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1. This week’s lecture: Food and Thai America

Mark Padoongpatt, associate professor of Asian and Asian American Studies at the University of Nevada-Las Vegas, will present “Flavors of Empire: Food and the Making of Thai America” at noon Friday, Oct. 19, in Campus Life 100. Padoongpatt, the author of the 2017 book *Flavors of Empire* (University of California Press) will chart the rise of Thai food on the American culinary scene beginning in the 1980s, weaving together the history of food, the U.S. Cold War, immigration and Los Angeles in the second half of the 20th century. He will explore why after the post-World War II migration of Thais to the U.S., Thai food became hyper-visible and Thai people invisible in American life. To order a Southeast Asian lunch, submit an online request by 6 p.m. Thursday 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. Payments may be made in cash or by check. E-mail cseasbrownbag@gmail.com for details. The Southeast Asia Club is also selling Thai iced tea this week ($2 a glass).

2. PKPI Scholars begin 2018 program

Seven doctoral students from three universities in Indonesia began the PKPI (Peningkatan Kualitas Publikasi Internasional) program Oct. 30 at NIU. They are the ninth group of students selected by the Indonesia’s Directorate of Higher Education’s Ministry of Research, Technology and Higher Education to come to campus to work under the supervision of an NIU professor-mentor in their field to develop and advance their research projects or prepare articles for publication. Four of the students—Elisabeth Ngetirosa Endang Woro Kasih, Anna Sriastuti, Purwanti Kusumaningtyas and Rifah Inayati—are studying American Studies at Gadjah Mada University. Two students—Sri Ningisih and Sudirman—are studying linguistics at Hasanuddin University and one scholar—Arifin—is studying English Education at Makassar State University. During their time on campus, scholars live in a residence hall where they can meet American students and experience campus culture. They have access to Founders Memorial Library’s reference resources and are welcome to attend CSEAS activities and other campus events. They also attend a weekly seminar on academic publishing, this year taught by CSEAS outreach coordinator and historian Matthew Jagel (PhD history, NIU, 2015). This year’s faculty mentors are Doris Macdonald (English), James Cohen and John Evar Strid (Curriculum and Instruction), Kate Cady (Communication) and Jessamine Cooke-Plagwitz (World Languages and Cultures). CSEAS graduate assistant Sinta Febrina is coordinating the program.

3. Deadlines approach for NIU undergrad research grants

Got an undergraduate research project you want to pursue? NIU’s Office of Student Engagement and Experiential Learning (OSEEL) has several opportunities to fund student-generated research projects on or off campus, including overseas. **Deadlines to apply for these grants range from Oct. 15 to Nov. 15.** See the OSEEL website.

4. Oct. 15 deadline to apply for advanced Thai language scholarships

Advanced Thai language students (beyond first-year Thai) are invited to apply for two 2018–19 scholarships from the Thai Teaching and Research Endowment Fund through the NIU Foundation. The $2,000 scholarship is disbursed $1,000 per semester. Eligible students should be pursuing study of Thai language, culture, history or politics, have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher, and demonstrate a focus on the study of Thailand. **Deadline to apply: Oct. 15.** Applicants should submit
a one-page statement of interest, a letter from their Thai language professor, a letter of recommendation and a copy of their transcript electronically to Thai language professor Kanjana Thepbiriruk at kanjana@niu.edu. The Royal Thai government established the endowment to support Thai teaching and research initiatives at NIU.

5. Special lecture Oct. 29: Angkor Wat archaeologist Darith Ea

One of Cambodia’s leading archaeologists and expert on Angkor Wat will be on campus Monday, Oct. 29. Dr. Darith Ea will present “Koh Ker: The 10th Century Angkorian Capital City of Jayavarman IV and His Son, Harshavarman II” from noon to 1 p.m. in Campus Life 100. Jayavarman IV moved the Angkorian capital to Koh Ker, approximately 55 miles from Angkor in the early to mid-900s CE. New work at the site reveals that the city was occupied for the next five centuries. Dr. Ea, a visiting fellow at Cornell University this year, will discuss his work at this important archaeological site in his lecture.

6. Special lecture Nov. 20: British Museum’s Alexandra Green

Dr. Alexandra Green, Henry Ginsburg Curator for Southeast Asia at the British Museum, will present “Image as Information: Materialising the Buddha in Late Burmese Art” at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 20, in Room 111 in the Jack Arends Art Building. Green has most recently published Buddhist Visual Cultures, Rhetoric and Narrative in Late Burmese Wall Paintings (Hong Kong University Press, 2018) and “From Collecting History to Iconography: Southeast Asian Shadow Puppets in the British Museum” in the Journal of the Siam Society. She is currently working on an exhibition about Sir Stamford Raffles’ Javanese collections that will open at the British Museum in 2019.

7. Winning words: Statement of purpose workshop Nov. 29 NEW

Applying for graduate school or going for a top scholarship like a Foreign Language and Area Studies fellowship? Learn to put a compelling statement of purpose together from Assistant CSEAS Director Jui-Ching Wang from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Nov. 29 at the Center, 520 College View Court. This one-hour workshop will give you the tools to put together a winning package. For details, contact Wang at jcwang@niu.edu.

8. Two FLAS opportunities, two deadlines, one application

Whether you’re applying for a summer 2019 or an academic-year 2019–20 FLAS fellowship, or both, you can apply for a Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) fellowship with one application. The soon-to-be posted application and all information on both summer and academic-year FLAS awards are posted online. Summer FLAS applications will be due Jan. 1; the deadline for the academic-year FLAS is Feb. 1. The U.S. Department of Education’s Title VI Program of Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships funds FLAS fellowships. Summer FLAS fellowships provide for the summer study of Southeast Asian languages at any U.S. Department of Education-approved educational institution, especially those in Southeast Asia, but also including the Southeast Asian Studies Summer Institute at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Questions? Contact Assistant CSEAS Director Jui-Ching Wang at jcwang@niu.edu.
9. Module 2 scheduled for distance Burmese class
The second module for Burmese language professor Tharaphi Than’s beginning Burmese as a non-credit distance class has been scheduled for Jan. 27 to March 28. Completion of modules 1 and 2 is the equivalent of one-year beginning Burmese taught at NIU. After taking both modules, community college students who intend to transfer to NIU, are eligible to apply for Foreign Language and Area Studies fellowships through CSEAS. For details, contact Than at tthan@niu.edu or CSEAS at cseas@niu.edu.

10. Save the dates: Internship/job fair, East Timor, workshop

- **Oct. 17:** 200 employers at All-Majors Internship and Job Fair, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., NIU Convocation Center.
- **Oct. 23:** Wheaton College Environmental Studies speaker Laura Yoder presents “Scale of Notice: How Up-Close Studies Teach Important Lessons on Sustainability,” based on her research in East Timor, at 11 a.m. in DuSable 322. She also gives a graduate seminar, “Research and Rapid Social Change: Learning from Long-Term Fieldwork in the Oecusse Enclave, Timor-Leste,” at 2 p.m. in Cole Hall 100. For details, contact Prof. Emily McKee in the Anthropology Department, ekmckee@niu.edu.
- **Oct. 27:** NIU STEMfest, NIU Convocation Center.
- **Oct. 29:** Cambodian archaeologist Dr. Darith Ea talk about new archaeological research at Angkor Wat, noon to 1 p.m., Campus Life 100.
- **Oct. 29:** Southeast Asia Club movie night, Oodles and Noodles of Terror, 6 to 8 p.m., 26 DuSable. Free noodle bar and Southeast Asia scary movie. **NEW**
- **Nov. 1:** “Unmasked: Facing the Imposter Syndrome,” 5 to 7 p.m., Holmes Student Center. Jobs PLUS event: registration required.
- **Nov. 12–16:** International Education Week.
- **Nov. 15:** Opening of “Vanishing Art from Myanmar: The Buddhist Reverse Glass Painting Tradition,” 5 to 7 p.m., NIU Art Museum. Through **Feb. 15.**
- **Nov. 15:** International Culture Night, 6:30 p.m., Campus Life 100 and atrium. Food, performances and culture tables. **NEW**
- **Nov. 16:** International Symposium, Looking through the Glass: Asian Reverse Glass Painting Traditions, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., 315 Altgeld. **NEW**
- **Nov. 20:** Southeast Asia art curator Alexandra Green of the British Museum talks about the relationship between word and image as related to Buddha images in late Burmese art, 5 p.m., Room 111, Jack Arends Art Building.
- **Nov. 26:** Gamelan open house, 102 Music Building.
- **Nov. 29:** Statement of Purpose Workshop, 3:30 p.m., CSEAS. **NEW**

11. Southeast Asia Crossroads: Check out our newest podcast
CSEAS is marking nearly 9,000 listens of our Southeast Asia Crossroads podcast series since its debut in September 2016. In our latest conversation, host Eric Jones discusses “Studying Myanmar through Food: Challenging Paradigms and Connecting Universities with Communities” with historian and NIU Burmese language professor Tharaphi Than. Than discusses her work with the Humanities Across Borders project: Food as a Lens for Cultural and Historical Studies. Our following keeps growing around the world with listeners in 70 countries as we cover topics from history and politics to art and culture.
12. Apply online for graduate conference travel
The Graduate School is inviting degree-seeking graduate students in good academic standing to submit travel grant proposals for the 2018–19 academic year. Students invited to present results of their original research or creative activity at a professional conference may submit a proposal for matching funding through their department to the Graduate School; students must secure $200 to $500 in department or college funding in order to secure the matching funds from the Graduate School. Apply online by any of three rolling deadlines (Oct. 15, Jan. 15 and March 15). Apply online.

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 Colleen Gray at cgray3@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, at kclymer@niu.edu.
- The Regional Journal of Southeast Asian Studies is soliciting critical and scholarly work in the humanities and social sciences by Southeast Asia-based scholars for 2019. Send abstracts on or before Dec. 30 to editorialassistant@rseas.org. See website.

15. Money for study

Center for Khmer Studies
- **Doctorate and Senior Fellowships:** Applications open for U.S., Cambodian and French scholars. **Deadline to apply: Nov. 15.** See website.

Leiden University
- **MA/PhD scholarships:** Institute of History offers funding for five master’s students intending to pursue doctorates in colonial and global history at Leiden. **Deadline to apply: Dec. 1.** See website.

South China Normal University/University of Oregon
- **Post-doctoral research fellowships:** Two-year position open to two post-doctoral scholars with experience in border politics or transnational migration for project funded by the National Natural Science Foundation of China. Project will include work in data collection and analysis, translation of research into peer-reviewable articles, and opportunity to do own research. Excellent writing skills required; Mandarin and/or Burmese language skills a plus. Send CV, one writing sample, two-page research statement, and names and contact info of two references to project PI Xiaobo Su at Xiaobo@uoregon.edu. Fellowship to begin January 2019. **Application review begins Oct. 15.**

East-West Center
- **Graduate fellowships:** Available for master’s or doctoral degree students pursuing degrees at University of Hawai’i. Open to citizens or permanent residents of the US and citizens of
countries in the Pacific and Asia, including Russia. **Deadline to apply for fall 2019: Dec. 1.** For details on this and other East-West funding opportunities, see [website](#).

**Council of American Overseas Research Centers (CAORC)**

- **2018–19 fellowships:** Funding to conduct research in Indonesia and Cambodia. Supported by the National Endowment for the Humanities. Open to American doctoral students and scholars and international students who have lived minimum of three years in the U.S. **Deadline to apply:** Jan. 24. 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**

- **Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs,** Oct. 19–20, Metropolitan State University, St. Paul, MN. See [website](#).
- **Love’s Labour’s Cost? Asian Migration, Intimate Labor and the Politics of Gender,** Dec. 3–4, Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore. See [website](#).
- **InterAsian Connections VI: Hanoi,** Dec. 4–7, Vietnam Academy of Social Sciences. See [website](#).
- **18th East-West Center International Graduate Student Conference on the Asia Pacific,** Feb. 12–14, Honolulu. See [website](#).
- **16th Urban Culture Forum: Safeguarding Cultural Heritage in an Urbanizing World,** March 12–13, Bangkok. Call for papers. **Deadline for abstracts:** Nov. 30. See [website](#).
- **Association for Asian Studies,** March 21–24, Denver, CO. See [website](#).
- **Midwest Political Science Association,** April 4–7, Chicago. See [website](#).
- **AAS-in-Asia,** July 1–4, Bangkok. Co-sponsored by Association for Asian Studies and Thammasat University. Call for panel and roundtable proposals. **Deadline to submit:** Oct. 22. See [website](#).

17. **Careers**

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 (and housing in some locations); participants pay for transport to and from Asia, plus funds for food during VIA gatherings. **Deadline to apply: Nov. 11.** See [website](#).

**UCLA**
- **Assistant professor**: Tenure-track position in Department of Asian Languages and Cultures open to discipline and country specialty. Preference for applicants in fields of study of religion, culture and literature. Position to begin July 1, 2019. **Application review: Nov. 15 to Dec. 1.** See [job listing](#).

**Georgetown University**
- **History professor**: Tenure-track position to teach 20th-century history of Southeast and/or South Asia at Welsh School of Foreign Service. Open to current professors or new PhDs. **Deadline to apply: Nov. 15.** See [job listing](#).

**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**
- **Researcher, Political Risk Training Program**: One-year training assignment in political risk assessment with possibility of returning for second year. BA in political science, regional studies or economics with deep knowledge, some in-country experience and foreign language fluency of relevant country or sub-region. See [job listing](#).
- **Careers**: Submit your resume to be considered for other careers with Eurasia Group. See [website](#).

**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 intern 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](#).
• 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. Email NIU alum Derek Wright at derek.wright@hess.com.tw or see website.

Idealist.org
• Privately funded website offers searchable database of nonprofit international jobs and volunteer opportunities. See the Idealist 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
• Batik Celebration Day, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Oct. 16, Indonesian Cultural Center, 711 West Grand Ave., Chicago. Talk by batik expert Etty Indriati and batik-making workshop. Sponsored by the Indonesian Consulate of Chicago. RSVP to information@indonesiachicago.org.

• 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.

• “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, Il. See website.
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