Changing mores in the traditions of how Cambodians speak and behave with Buddhist monks is the topic of this week’s Friday lecture. Details below. (Photo / Siemreap.net)

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1. This week’s lecture: Khmer honorifics and language change NEW

Cheryl Yin, doctoral candidate in anthropology at the University of Michigan, will present “How NOT to Talk to Monks in Cambodia: Khmer Honorifics and Language Change,” at noon Friday in the (Note: new location for all February lectures) Asian American Center Resource Center, 375 Wirtz Drive (rear of Health Services Building). Following on Cambodian society’s historical emphasis on social hierarchy, Yin’s research uses language—specifically the Buddhist monk honorific register—to reveal how Cambodians today are responding to social, political, and economic change. “Conversations about the honorific register—about how Cambodians should speak and behave in the presence of monks, and whether the register is still relevant for people to know and use—expose larger disagreements about what the ideal Cambodian citizen should be,” she says. To order an Indonesian lunch, submit an online request by 6 p.m. Wednesday at CSEAS Brown Bag Order. To cancel an order, you must do so online by 10 a.m. Friday. Cost is $5 for students and $7 for faculty, staff and others. You may pay in cash or by check at the lecture. For lunch details, e-mail cseasbrownbag@gmail.com. All lectures are free and open to the public; see the complete spring lecture schedule.

2. Learn traditional Thai illustration at February workshop NEW

Irving Chan Johnson, Harvard-trained anthropologist and traditional Thai illustrator from the National University of Singapore, will give a five-day evening workshop on the art of Thai illustration Feb. 17–21 at the Holmes Student Center. Johnson currently is a mural painter at Wat Uttamayanmuni, a Thai Buddhist temple in Singapore. Classes will run from 5 to 7 p.m., with the last evening reserved for students to show their work at a farewell reception. No previous art experience is necessary. Participants will learn the basics of Thai line and color illustration to create their own piece of art. All supplies will be provided. Class size limited to 30. Cost is $10 for faculty/staff, $20 for community members, and free for students. Register online. Johnson also will present a special CSEAS lecture from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 19, in Campus Life 100. Sponsored by the Thai Teaching and Research Endowment Fund, the workshop is organized by the NIU Thai language program and CSEAS. For details, email kanjana@niu.edu.

3. SEA performing and visual arts take center stage April 4 NEW

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,” 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.
4. Outreach update: Just another day promoting SEA NEW
CSEAS Outreach, led by undergraduate advisor Matthew Jagel (Ph.D. history) and graduate assistant Rachael Skog (M.A. candidate, English) has been filling up its schedule with activities and events. During intersession, FLAS Fellow Glynnis White (M.M. candidate, music) and Skog gave the school’s culture awareness club a taste of Southeast Asia Dec. 11 at North Grove Elementary School in Sycamore. Skog began with an overview of the region and introduced students to Indonesia and its unique wonders (including Komodo dragons). She also taught the children some Bahasa Indonesia so they could pair up and have a short conversation within minutes! White then introduced them to the Indonesian *angklung* (a bamboo sliding tube-rattle instrument). Each student had an instrument that played a different key. White taught them how to work as a group and “read” the music, which they eventually were able to play successfully. Before wrapping up, students composed and then played their own song. . . . All five Foreign Language Teaching Assistants (FLTAs) were on deck at Sycamore High School Jan. 30. Coordinating with Principal Tim Carlson and several teachers, John Paul Dela Rosa (Tagalog) Chaw Su Su Tin (Burmese), Songwut Bhattarachaiyakorn (Thai) and Ildi Kurniawan and Bunga Mastari (Indonesian) set up country displays in the school’s library, introduced students to their respective languages and cultures, and performed a group dance. Just another day in the life of an SEA FLTA . . . Coming up: CSEAS Director Eric Jones will be giving a talk, “The Center for Southeast Asian Studies at NIU: An International Window on the World,” for the DeKalb County History Center’s brownbag lunch series at noon March 5 at the Ellwood House Visitor Center.

5. Deadline extended for Vietnam study abroad; undergrad travel funding NEW
NIU and CSEAS are offering two opportunities to study abroad for credit next summer in Vietnam and Cambodia. The deadline to apply to the Vietnam program has been extended (see below).

**Deadline to apply for Undergraduate Student Engagement Travel Grants through the Office of Student Engagement and Experiential Learning is Feb. 15.** Learn more about studying abroad at a Study Abroad 101 workshop, held at 3:30 p.m. once a week in the NIU Study Abroad office, 417 Williston. Contact engage@niu.edu. For details on these programs, email program directors, niuabroad@niu.edu, or CSEAS at cseas@niu.edu.

- **Vietnam:** War and Peace in Vietnam, June 15–July 7, is a month-long program that includes six days of on-campus study before and after a 12-day study tour to Vietnam. Led by Associate History Professor Stanley Arnold, the program focuses on the American experience in Vietnam and examines the impact of the war on Vietnam, the region and the world. You will visit Hanoi, Hue, Ho Chi Minh City, Khe Sanh, My Lai and other historical sites, and interact with local communities. Three undergraduate and three
graduate courses are offered: HIST 396, HIST 469, HIST 493, HIST 569, HIST 600 and HIST 736; six hours credit. **Deadline to apply: Feb. 17.** For details, contact Arnold at sarnold@niu.edu.

- **Cambodia:** Cambodian Culture and Civilization, **June 8–26**, is an immersive three-week program offering a global and cultural perspective on rural and urban cultures in Cambodia. You will spend two weeks in Siem Reap and one week in the capital city of Phnom Penh, including the Angkor Wat temple complex in Siem Reap, Buddhist temples, and Cambodian Genocide historical sites. You will attend lectures on politics, sociology, language, the environment, archaeology and culture and dance at the Center for Khmer Studies in Siem Reap. The program also includes service learning, meaningful community engagement and immersion in Khmer culture. Undergraduate and graduate courses offered include SEAS 225, SEAS 590, and INTL 201 and 501; six hours credit. **Deadline to apply: March 1.** On-site directors are sociologist Kathleen Westman and Sauk Valley Community College political science professor Paul Edleman. For more information, contact Westman at kwestman911@gmail.com.

6. **Applications re-opened: Dwight Y. King Graduate Scholarship** **NEW**

International students pursuing advanced degrees involving substantial Indonesia research are invited to apply for the 2020–21 Dwight Y. King Graduate Scholarship for the Study of Indonesia. Applicants for this **$1,000** award should be a student in good standing and at an advanced stage in their master’s or doctoral program. In keeping with King’s lifelong commitment to public affairs, preference given to students interested in working in developing countries. Application must include a personal statement, research proposal, PDF of graduate transcript and a letter of recommendation. **Deadline to apply: Feb. 28.** For details, see CSEAS website.

7. **Sign up now to be a ‘home-bassador’ for spring SEA youth exchange programs** **NEW**

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 at familycoordinator.sky@gmail.com or SEAYLP Administrative Director Anastasia Kocher at akocher1@niu.edu.

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 12–27. 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.

8. 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 NIU Graduate Colloquium is co-sponsoring Hawkins’ visit to NIU.

9. Save the dates: Council meeting this week, spring events galore NEW

- Feb. 5: CSEAS Council Associates meeting, noon, Campus Life 100. NEW
- Feb. 17–21: Traditional Thai Illustration Workshop, led by Dr. Irving Chan Johnson (University of Singapore), 5 to 7 p.m., location TBA. Open to the public. Students free, faculty/staff $10, and all others $20. Materials included. NEW
- Feb. 19: Lecture by traditional Thai artist Irving Chan Johnson, noon to 1, Campus Life 100. NEW
- March 29: Deadline to apply for Undergraduate Research and Artistry Day and Community Engagement Showcase. See NIU Calendar listing. NEW
- 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. NEW
- 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. NEW
- April 4: Southeast Asia Performing Arts Showcase, a 125th NIU Anniversary event featuring performing arts in Boutell Memorial Concert Hall and exhibit of contemporary Burmese art in the Whitney Gallery, 3 p.m., Boutell Memorial Concert Hall. NEW
- May 2: Teaching Burma workshop for educators, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Medill Room, First Division Museum, Cantigny Park, Wheaton. NEW
9. Sign up now for spring non-credit distance Indonesian class
You can sign up to take Indonesian language professor Rahmi Aoyama’s 10-week beginning Indonesian distance class this semester through CSEAS; just register and indicate spring on the registration form. No prior knowledge of the language is required for this non-credit class that will begin the second week of February. Instruction will be live and conducted by Aoyama. Contact her at rhartati1@niu.edu for details.

11. Southeast Asia Crossroads: Impact of Chinese investment in Laos NEW
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 18,500 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.

12. 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!

13. 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 Jui-Ching Wang at jcwang@niu.edu.

14. 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.

15. Money for study NEW
NIU Office of Student Engagement and Experiential Learning
- Undergraduate Travel Grants: Funding for professional conference travel, NIU study abroad programs, Huskie Alternative Break Trips and other student engagement projects. **Deadline to apply: Feb. 15.** Other dates to apply. NEW

U.S. Department of Education
- Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowships: Competitive funding opportunity for doctoral candidates conducting research abroad in modern foreign languages and area studies for between six and 12 months. **Deadline to apply: Feb. 18.** See website.

Council of American Overseas Research Centers
- **INYA Short-term Fellowship**: Four-month fellowship based at Inya Institute in Yangon for U.S. graduate students studying Myanmar. Award from $2,400 to $4,400. **Deadline to apply: March 2.** See [website](#).

**Howard University**

- **Charles B. Rangel International Affairs Program**: Six-week *summer enrichment program* for college seniors who want to join the Foreign Service. **Deadline to apply for undergraduate summer enrichment program: Feb. 4.** Program also offers two-year graduate program, which includes financial support, two summer internships, mentoring from a Foreign Service officer and other professional development activities. See [website](#) for details on both.

**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](#).

**ProFellow**

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

**16. Conferences, symposia, calls for papers**

- **International Graduate Student Conference on the Asia Pacific**, Feb. 13–15, East-West Center, Honolulu. See [website](#).
- **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](#).
- **Yale Indonesia Forum**, April 11, Yale University. Call for papers: Stemming the Tides: Indonesia in the Age of Climate Catastrophe. **Deadline for abstracts: Feb. 22.** 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. Diverse topics in humanities, arts, social sciences, health, law or other disciplines related to Asia and Asian diaspora. Deadline for proposals: Feb. 29. See website.


17. Careers

University of Nevada-Reno

Endowed appointment: Applications open for advanced associate or full professor in international studies. Demonstrated expertise in contemporary or historical research of global, world regional, or comparative focus. Priority given to candidates in Anthropology, English, History and Political Science. Deadline to apply: Jan. 30. 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.

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/AESC

- **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.

DevolistJOBS.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.

18. 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.

The future calls
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