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1. This week’s Friday lecture: American expats during the Vietnam War

Rock Valley College historian Martin Quirk will present “Lotus Eaters: American Civilians in the Vietnam War,” at noon Friday in the Asian American Center Resource Center, 375 Wirtz Drive (rear of Health Services Building). In 1975, as the North Vietnamese Army advanced on Saigon, then-Ambassador Graham Martin lamented the slow pace of voluntary American evacuation from the city, referring particularly to expatriate Americans who had become deeply integrated into Vietnamese society. Through his examination of the stories of those who made their homes in Vietnam at that time, Quirk explores the impact of their presence there. 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 details, e-mail cseasbrownbag@gmail.com. All lectures are free and open to the public; see spring schedule.

2. Campus note: A week of drawing attention to Thailand

It was all Thailand all the time last week at CSEAS with a weeklong workshop on traditional Thai illustration, a special lecture on the depictions of everyday life in Thai temple murals, an exhibit about Thai temple murals in the Donn V. Hart Southeast Asia Collection, and a reception hosted by the new Thai Consul General of Chicago, Pisanu Sobhon. The reception, organized by Thai language professor Kanjana Thepboriruk and held Feb. 21 in Campus Life 100, featured food from Thai Pavilion, music provided by Thai Music Ensemble Director Chamni Sripraram, and traditional Thai illustrations created by workshop participants under the direction of Harvard-trained anthropologist Irving Chan Johnson. Johnson, who teaches at the National University of Singapore, is also a traditional Thai mural painter who has been working for the past eight years on illustrating the walls of the Wat Uttamayanmuni in Singapore. During four two-hour evening sessions, he took workshop participants through the process of creating traditional Thai images, using math and geometry to bring figures to life on paper. Participants, who came from campus and the community, attended the Friday reception to show their resulting art works.

NIU Executive Vice President and Provost Beth Ingram spoke at the reception, tracing the 50-plus year history of Thai studies at NIU in her welcome to the Consul General, who was visiting campus for the first time since his arrival in Chicago. CSEAS Director Eric Jones also made remarks, presenting gifts to the Consul General and to Johnson. About forty students, faculty and administrators attended the reception. Thanks to the Royal Thai Consulate General of Chicago for generously providing the food. CSEAS and the NIU Foundation’s Thai Teaching and Research Endowment Fund sponsored Johnson’s visit to NIU.
3. March 1 deadline to sign up for Cambodia study abroad

This is the last week to sign up to study abroad for credit next summer in 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.

4. Applications re-opened: 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: Feb. 28.** For details, see CSEAS website.

5. 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.

6. 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 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 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.

7. 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.

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

- 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. **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.

10. **Southeast Asia Crossroads: Impact of Chinese investment in Laos**
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 23,000 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.

11. **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!

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

Kyoto University Center for Southeast Asian studies
- **Visiting Research Scholar Fellowships**: Applications open for 2020–21 cohort. **Deadline to apply: February 29.** See [website](#).

Inya Institute
- **CAORC-INYA fellowships**: Short-term fellowships for U.S. graduate students conducting field research in Myanmar. **Deadline to apply: March 2.** See [website](#).

Royal Holloway University of London
- **Ph.D. funding**: Available for Cambodian national to complete Ph.D. research studies. **Deadline to apply: March 2.** See [website](#).

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](#).

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.

15. Conferences, symposia, calls for papers

- **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 Hawai‘i-Manoa, Honolulu. Conference theme: Stories of Movement in Asia: Boundaries and Exile. 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.
- **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 Hawai‘i-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.

16. Careers

**North Carolina State University**

- **Assistant international studies professor**; Full-time teaching position. Candidates should have Ph.D. in international studies or relevant field in the humanities or social sciences. **Deadline to apply: Feb. 28**, See website.

**College of St. Scholastica**
- **Assistant history professor:** Full-time position; scholars of Asian or Latin American history preferred. School located Duluth, Minn. **Deadline to apply: Feb. 15.** See [website](#).

**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](#).

**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

- 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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