructional Tech.
- Rosalina Hanis, Instructional Tech.
- Lina Ong, Instructional Tech.
- Monette Reyes, Early Childhood Educ.
- Melik Sumanandar, Instructional Tech.
- Pum Wattanayagorn, Political Science
- Than Than Win, TESOL
**Center Associates’ Activities**

**Michael Aung-Thwin**, Center for Southeast Asian Studies, published *Irrigation in the Heartland of Burma: Foundations of the Pre-Colonial Burmese State* as Occasional Paper no. 15 in the Center for Southeast Asian Studies monograph series (for further details see the publications section below). He has an article, "The ‘Spiral’ in Early Southeast Asian and Burmese History," forthcoming in *Journal of Interdisciplinary History*.

**Lee Dutton**, Donn V. Hart Southeast Asian Collection, attended the 33rd International Congress of Asian and North African Studies at the University of Toronto in August. His article, "Some Ethnic and Regional Studies Journals of the Philippines," has recently been published in *Serials Review*.

**John Hartmann**, foreign languages and literatures, was elected to a 3-year term as president of COTSEAL (Consortium of Teachers of SEA Languages). COTSEAL has received a $5000 grant from the Ford Foundation as part of a $270,000 grant to the National Council for the Less Commonly Taught Languages to develop a database of teachers, to train teachers, and to prepare new texts and teaching materials, media, and technology. He also presented a paper entitled "Pronominal Strategies in Tai Dam Poetic Discourse" at the 23rd International Conference on Sino-Tibetan Languages and Linguistics, at the University of Texas—Arlington, October 5-7.


**Dwight King**, political science, spent a month in Jakarta as a World Bank consultant on a primary education improvement project. From June to September he was a lecturer at Prince of Songkhla University, Pattani, Thailand.

**Arlene Neher**, continuing education, has been elected chair of the Association for Asian Studies’ program committee for Southeast Asia.

**Grant Olson**, Center for Southeast Asian Studies, traveled to Thailand in September 1990 on Henry Luce and the AAS’ Southeast Asia Council funding; he is completing a translation of Phra Debvedi’s *Buddha-dhamma* (2514). He has an article entitled "From Buddhadasa Bhikkhu to Phra Debvedi: Two Monks of Wisdom," currently in press in a festschrift for Buddhadasa Bhikkhu, *Radical Conservatism*. A short story, based on his experiences in Thailand has been recognized in the annual competition for Outstanding Fiction by an Anthropologist held by the Society for Humanistic Anthropology, American Anthropological Association, and will be published in the special fiction issue of the *Anthropology and Humanism Quarterly*. He was also elected to a two-year term of president of the Council on Thai Studies (COTS).

**Barbara Posadas**, history, published a co-authored article with Roland L. Guyotte, "Unintentional Immigrants: Chicago’s Filipino Students Become Settlers, 1900-1941," *Journal of American Ethnic History* 9:2 (Spring 1990) and a review of *Filipinos in Louisiana* by Marina E. Espina in the same journal. At the third conference of the Filipino American Historical Society in Sacramento, CA, in mid-July, she participated on a panel, "100 to 1: Interracial Marriages," and in her first banquet address, highlighted the theme, "The Legacy Lives." She continues to direct the History Department’s MA option in Historical Administration and serve on the editorial boards of the *Illinois Historical Journal*, *Amerasia Journal*, and the *Journal of Women’s History*. During the spring semester she will be a visiting faculty member at the University of Minnesota—Morris.

**Michael Rhum**, anthropology, whiled away the summer hours creating Northern Thai and International Phonetic Alphabet soft fonts for Hewlett-Packard Laserjet printers. He would be happy to share them with other associates.

**Susan Russell**, anthropology, was able to conduct two months of preliminary research in the Philippines with grants from the National Science Foundation and the Graduate College of Northern Illinois University. This research was done on coastal fishermen in the Lingayen Gulf. It focused on a comparative study of the factors influencing the changes in maritime share contracts and labor arrangements in the artisanal and commercial fisheries in Damortis, La Union, and San Fabian, Pangasian. She would like to share information with anyone who has recently conducted research on fishing communities or maritime resource management.


**Constance Wilson**, history, read a paper, "Administrative Change in 19th Century Thailand before Chulalongkorn’s Reforms," at the 4th International Conference on Thai Studies in Kunming, Yunnan, People’s Republic of China. This paper has been published in the *Proceedings of the 4th International Conference on Thai Studies*, vol. 1. Kunming: Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, 1990. She traveled to Bangkok and made a presentation on revenue administration in 19th century.
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~Burmese Language Instructor

The School of Language Studies of the Foreign Service Insti-
tute, US Department of State, invites applications for a prob-
able opening for an experienced instructor of the Cambodian
(Khmer) language, to begin January 1991. When it opens, the
position will be full-time for a minimum of 6 months, with
possibility of renewal. Beginning annual salary ranges from
$20,195 to $24,705 (GG 7 to GG 9), depending on experience.
For application information contact Ms. Patricia Lebherz,
Office of Personnel (B Level), Foreign Service Institute, 1400
Key Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22209. Telephone: (703) 875-
5380. Questions may also be telephoned to Dr. Frederick
Jackson, Supervisor, Cambodian Language Program (703)
875-7311. For full consideration, applications should be re-
received no later than November 30, 1990.

Southeast Asian Politics Opening

The University of Michigan

The University of Michigan Department of Political Science is
seeking authorization to fill a position in Southeast Asian
politics to start in September 1991. They will consider appli-
cants who deal with any countries of this region and who
concentrate on either domestic politics or international rela-
tions. The position may be filled at either the tenured or non-
tenured level. For a tenured position, demonstrated excel-
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quired. For a non-tenured position, promise of excellence in
research and teaching is required. Send vita, letters of refer-
ence, samples of written work, and other relevant materials to:
Chair, Southeast Asian Politics Search Committee, De-
partment of Political Science, The University of Michigan,
Ann Arbor, MI 48109-1045. It is preferred that applications be
received by October 31, 1990, although we may consider
applications that arrive after this date.

Burmese Language Instructor

Professor David Bradley plans to begin Burmese language in-
sstruction at La Trobe University. People with experience
teaching Burmese should contact him directly via the Depart-
ment of Linguistics, La Trobe University, Bundoora VIC 3083
AUSTRALIA.

News From Other Mandonala

Vietnamese Language Bibliographic Specialist Sought

Salary Range $29,000-$41,000. Position open until filled. For
details of duties write: Director, ASIAN SHARED INFOR-
MATION & ACCESS, 2225 West Commonwealth Ave., Suite
315, Alhambra, CA 91803.

Graduate Students' Activities

David Conner, continuing education, gave a paper at the 6th
Annual Conference on Distance Teaching/Learning. The
theme of the conference was Echoes from the Future: Chal-

Cecile Leroux, anthropology, spent the summer conducting
research in the Philippines towards her MA thesis. She
accompanied Susan Russell (see above) to the same field site.
Her interests focused on economic activities and fish market
organization.

Michael Rhodes, Matt Landon, and Jeff Lattimer, political
science, spent the summer in Ithaca, NY, at SEASSI studying
Vietnamese, Thai, and Indonesian, respectively.

Quotation of the Season

We received the bylaws of the Association for Teachers of
Japanese, Inc. They stated one of the primary purposes of the
organization is "to promote and encourage cooperation and
intercourse among scholars, teachers, and students of Japa-
nese language, literature, and linguistics...to broaden and
deepen knowledge of Japan and its culture." We wonder if
this can be broadened and extended to Southeast Asia as well...?
Asia Society Seeks Program Associate

The Asia Society seeks to fill an opening for Program Associate for Southeast Asia in its Education and Affairs Division. The Associate will coordinate a major public education project that focuses on social activism and the role of nongovernmental (NGO) organizations in promoting social change in the countries of South and Southeast Asia. An MA in Southeast Asian Studies or International Relations, proficiency in an SE and/or S Asian language desired. Salary commensurate with qualifications and experience. Deadline: Dec. 1, 1990. For more information, send letter of application and resume to K. A. Namkung, Exec. Director, Educ. and Contemporary Affairs Div., The Asia Society, 725 Park Ave., New York, NY 10021.

NAFEA Call for Papers

St. Petersburg, Florida, has been chosen to host the 12th Annual National Association for the Education and Advancement of Cambodian, Laotian, and Vietnamese Americans (NAFEA) Conference on April 18-20, 1991. The conference will be held at the St. Petersburg Hilton and Towers. The 1991 theme is "Agenda for the 90s: Participation, Progress, Pluralism." The program invites proposals for presentations, workshops, or panel discussions dealing with issues related to the main theme. For more information, contact: Cindy Le, Program Chair at 1-800-328-6720 (Florida residents) or 1-800-328-6721 (Outside Florida).

Broken Rifle Press Call for Papers on VN War Resistance

The Broken Rifle Press is issuing a call for papers on GI and veteran resistance to the Vietnam War. Papers are being solicited for inclusion in a book featuring a multi-disciplinary examination of in-service resistance to that war. Papers must be original historical, sociological, psychological, or theoretical works covering some aspect of the in-service resistance. Contributing authors will receive a nominal honorarium and two copies of the final book. For more information, contact: Gerald R. Gioglio, Publisher, Broken Rifle Press, PO Box 749, Trenton, NJ 08607.

Interlinear Text processing Program (IT) for the Macintosh

Professor John Hartmann, NIU, received a small grant from the university to purchase interlinear text processing software by Linguist's Software. He is currently using this program to translate Tai Dam (Black Thai) epic poetry. Anyone interested in this program should feel free to contact him about its potential applications.

COTS and COTSEAL Met at NIU

On October 12 COTSEAL held their annual meetings at Northern Illinois University. Discussion consisted of a presentation by Patricia Henry on the Wingspread Conference reports on Thai and Indonesian teaching programs abroad and a demonstration of the new FLIS (Foreign Language Instruction Station) by Jim Henry and John Hartmann.

The Council on Thai Studies began on Friday evening, October 12, with a slide show by Constance Wilson on her travels in Dai country in Yunnan last May. Papers were given by various visitors on topics related to language, political science, history and anthropology. Visitors included Craig Reynolds who was staying in the Chicago area while on sabbatical leave from Australia.

Grants

Predoctoral


International Predissertation Fellowship Program: Support for graduate students at nineteen selected universities in the fields of economics, political science, sociology, and other social sciences, designed to enrich their disciplinary studies with area and language skills focused on the developing world. Deadline: To be announced.


Postdoctoral


Grants for Area Studies Research: Support for advanced research in the social sciences and humanities for Southeast Asia and other countries.

Indochina Scholarly Exchange Program: Support for social sciences and humanities research in or on Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia normally conducted in cooperation with a counterpart in the country of research. Support also available for visiting scholars. For details contact: American Council of Learned Societies, 228 E. 45th Street, New York, NY 10017.
Occasional Paper no. 15

Irrigation in the Heartland of Burma: Foundations of the Pre-Colonial Burmese State

Michael Aung-Thwin

Since the last two centuries of the first millennium BC, except for a short span of sixty years, the pre-colonial state in Burma has been centered in the dry zone of Upper Burma. The basis of this state was agrarian, yet little has been written on its economic wherewithal. Instead, scholars have tended to focus their attention on the state’s political, legal, religious, cultural and administrative structures and institutions. This study attempts to fill this crucial gap. In part, it highlights a major theme in pre-colonial Burmese history—“dry-zone paramountcy”—which was the result of state-run irrigation works constructed in six critical regions of central Burma, most of them existing before the 15th century AD.

This volume also contains a unique and valuable set of maps to illustrate the areas discussed above.

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