There's a new place to perch in the Donn V. Hart Southeast Asia Collection: Room 495, a reading room that will accommodate six people comfortably, eight people in a pinch. The room may be used for library research, group study, and meetings for SEAS faculty and students. The key is available from Collection Assistant Joanna Kulma in Room 496 or Curator Hao Phan in 497.

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1. This week’s Friday lecture: Small is beautiful in Cambodia tourism

Anthropology instructor Matthew Trew (Ph.D. candidate, University of Wisconsin-Madison) will present “The Charming City: Thematic Tourism and Symbolic Economy in Battambang, Cambodia” at noon March 6 in Campus Life 100. Tourism—both foreign and domestic—is booming in Cambodia, up more than 2,000 percent in twenty years. This has presented opportunities for smaller destinations like the provincial capital of Battambang City to develop region-specific tourism in competition with the major urban destinations like Phnom Penh. In his talk, Trew will detail how Battambang uses thematic tourism and “Disneyization” to become Cambodia’s so-called “Charming City.” In so doing, Trew says, “Battambang City is better able to complete with larger cities . . . for tourist income while also promoting narratives about regional history and identity that challenge the nationalist discourse asserted by the central Cambodian government.” There will be no Indonesian brownbag lunch this week, but lunches will be back when the Friday lecture series resumes March 27. All lectures are free and open to the public; see spring schedule.

2. SEA performing and visual arts take center stage April 4

As part of NIU’s 125th Anniversary this year, CSEAS is hosting a Southeast Asia Performing Arts Showcase and exhibit of contemporary Burmese art April 4 in Boutell Memorial Concert Hall and the adjacent Whitney Gallery. The showcase will be from 3 to 4:30 p.m., preceded by the opening of “Looking at Women in Contemporary Burma,” an exhibit of Burmese artists, at 2 p.m. The program will cover a wide range of SEA performing arts, from wayang kulit (Indonesian shadow puppetry) to Thai and Indonesian music and dance, capped by a world premiere of a percussion piece by Cambodian composer Chinary Ung and audience participation in playing the Indonesian bamboo instrument, the angklung. The program is free and open to the public, with funding provided by the NIU 125th Anniversary Project and the U.S. Department of Education.

3. Sign up to be a ‘home-bassador’ for spring youth exchange programs

CSEAS is actively seeking homestay hosts in April for two Southeast Asia youth exchange programs that have brought talented students and young adults to NIU for leadership development training for 16 years. This engaging cultural opportunity, lasting between one week and two weeks, is open to families and individuals.

CSEAS is looking for 30 households to host 50 high school students and 10 adult leaders from ten Southeast Asian countries for the Southeast Asia Youth Leadership Program (SEAYLP) April 10–17. Students are placed in pairs while adults may be placed in pairs or as singles. Hosts 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. See the SEAYLP website for program details and online application. For more information, contact Host Family Coordinator Sky Emken.
CSEAS is also seeking host families for the Philippine Youth Leadership Program (PYLP), which for 16 years has brought young people and adult leaders from the Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao and surrounding provinces in the Philippines to NIU for four weeks of leadership and conflict resolution training. As with SEAYLP, students are placed in pairs and adult leaders in pairs or as singles. PYLP homestay dates for PYLP are April 13–27. See the PYLP website or contact Host Family Coordinator Nancy Melms at nsteckelbergmelms@niu.edu for details.

The U.S. Department of State Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs funds both SEAYLP and PYLP.

4. Historian to keynote April 18 Spring SEA Studies Student Conference

The Southeast Asia Club will host its Spring Southeast Asian Studies Student Conference Saturday, April 18, at the Holmes Student Center. The keynote speaker will be Creighton University historian and NIU alumnus Michael Hawkins (Ph.D. history, 2009). A former Fulbright Fellow to the Philippines, Hawkins is the author of Making Moros: Imperial Historicism and American Military Rule in the Philippine Muslim South (Northern Illinois University Press, 2012) and the forthcoming Semi-Civilized: The Moro Village at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition (Cornell University Press). Awards will be given for best undergraduate and graduate papers. The deadline for those who wish to submit final papers for judging is March 15. Email to niuseaconference@gmail.com. The Graduate Colloquium is co-sponsoring Hawkins’ visit to NIU.

5. Save the dates: CSEAS history, spring events, fall Burma Studies conference

- March 29: Deadline to apply for Undergraduate Research and Artistry Day and Community Engagement Showcase. See NIU Calendar listing.
- April 2: “Women Behind the Shadow,” lecture about gender and Indonesian shadow puppetry by Jennifer Goodlander of Indiana University, 12:30 p.m. Campus Life 100.
- April 3: Indonesian Shadow Puppetry Workshop, led by Jennifer Goodlander, 3 to 4:30 p.m., Boutell Memorial Concert Hall. Free and open to the public.
- April 4: Southeast Asia Visual and Performing Arts Showcase, a 125th NIU Anniversary event featuring performing arts, 3 p.m., Boutell Memorial Concert Hall, School of Music Building. Preceded at 2 p.m. by opening reception for “Looking at Women in Contemporary Burma,” exhibit of contemporary Burmese art in adjacent Whitney Gallery.
- May 2: Teaching Burma workshop for educators, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Medill Room, First Division Museum, Cantigny Park, Wheaton.
- Sept. 24–27: 14th International Burma Studies Conference at NIU.

Tune in to the latest episode of CSEAS’s Southeast Asia Crossroads podcast series to hear St. Cloud State University political scientist and NIU alumnus Shoua Yang discuss the impact of foreign capital on the political and economic development of the Lao People’s Democratic Republic. 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. Mandala 2019: Faculty, student and alumni news

CSEAS and NIU launch new academic initiatives in SEA. A FLAS Fellow meets his father in Laos. State Department youth exchange programs by the numbers. A banner year for donations to the Donn V. Hart Southeast Asia Collection. Plus faculty news, student accomplishments, alumni updates and more in the 2019 edition of Mandala, online and available in print at CSEAS. Read all about it!

8. Burnish your résumé 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 résumé 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 Jui-Ching Wang at jcwang@niu.edu.

9. Looking for a few good SEA manuscripts

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

10. Money for study

Phi Kappa Phi

- **Study abroad grants**: Competitive $1,000 grants for undergraduates at institutions with active chapter (NIU is one). **Deadline to apply: March 15.** 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. **Deadline to apply: May 31.** See [website](#).

East-West Center

- **Affiliate Scholar Program**: Short-term affiliation with the East-West Center for graduate students from around the world to pursue thesis or dissertation research in 2018. **Revolving deadlines to submit**. See [website](#).
11. Conferences, symposia, calls for papers NEW

- **18th Urban Research Plaza’s Forum, Saving Our Urban Habitat**, March 5–6, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok. See [website](#).
- **22nd Cornell Southeast Asia Program Graduate Student Conference**, March 13–15, Ithaca, NY. See [website](#). Some travel funding available.
- **1st International Conference on Preventing/Countering Violent Extremism in Malaysia and Southeast Asia**, March 16–18, Kuala Lumpur. Sponsored by the University of Maryland’s National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism in cooperation with the U.S. Embassy-Malaysia and the International Islamic University Malaysia. See [website](#).
- **Association for Asian Studies**, March 19–22, Boston. See [website](#).
- **31st Annual Graduate Student Conference**, April 7–9, University of Hawaii-Manoa, Honolulu. Conference theme: Stories of Movement in Asia: Boundaries and Exile. See [website](#).
- **Yale Indonesia Forum**, April 11, Yale University. Stemming the Tides: Indonesia in the Age of Climate Catastrophe. See [website](#).
- **2020 Southeast Asian Studies Student Conference**, April 18, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, Ill. Open to graduate and undergraduate students. For details, email niuseaconference@gmail.com.
- **Midwest Political Science Association**, April 16–19, Chicago. See [website](#).
- **International Conference on Hmong Studies**, April 17–19, Concordia University, St. Paul. See [website](#).
- **UC-Berkeley-UCLA Southeast Asian Studies Conference**, April 24–25, UCLA. Theme: Ethnic and Community Identity in SEA. Open to scholars and graduate students. See [website](#).
- **Southeast Asian Linguistics Society**, May 18–20, University of Hawai’i-Manoa, Honolulu. See [website](#).
- **Asian Studies on the Pacific Coast**, June 12–13, University of Hawaii-Hilo. See [website](#).
- **Association for Critical Heritage Studies 2020**, Aug. 26–30, University College, London. See [website](#).
- **American Political Science Association**, Sept. 10–13, San Francisco. Registration opens in late March. See [website](#).
- **International Conference on Philippines Studies**, Sept. 21–23, Universidad de Alicante, San Vicente del Raspeig, Spain. See [website](#).
- **Burmavision 2020, 14th International Burma Studies Conference**, Sept. 24-27, Northern Illinois University. **Deadline for abstracts: April 30.** See [website](#).
• Indonesia Focus Conference, Oct. 3, University of Pittsburgh. “Human Development in Indonesia: From Outer Islands to the Capital.” Call for papers. **Deadline for abstracts: July 20.** See website.

12. Careers

**Norton Simon Museum**

- **Asian art collection curator:** Full-time position in Pasadena, Calif., museum. Curatorial background in South and Southeast Asian art essential. See website.

**Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency**

- **Historian:** Full-time position in active forensic laboratory at Joint Base Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, for candidate with understanding of U.S. military history and specialist knowledge of SEA and the Vietnam War. Foreign nationals may be considered. See website.

**ISEAS Yusof Ishak Institute**

- **Visiting Fellow/China and Mainland SEA:** Two- to six-month fellowship to study social and cultural impact of Chinese capital and labor flows into villages, towns and cities of Vietnam, Thailand, Myanmar, Cambodia and/or Laos, starting Jan. 2020. PhD required (political science, sociology, anthropology, or demography studies preferred). See website.

**U.S.-ASEAN Business Council**

- **Policy and research internships:** Semester internships based in Washington, D.C. Recent graduates encouraged to apply. 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.
- **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.

13. **Area cultural opportunities**

- Go behind the scenes of the Philippine Collections at the Field Museum. Contact the museum’s co-curation team 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. Phone 312-725-0640. See website.

- “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. See the consulate’s Facebook page.
- Indonesian Dance of Illinois offers traditional dance and gamelan music lessons Saturdays in Evanston. See website.

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