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1. This week’s lecture: Building play into community development NEW

Jon Racek, an architect, multi-disciplinary designer and senior lecturer at Indiana University-Bloomington’s Eskenazi School of Art, Architecture and Design, will present “Umoja: Community Playground Design/Build as a Tool for Empowerment” at noon Friday, Nov. 1, in Campus Life 100. Racek’s organization, Play360, trains non-governmental organizations in developing countries to build learning resources as a means of community development and educational enrichment. To date, Play360 has built 120 playgrounds in 13 countries, including Myanmar, the Philippines and Thailand. To order a Southeast Asian 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 $6 for faculty, staff and others. Payments may be made in cash or by check. For lunch details, e-mail cseasbrownbag@gmail.com. Feed the body. Feed the mind.

2. PKPI Scholars begin 2019 program NEW

Eight doctoral students from five universities in Indonesia began the PKPI (Peningkatan Kualitas Publikasi Internasional) program Oct. 15 at NIU. They are the tenth group of students selected by the Indonesia’s Directorate of Higher Education’s Ministry of Research, Technology and Higher Education to travel to NIU 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. Irma Febrityanti is studying American studies at Universitas Gadjah Mada. Haerana is studying public administration and Andi Asri Jumiaty is studying English education at Universitas Negeri Makassar in Makassar. Two students, Heri Kuswoyo and Afrianto, are studying linguistics at Universitas Padjadjaran in Bandung, and another student, Arining Wibowo is studying cultural studies at the same institution. Tifa Noer Amelia is studying management at the Universitas Brawijaya in Malang and Ummi Rasyidah is studying English education at Universitas Negeri, also in Malang. During their time on campus, scholars live in a residence hall where they can interact with 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 Kinesiology and Physical Education Professor Paul Wright. This year’s NIU faculty mentors are James Cohen (Curriculum and Instruction), Jessamine Cooke-Plagwitz (World Languages and Cultures), Deborah De Rosa (English), Laverne Gyant (Counseling, Adult and Higher Education), Doris Macdonald (English), Catherine Raymond (Art History, Center for Burma Studies), and Tomoyuki Shibata (Health Studies). Amanda Thompson, entrepreneur-in-residence at Purdue Foundry and a Finance Professor at University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, is also serving as a mentor. CSEAS graduate assistant Sinta Febrina is coordinating the program.
3. Catching up with Center associates NEW

- Alan Potkin (CSEAS) will deliver a critique of Mekong River migratory fisheries mitigation efforts at the Nov. 5–6 Mekong River Commission for Sustainable Development’s 8th Regional Stakeholder Forum in Vientiane. Earlier, Potkin presented “Wartime Cultural Collateral Damage in Laos: Vat Taleo Kao,” an interactive visualization archive, at the Oct. 15–18 Pacific Neighborhood Consortium (PNC) annual conference at Nanyang Technological University in Singapore. PNC fosters access to digitized data and research on the Pacific Rim.

- Kanjana Thepboriruk (World Languages and Cultures) announces that the Council on Thai Studies (COTS) annual meeting will take place at NIU in fall 2020. COTS, which was founded in 1972 by the centers for Southeast Asian Studies at NIU and University of Wisconsin-Madison, was last held in DeKalb in 2016.


4. Outreach lives up to its name with busy semester NEW

In between appearing at campus fairs, coordinating Friday lectures, and facilitating children’s story times at three local libraries, CSEAS Outreach staff has been out of the office as much as in it this fall. Last week was especially busy. On Oct. 18, Indonesian Embassy Education Attaché Popy Rufaidah visited Jefferson Elementary School in DeKalb with Chicago consulate staff and CSEAS Director Eric Jones to meet students and observe CSEAS Assistant Director Jui-Ching Wang teach them to play the Indonesian angklung, a bamboo instrument. Wang took the students through “Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star” on two sets of the instrument donated to the school by the embassy. CSEAS also received a set to use in its cultural programming. “We greatly appreciate the embassy’s interest in our outreach programs,” Jones said. “It was especially meaningful that they accompanied us to the school and had the
opportunity to see firsthand the direct impact of their engagement with CSEAS.”. . . . On Oct. 19, CSEAS joined more than 8,200 attendees at NIU’s STEMFest 2019, an event that celebrates science, technology, engineering and mathematics. CSEAS was there demonstrating how water in parts of Myanmar is contaminated through textile manufacturing, a process studied by researchers in NIU’s Department of Geology and Environmental Geosciences. “With no regulation in textile manufacturing in Myanmar, all waste water and dyes related to production are dumped onto the ground after they are used,” said CSEAS Outreach Coordinator Matthew Jagel. “The ground in the region is sandy, which lets water and dye fluids sink into the ground easily and be washed out to nearby rivers. This can contaminate wells in the area or impact villages downstream from these facilities. While talking about this we also increased the public’s awareness of Southeast Asia as an important region of the world.” Thanks to FLAS Fellows Thomas Phetmeuangmay, Liam McCown, Chris Bechtel, Timothy Johnson, Kayla Malloe, Amy Bounnavong and Outreach graduate assistant Rachael Skog for staffing the booth, and to CSEAS associate Melissa Lenczewski (Geology and Environmental Geosciences) for providing the water-testing equipment. . . . On Oct. 21, CSEAS Director Eric Jones and Outreach GA Rachael Skog took CSEAS on the road to three classes at Rock Valley College in Rockford, with the goal of recruiting transfer students into Southeast Asian studies at NIU. “In each class, Dr. Jones began with an introduction to the region, situating it in students’ minds geographically and historically, describing its great civilizations, and explaining why it truly was (is) the crossroads of the world,” Skog said. “After that, I introduced the Southeast Asian languages we offer, describing them as the trigger for both the Southeast Asian studies minor (one year of language completes more than half the requirements) and the opportunity to apply for a FLAS fellowship after one year of language.” The 53 students also received information on the Center’s summer 2020 study abroad programs (see below), Culture Fest in November and the 2020 Student Conference.

5. Study abroad in SEA next summer NEW

NIU and CSEAS are offering three opportunities to study abroad for credit next summer in Thailand, Vietnam and Cambodia. The NIU Study Abroad office will post registration and detailed program information soon on its portal. Learn more about studying abroad at a Study Abroad 101 workshop, held at 3:30 p.m. once a week in 417 Williston. Also, check out funding for studying abroad with a Student Engagement Fund travel grant; deadline to apply is Dec. 8. Contact engage@niu.edu. For details on these programs, email program directors, niuabroad@niu.edu, or CSEAS at cseas@niu.edu.

- Thailand: Humanitarian Aid, Sustainable Development and Refugee Studies Global Internship, June 1–July 26, is an interdisciplinary program that begins with one month of campus study in June, followed by a three-week internship experience in Bangkok and Chiang Mai July 5–26. The program is designed to allow you to broaden your field of study by exploring such topics as sustainability, social entrepreneurship, community development, diversity leadership,
migration, curriculum design, public health and international/global relations among others. Courses offered are at both undergraduate and graduate levels: SEAS 490/590 and INTL 301/501; six hours credit. **Deadline to apply: Feb. 1.** For more information, contact program director Karla Findley at kfindley1@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. 1.** For more information, 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. Mandala 2019: Looking back at an event-full year

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, now **online** and soon to be available in print. Read all about it!

### 7. Two FLAS opportunities, one application, one deadline NEW

Whether you’re applying for a summer 2020 or an academic-year 2020–21 FLAS fellowship, or both, you can apply for a Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) fellowship with **one application.**
The application and all information on both summer and academic-year FLAS awards are posted on the CSEAS website. The deadline for both summer FLAS grants and academic-year FLAS fellowships is Jan. 15. 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. The U.S. Department of Education funds FLAS fellowships.

8. Applications open: Clark and Arlene Neher Graduate Fellowship
U.S. and international graduate students are invited to apply for the Center’s 2020–21 Clark and Arlene Neher Graduate Fellowship for the Study of Southeast Asia. The fellowship includes a tuition waiver and a $5,000 annual stipend. To apply, you should be at an advanced stage in your master’s or doctoral program, and planning field or archival research in SEA studies. You must also be in good standing with NIU and demonstrate a commitment to career involving SEA Studies. Deadline to apply: Jan. 15. For details, see CSEAS website.

9. Applications open: Dwight Y. King Graduate Scholarship
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: Jan. 15. For details, see CSEAS website.

10. Save the dates: Thai Horror Movie Night, Culture Fest 2019
- **Oct. 30:** Join the Southeast Asia Club for Thai Horror Movie Night, 5 to 7 p.m., Asian American Resource Center, south side of Health Service/Campus Police building. Free popcorn and beverages.
- **Nov. 13:** CSEAS Outreach presents Multicultural Storytime Series: Thailand, 4:30 p.m., Sycamore Public Library, 103 E. State St.
- **Nov. 15–18:** Southeast Asia Youth Leadership Program ASEAN summit, Jakarta, Indonesia.
- **Nov. 21:** Culture Fest 2019, 6 to 8 p.m., Campus Life Atrium and Room 100. Food, crafts and performances by various campus groups. Organized by the Southeast Asia Club. For details, email Matthew Werstler at mwerstler1@niu.edu.
- **Nov. 25:** NIU Gamelan Ensemble fall concert, 6:30 p.m., Recital Hall, Music Building.
- **Dec. 3:** Statement of Purpose Workshop, 3 p.m., Center for Latino and Latin American Studies.
- **Jan. 15:** Deadline for Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) summer grants and academic-year fellowships, graduate Neher fellowship, and graduate King scholarship. See CSEAS Funding.
- **April 4:** Southeast Asia Performing Arts Showcase, a 125th NIU Anniversary event. Boutell Memorial Concert Hall. Time TBA.
10. Southeast Asia Crossroads: A monk and the modern Thai state
Tune in to CSEAS’s Southeast Asia Crossroads podcast series to hear University of Wisconsin-Madison anthropologist Katherine Bowie join host Eric Jones, CSEAS associate Kanjana Thepboriruk and NIU anthropology instructor Matthew Trew to discuss Bowie’s new research on the influential monk, Kruba Srivichai, and his place in defining modern Thailand. 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.

11. Sign up now for non-credit distance Indonesian class next spring
New
You can sign up to take Indonesian language professor Rahmi Aoyama’s 10-week beginning Indonesian distance class in the spring 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.

12. 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.

13. 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.

14. Money for study
New
NIU
- Undergraduate Student Engagement Travel Grants: Funding available for full-time students to attend professional conferences, NIU study abroad programs, Huskie Alternative Break trips and other student engagement projects. Applications reviewed the 15th of every month. Deadline for study abroad funds: Dec. 8. For details, contact engage@niu.edu.
- Phi Kappa Phi
  - Study abroad grants: Competitive $1,000 grants for undergraduates at institutions with active chapter (NIU is one). Applications open Dec. 15; deadline to apply March 15. See website.
- U.S. Department of State
  - Critical Language Scholarships: Open to undergraduate and graduate students for fully funded intensive summer 2020 study of Bahasa Indonesia. Deadline to apply: Nov. 19. See website.
- Blakemore Foundation
Fellowships for Advanced Asian Language Study: 2020-21 fellowships for recent graduates, graduate students and working professionals, covering tuition and a stipend for educational, living and travel expenses. Deadline to apply: Dec. 20. See website.

National Endowment for the Humanities

CAORC senior research fellowships: Applications open for 2019-20 fellowships for U.S. and international postdoctoral scholars who have resided in the U.S. for three or more years. Research to be conducted between May 2020 and November 2021 in an American overseas research center in Cambodia, Indonesia or Myanmar. Deadline to apply: Jan. 23. See website.

Center for Khmer Studies

Senior research fellowships: Applications open for in-country fellowships for doctoral candidates and post-doctoral researchers from U.S., Cambodia and France. Research funding available for fellows; research may be conducted in other SEA countries. Deadline to apply: Nov. 15. Other fellowship opportunities also. 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.

15. Conferences, symposia, calls for papers NEW


22nd Cornell Southeast Asia Program Graduate Student Conference, March 13–15, Ithaca, NY. Call for papers: Engendering Migrations: Southeast Asia. Deadline for abstracts: Nov. 30. For details, email conference chair Bruno M. Shirley at seapgatty@cornell.edu. Some travel funding available. NEW


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, etc.: Feb. 29. See website.

16. Careers

Northern Illinois University

- **Assistant Professor**: Tenure-track position in cultural anthropology; seeking SEA specialist, starting Aug. 2020. Joint hire with Department of Anthropology and CSEAS. Submit applications through NIU online employment system. **Deadline to apply: Nov. 1.**

First Division Museum

- **Collections Manager**: First Division Museum at Cantigny Park, Wheaton, seeks individual with interest in working in museum setting; master’s degree and some previous experience preferred. See website. NEW

University of Florida

- **Assistant Professor**: Tenure-track position in modern Asian history, starting Aug. 2020. **Deadline to apply: Nov. 1.** See website.

Singapore Management University

- **Professor**: Tenure-track position at full, associate or assistant level in politics and history of SEA, starting July 2020. **Application review begins Oct. 1.** See website.

McGill University

- **Assistant or Associate Professor**: Tenure-track position in SEA religions, with research rooted in study of at least one tradition and comparative study of another. **Application review begins Oct. 1.** 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.

Clark University

- **Visiting Assistant Professor**: One-semester, non-tenure track position in the history of Islam in early modern and/or modern world, starting Jan. 2020. ABD or PhD in history, Islamic studies, or related field required. See website.

University of California-Santa Cruz

- **Assistant Professor SEA History**: Tenure-track position in history with emphasis on environmental history; all SEA geographical and topical subfields welcome. **Deadline to apply: Nov. 5.** See website.

Vanderbilt University

- **Assistant Professor Asian Environmental Studies**: Tenure-track position beginning fall 2020. Open to humanities, social sciences, natural sciences specialists in Southeast, East or South Asia. **Application review begins Nov. 1.** See website.

SNA International

- **Historian**: Full-time position to conduct historical research and writing for Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency, based in DPAA lab in Joint Base Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. MA minimum educational requirement. **Position open until filled.** 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.
Yale-NUS College
- **Assistant anthropology professor**: Tenure-track position for 2020–21 academic year. 
  Application review begins Oct. 31. Apply online. 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.

17. Area cultural opportunities: Holiday Ramayana Show NEW

“Story of Ram: A Holiday Spectacular,” 3 p.m., Nov. 3, Studebaker Theater, 410 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago. Recreation of the ancient Ramayana epic with modern dance interpretations by artists from India, Java, Bali and Khmer Cultures. Tickets $15 students and seniors; $25 all others. See website. NEW

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. See website.

The future calls

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