

CSEAS Weekly Bulletin

Center for Southeast Asian Studies at Northern Illinois University • Week of October 12, 2020



New in the Stairway Gallery at CSEAS is a series of laser-cut batik motif designs by Pei-Ling Liao, a graphic art professor at National Taiwan University and friend of CSEAS associate Shei-Chau Wang (School of Art). Inspired by Southeast Asian batik, Liao created the pieces, 19 of which are now on display in the stairway at Pottenger House. One is the Center's symbol, the sarimanok, above the stairs.



New colleagues, new books

CSEAS has reopened to visitors with limits on on-site staff. To see a specific staff member in person, please contact by email or phone to set an appointment. Masks and social distancing apply. Thank you.

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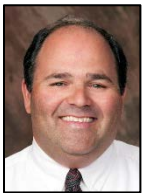
1. Last Friday fall lecture set for Nov. 13 on campus **NEW**

Rounding out the fall CSEAS/Graduate Colloquium Friday Lecture series will be an in-person talk in a socially distanced campus location by Cornell University visiting Southeast Asia Program fellow and historian [Mesrob Vartavarian](#) will present “A Special Relationship: The United States and the Philippine Military” at noon **Nov. 13**, in Barsema 200 (College of Business). Attendance is limited to 25. Previously a colonial Southeast Asia scholar, Vartavarian now focuses on modern SEA with an emphasis on the Philippines. His lecture will demonstrate how the rise of current Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte “proves that a warlord with a compact support base can win the presidency when he forms opportunistic alliances with Manila elites and deploys demagogic rhetoric,” according to his lecture abstract.



Vartavarian

2. Center associates update: Welcome to new colleagues **NEW**



Cohen

* [James Cohen](#) (associate professor, ESL/bilingual education), [Jessamine Cooke-Plagwitz](#) (associate professor, German and applied linguistics), and [Micah Morton](#) (assistant professor, anthropology) were elected faculty associates **Oct. 7** at the CSEAS Council’s monthly meeting. Joining CSEAS as faculty affiliates are [An Tran](#) (instructor, guitar, School of Music) and [Paul Wright](#) (Presidential Engagement Professor, kinesiology and physical education).

* Jui-Ching Wang (School of Music) gave the keynote speech online **Oct. 7** at the International Conference for Arts and Arts Education hosted by Yogyakarta State University, Indonesia. The title of her speech was “Music of *Our* Time: Reflections on the *What* and *How* of 21st Century Music Teaching and Learning.”

* Catherine Raymond (School of Art, Center for Burma Studies) and Alan Potkin (CSEAS) were on German time over the **Oct. 5–7** weekend to present papers virtually at the Linden-Museum Stuttgart’s Myanmar Conference 2020: Minorities in Myanmar. Raymond presented “Giving a Voice to Their Own Communities” and Potkin presented “Impasse on the Lower Salween/Thanlwin: Is It Resolvable?”

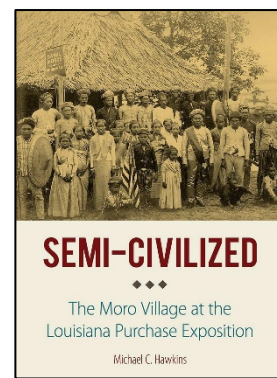
3. New from NIU Southeast Asia Series from Cornell University Press **NEW**



Cornell University Press, where NIU Press has been an imprint since 2019, has released two new books in the NIU Southeast Asia Series in. [The Saigon Sisters: Privileged Women in the Resistance](#), by Patricia D. Norland, was released in July. The book traces the lives of nine Vietnamese women who grew up in a French lycée and later fought for independence beginning with the French occupation of Vietnam through the Second Vietnamese War’s end in 1975. “The biographical sketches are introduced with very precise and accurate historical analysis,” writes filmmaker Ken Burns in a blurb for the book. “The Saigon Sisters is a rare glimpse into the experience of young women during the Vietnamese Revolution, the Vietnam War, and communist Vietnam,” writes California Polytechnic State University historian Christina Firpo. “This

book is a valuable contribution to women’s history as well as twentieth-century Vietnamese history.”

[*Semi-Civilized: The Moro Village at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition*](#), by Creighton University historian and CSEAS alumnus Michael C. Hawkins (PhD history, 2009), was released in March. Hawkins' book examines Moro (Filipino Muslim) contributions to the 1904 St. Louis World's Fair, challenging the manifestations of "empire" at the event and in American discourse at the time. "There has not been a critical assessment of the Moro villages at the important 1904 World's Fair, and this book promises to bring such study into the scholarly record," wrote University of North Carolina's Timothy Marr about the book.



NIU Press is seeking quality scholarly, accessible book-length manuscripts in Southeast Asian Studies to consider for publication. Address inquiries to NIU History Professor Emeritus Kenton Clymer, editor, Southeast Asian Series, NIU Press (an imprint of Cornell University Press), at kclymer@niu.edu.

4. NIU Thai Studies Group prepares to host COTS 2020 online

Led by CSEAS associate and Thai language professor Kanjana Thepboriruk, the NIU Thai Studies Group is hosting this year's [Council of Thai Studies](#) annual meeting as a virtual event **Nov. 13–15**. There will be two keynote speakers, one in the U.S. and one in Thailand. Nancy Eberhardt, Szold



Night scene from Yaowarat Road in Bangkok's Chinatown
(Photo by Cindy Krajangsri)

Distinguished Service Professor of Anthropology at Knox College in Galesburg, will present "Decentering Thai Studies: A View from the Northwest Borderlands." She is the author of *Imagining the Course of Life: Self-Transformation in a Shan Buddhist Community* (University of Hawaii Press, 2006). Wasana Wongsurawat, associate professor of history at Chulalongkorn University, will present "The Crown and the Capitalists: Thai Studies from a Transnationalist Perspective." Wongsurawat is the author of *The Crown and the Capitalists: The Ethnic Chinese and the Founding of the Thai Nation* (University of Washington Press, 2019).

Members of the Thai Studies Group include associates Aarie Glas (Political Science), Micah Morton (Anthropology), Catherine Raymond (School of Art), Scot Schraufnagel (Political Science) and Kurt Thurmaier (Public Administration).

5. **Save the dates:** Online events for fall and spring **NEW**

- **Oct. 18:** Virtual discussion of 2015 Indonesian film [*Surga Yang Tak Dirindukan*](#) with Southeast Asia Club via Microsoft Teams [link](#).
- **Nov. 5:** Virtual karaoke night with Southeast Asia Club
- **Nov. 13–15:** Council on Thai Studies (COTS) virtual annual meeting. For details, see [website](#).
- **Nov. 16–20:** Virtual language tables during International Education Week
- **Nov. 19:** Virtual culture fest with Southeast Asia Club
- **Jan. 15:** Deadline for 2021–22 Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) summer grants and academic-year fellowships, graduate Neher fellowship, and graduate King scholarship. See CSEAS [Funding](#). Updated applications to be posted soon.

- **March 20:** Virtual Southeast Asia Spring Student Conference. Details TBA.

6. UH offers virtual webinars in October and November **NEW**

The University of Hawai'i at Manoa Center for Southeast Asian Studies is hosting a fall virtual webinar series on Asia Pacific indigenous peoples and a one-time webinar on maritime security in Southeast Asia **Oct. 21**. The [series](#), entitled "Indigenous Peoples, Heritage and Landscape in the Asia Pacific," began **Sept. 16** and run through **Nov. 18**. The next panel in the series, History and Heritage, is set for **Oct. 14**; earlier panels have been recorded. Both series are collaborative efforts. The series is co-hosted by UCLA Department of Anthropology, UCLA Center for Southeast Asian Studies, UCLA Asia Pacific Center, Save the Ifugao Terraces Movement (SITMo), Ifugao State University, and the Partido State University. The one-time **Oct. 21** virtual [panel](#), entitled "The South China Sea: China, Southeast Asia and Maritime Security," is part of the Crossing Borders: International Affairs between China and Southeast Asia 2020–21 Roundtable Series co-hosted by the University of Hawai'i at Manoa and the East-West Center.

6. Southeast Asia Crossroads: Vietnam's efforts to be a global market player



Tune in to the latest episode of CSEAS's [Southeast Asia Crossroads](#) podcast series for host Eric Jones' conversation with Cornell PhD candidate Hoang Minh Vu about his research surrounding the Third Indochina War and Vietnam's efforts to integrate itself into the economic fabric of the non-Communist global market. Our podcast following (more than 24,000 listens since its 2016 debut) keeps growing around the world with listeners in 70 countries as we cover topics from history and politics to art and culture.

7. 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. Visit the [CSEAS website](#) or stop by CSEAS at 520 College View Court. Undergraduates should contact adviser Matt Jagel at mjagel2@niu.edu; graduate students should contact Assistant Director Kheang Un at kun1@niu.edu.

9. Conferences **NEW**

- **Northeastern Conference on Indonesia**, Oct. 14, Cornell University. Theme: On Public Health and Well-Being in Indonesia: COVID-19 and Beyond. Hosted by Cornell Indonesian Association in cooperation with the Yale Indonesia Forum. **VIRTUAL** See [website](#).
- **Council on Thai Studies**, Nov. 13–15, Northern Illinois University. **VIRTUAL** See [website](#).
- **East-West Center International Graduate Student Conference on the Asia-Pacific**, Feb. 11–13, Honolulu. **IN-PERSON** or **VIRTUAL** See [website](#).
- **Empire Competition: Southeast Asia as Site of Imperial Contestation**, April 8–9, Pace University, NY. See [website](#). **NEW**

10. Money for study **NEW**

Blakemore Foundation

- **Blakemore Freeman Fellowships:** Apply for 2021–22 graduate fellowships for one year of intensive language study (Thai, Vietnamese, Indonesian, Khmer or Burmese). Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents. **Deadline to apply: Dec. 30.** See [website](#). **NEW**

Council of American Overseas Research Centers (CAORC)

- **Fellowships:** Two programs, one for scholars (including international scholars who have U.S. residents for at least three years) and one for scholars and doctoral students, for research to be conducted in 15 countries, including Cambodia, Indonesia, and Myanmar. **Deadline to apply: Jan. 15, 2021.** See [website](#).

Center for Indonesian Policy Studies

- **Visiting research fellowships:** Opportunities for Indonesian and non-Indonesian students completing their Indonesia-related doctorate and post-graduate theses to conduct field research in Indonesia over 3-6 month period. **No deadline to apply.** See [website](#).

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. **2022–23 applications available February 2021.** See [website](#).

ProFellow

- **Dissertation Research Fellowships:** Check the ProFellow [website](#) for 30 different opportunities for dissertation research funding.

11. Careers **NEW**

Yale-NUS College

- **Assistant professor:** Tenure-track position in Southeast Asian history to begin start of 2021–22 academic year. **Application review begins Nov. 1.** See [job listing](#). **NEW**

U.S.-ASEAN Business Council

- **Policy and research internships:** Semester [internships](#) based in Washington, D.C. Recent graduates encouraged to apply. **Deadline for spring 2021 placement: October 10; for summer 2021 placement: March 10.** For details, email internships@usasean.org. See [website](#).

Council on Foreign Relations

- **Foreign Affairs Career Center:** Jobs board hosted by council's respected *Foreign Affairs* journal. From internships to full-time positions listed. See [website](#).

VIA

- **Global Community Fellowship:** 13-15-month program for graduating seniors (2019) and young professionals to work at NGOs, schools, universities and social enterprises in Indonesia, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam. Monthly stipend, travel insurance, 10-day training in Thailand, midyear conference and year-end wrap-up provided; participants pay for transport to and from Asia, plus funds for food during VIA gatherings. See [website](#).

Bridge to Success

- **English Teachers in China:** Ten-month- internships and jobs for English speakers with bachelor's degree minimum. See [website](#).

Center for Strategic and International Studies

- **Internships:** Full- and part-time internships for undergraduates, advanced students and recent graduates who are interested in gaining practical experience in public policy. Based in Washington, DC. Rolling deadlines to apply. See [website](#).

Eurasia Group

- See [website](#) for job opportunities.

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](#).

ASEAN/ASEC

- **Job listings:** Check [website](#) frequently for open positions at the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and ASEAN Secretariat (ASEC).

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. See [website](#).

Idealist.org

- Privately funded website offers searchable database of nonprofit international jobs and volunteer opportunities. See [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 [website](#).

The future calls

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