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1. This week’s Friday lecture: Life in Angkor beyond the elites NEW

Archaeologist Piphal Heng (Ph.D. anthropology/archaeology, University of Hawaii-Manoa, 2018) will present “The People of Angkor: An Archaeological Inquiry of Life in Angkor,” 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. Heng, who is a visiting scholar at NIU this year as the recipient of the 2019 Robert H. N. Ho Family Foundation Postdoctoral Fellowship in Buddhist Studies, researches the archaeological evidence of people living in and near the temples and cities of Angkorian civilization--those who built the great monuments of Angkor but whose names rarely appear in written records that typically focus on the royal court and elites. 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. Special Wednesday lecture: The ordinary in Thai temple murals; library exhibit NEW

Irving Chan Johnson, Harvard-trained anthropologist and traditional Thai illustrator from the National University of Singapore (NUS), will present “Looking at the Ordinary in Traditional Thai Painting: Reflections on Agency and Personhood” in a special CSEAS lecture at noon Feb. 19 in Campus Life 100. Johnson is on campus this week to give a five-day evening workshop, which began Monday, on the art of traditional Thai illustration. In his talk, Johnson, a mural painter at a Thai Buddhist temple in Singapore and an associate professor at NUS, will explore images of ordinariness one finds in Thai temple mural painting. Johnson will discuss how subjective understandings of cultural and political identities can be located in depictions of ordinary life found in temple murals. Sponsored by the Thai Teaching and Research Endowment Fund and organized by the NIU Thai language program and CSEAS. For details, email kanjana@niu.edu.

3. Sign up now for SEA summer study abroad programs

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). 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.

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 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 msteckelbergmelms@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**: Special Thai lecture this week, spring events galore

- **Feb. 17–21**: Traditional Thai Illustration Workshop, led by Dr. Irving Chan Johnson (University of Singapore), 5 to 7 p.m., Room 406, Holmes Student Center. Open to the public. Students free, faculty/staff $10, and all others $20. Materials included.
- **Feb. 19**: Lecture by traditional Thai artist Irving Chan Johnson, noon to 1, Campus Life 100.
- **March 5**: “The Center for Southeast Asian Studies at NIU: An International Window on the World,” DeKalb County History Center brownbag lecture with CSEAS Director Eric Jones, noon, Ellwood House Visitors Center, DeKalb.
- **March 29**: Deadline to apply for Undergraduate Research and Artistry Day and Community Engagement Showcase. See NIU Calendar [listing](#).
- **April 1–30**: “Looking at Women in Contemporary Burma,” exhibit of paintings by Burmese artists, Whitney Gallery, School of Music Building.
- **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.

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](mailto: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

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

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 **NEW**

- **18th Urban Research Plaza’s Forum, Saving Our Urban Habitat**, March 5–6, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok. See [website](#).
- **22nd Cornell Southeast Asia Program Graduate Student Conference**, March 13–15, Ithaca, NY. See [website](#). Some travel funding available.
- **1st International Conference on Preventing/Countering Violent Extremism in Malaysia and Southeast Asia**, March 16–18, Kuala Lumpur. Sponsored by the University of Maryland’s National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism in cooperation with the U.S. Embassy-Malaysia and the International Islamic University Malaysia. See [website](#).
- **Association for Asian Studies**, March 19–22, Boston. See [website](#).
- **31st Annual Graduate Student Conference**, April 7–9, University of Hawaii-Manoa, Honolulu. Conference theme: Stories of Movement in Asia: Boundaries and Exile. See [website](#).
- **Yale Indonesia Forum**, April 11, Yale University. 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](#).
- **Association for Critical Heritage Studies 2020**, Aug. 26–30, University College, London. See [website](#).
- **American Political Science Association**, Sept. 10–13, San Francisco. Registration opens in late March. See [website](#).
- **International Conference on Philippines Studies, Sept.** 21–23, Universidad de Alicante, San Vicente del Raspeig, Spain. See [website](#).
Indonesia Focus Conference, Oct. 3, University of Pittsburgh. “Human Development in Indonesia: From Outer Islands to the Capital.” Call for papers. **Deadline for abstracts: July 20.** See [website](#).

### 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](mailto: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](http://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](#).

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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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