

# CSEAS Weekly Bulletin

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**It's all in the hosting:** NIU is recruiting host families for the center's Southeast Asia Youth Leadership Program (SEAYLP). From left, Michael and Misty Haji-Sheikh and their two children, Micah and Merrick, of DeKalb, are seen here with spring 2011 SEAYLP participants Fatin (Thailand) and Atikah (Indonesia). For details on volunteering to be a host family, see item below.

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### Apply for FLAS by Feb. 6

Due to an application form issue, the deadline for the undergraduate and graduate applications for 2012–13 Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) fellowships has been extended to 4:30 p.m. Monday, **Feb. 6**. Pending U.S. Department of Education funding, FLAS grants will be awarded for fall 2012 and spring 2013 semesters. Applications and details are posted on the [CSEAS website](#).

*According to NIU policy, students awarded a FLAS fellowship will have their financial aid reduced by the dollar amount equal to the fellowship award. Teaching assistantships are not affected.*

### 1. New CSEAS interim director named

Assistant CSEAS Director Trude Jacobsen (history) will serve as interim CSEAS director through June 30 after which a new center director will assume the position. An internal search for a new director will begin immediately. Details will be forthcoming.

### 2. Wednesday CSEAS lecture: Malaysian scholar to speak Feb. 8

Datuk Shamsul Amri Baharuddin, founder and director of the Institute of Ethnic Studies at University Kebangsaan Malaysia (the National University of Malaysia) in Selangor, Malaysia, will give a lecture at 7 p.m. Wednesday, **Feb. 8**, in the University Suite at the Holmes Student Center. Baharuddin's lecture, "Malaysia: Social Cohesion First, Grievances Important," will take place in advance of his keynote address on **Feb. 9** at the Southeast Europe/Southeast Asia conference at the University of Chicago this weekend (see next item).



*Baharuddin*

"Malaysians and foreigners alike have always perceived Malaysia's peace and stability as something natural and given, which is structurally and historically not. National unity and integration in Malaysia could be viewed as a 'work-in-progress.' We have to work hard to sustain what we have achieved," Baharuddin said. "It is quite clear that what we have achieved is not national unity or integration, but only social cohesion, based on the benchmark principle of 'agree to disagree' and the concept of 'power sharing.'" It is this successful social cohesion that has made Malaysia a model to other developing countries, Baharuddin said, noting that even so, Malaysia faces the constant challenge of balancing competing interests. Baharuddin's lecture is free and sponsored by CSEAS. Light refreshments will be served.

### 3. Islam in Southeast Europe/Southeast Asia conference this week at UC



*Franke Institute for the Humanities*

From the Adriatic to the Sulu Sea: Islam and Identity in Southeast Europe and Southeast Asia, the third conference co-convened by CSEAS and the University of Chicago Center for East European and Russian/Eurasian Studies (CEERES) examining two edges of the Islamic world, will take place Thursday through Saturday, **Feb. 9–11**, at UC. The conference, which is free and open to the public, will begin at 5 p.m. Thursday, **Feb. 9**, at the International House Assembly Hall, 1414 E. 59<sup>th</sup> St., with introductions to be followed by the keynote address, "Islamization of the Modern or Modernization of Islam: A Brief Critical Review of Islam in Contemporary Southeast Asia," by Datuk Shamsul Amri Baharuddin of University Kebangsaan Malaysia. On **Feb. 10**, panels will start at 9 a.m. at the Franke Institute, 1100 E. 57<sup>th</sup> St. and conclude at 6 p.m., with dinner afterward. Panel topics are Music, Language and Identity; Health and Wealth; Ways of Being Muslim; and Progressive Modernity. From NIU, CSEAS Interim Director Trude Jacobsen (history) and CSEAS affiliate J.D. Bowers (history) will be among those presenting. A [teachers workshop](#) is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. to noon **Feb. 11**, also at the Franke Institute. Alexander Barna of UC's Center for Middle Eastern Studies will present an overview of the basic tenets/types of Islam and strategies for incorporating Islam into lesson plans and

curricula; Ermin Sinanovic of the U.S. Naval Academy will present “Comparing Islam in Southeast Europe and Southeast Asia.” Workshop is free, but registration is required; email [immertreu@uchicago.edu](mailto:immertreu@uchicago.edu). See full conference program on [CSEAS website](#).

#### 4. Call for papers: Imagining Cambodia 2012



Ledgerwood

NIU’s Cambodia Studies Working Group and CSEAS, in collaboration with the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Ohio University, University of Massachusetts-Lowell, and the Center for Khmer Studies in Cambodia, invite submissions for presentations and panels for an international [Cambodia Studies Conference](#) to take place **Sept. 13–16** at NIU. **Abstracts and panel proposals are due March 15; papers are due June 15.** The conference theme is “Imagining Cambodia,” which opens presentations in the arts as well as social sciences and humanities, encourages multimedia/interdisciplinary project and promotes creative work on both future possibilities and re-imagined versions of the past, says CSEAS associate Judy Ledgerwood (anthropology), a member of the Cambodia Studies Working Group. Papers on Cambodian diaspora communities are also welcome. In addition to regular academic panels, the conference will feature themed panels for which papers will be circulated in advance to all registered participants for in-depth discussions on particular topics. The conference will also include a musical performance and a field trip to the Cambodian American Heritage Museum and Killing Fields Memorial in Chicago.

#### 5. Call for papers: 10<sup>th</sup> International Burma Studies Conference

The board of trustees of the Burma Studies Foundation, the Burma Studies Group, and the Center for Burma Studies at NIU invite papers on all aspects of Burma studies for presentation at the 10<sup>th</sup> [International Burma Studies Conference](#) to be held **Oct. 5–7** at NIU. Submissions welcome in the fields of anthropology, art history, environment, health, history, literature, linguistics, music, political science, popular culture, religions, and area studies. Panels and papers should be devoted primarily to new research, including recent events in Burma. **Proposals for papers or panels are due April 15.** Send the title, abstract and all queries to: [bsc2012@niu.edu](mailto:bsc2012@niu.edu). The conference will feature both academic presentations and cultural events, according to Center for Burma Studies Director and CSEAS associate Catherine Raymond. For details, call 815-753-0512.



Raymond

#### 6. Call for presentations: Teaching SEA to Undergraduates



Dayley

CSEAS is hosting a one-day conference for college-level instructors, [Teaching Southeast Asia to Undergraduates](#), at NIU this spring on Saturday, **April 28**, and is currently accepting proposals for presentations on teaching Southeast Asian history and politics, current events, religions and cultures, human rights, arts and music or geography. Modest travel stipends may be available. Proposals should be submitted by **Feb. 29** to Julie Lamb at [jlamb@niu.edu](mailto:jlamb@niu.edu) (or faxed to 815-753-1776). Conference keynote speaker will be NIU alumnus and The College of Idaho professor Robert Dayley (Ph.D.

political science, 1997), who teaches about Southeast Asia and was named Idaho Professor of the Year in 2011.

### 7. '60 Minutes in SEA': Current events next at SEA Club

While much of the United States' focus is on China, Southeast Asia as a region is more important to America. Why? Join the Southeast Asia Club from 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, **Feb. 7**, in 466 DuSable to find out and to discuss current events in the region. For details, see the [club website](#) or find it on [Facebook](#).

### 8. At least 10 good reasons to be a host family for SEAYLP

NIU is actively looking for families to act as hosts **April 12–25** for twenty-five high school students and five adult leaders from Cambodia, Indonesia, Myanmar (Burma), the Philippines and Thailand participating in the fall session of the center's Southeast Asia Youth Leadership Program (SEAYLP). Students are placed in pairs and adults may be placed as singles. Host families 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. For details and a [host family application](#), contact NIU host family coordinator Leslie Shive at 815-753-9546 or e-mail [lshive@niu.edu](mailto:lshive@niu.edu).

#### Top 10 reasons to be a host family

10. You can experience a different country without going through customs
9. It beats watching "NCIS" reruns
8. You'll be able to pick out Southeast Asia on a map
7. Your kids may start answering you in Burmese, Khmer or Tagalog
6. You could become an expert at making sticky rice
5. It's something different to write about on Facebook
4. You'll be the envy of family and friends
3. It's a good excuse for spring cleaning
2. Your family portrait could replace the flying corn cob as the international symbol of DeKalb County
1. **Your family will make friendships of a lifetime**

### 9. **Save the dates:** SEA Club, Anthro Museum, Indonesia exhibit, Study Abroad

- **Feb. 7:** Southeast Asia Club meeting, "60 Minutes in Southeast Asia," 6 to 7 p.m., 466 DuSable. Get up to date with current events in SEA. Refreshments will be provided.
- **Feb. 12:** NIU Anthropology Museum open house in new Cole Hall location. Museum opens **Feb. 14** with regular hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays–Fridays; 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays.
- **Feb. 24:** Abstracts for papers due for Southeast Asia Club Student Conference in April. Deadline to apply for Lillian Cobb Faculty Travel Fellowship. See item below.
- **March 1:** Deadline to apply for NIU Indonesia and Thailand Study Abroad programs. See item below.
- **March 5:** Opening reception for "Islamic Cultures in Reflection: A Southeast Asia Photographic Exhibition," 4 p.m., Holmes Student Center Gallery Lounge. First CSEAS 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary event leading up to March 5, 2013 anniversary date.
- **March 15:** Deadline to apply for NIU Malaysia Study Abroad program. See item below.
- **April 7:** Southeast Asia Club Student Conference.
- **April 14:** Southeast Asia Culture Night, sponsored by the Southeast Asia Club, 6 p.m. Wirtz Hall Auditorium. Free food and cultural performances.

- **April 28:** Teaching Southeast Asian Studies to Undergraduates conference at NIU, sponsored by CSEAS.

### 10. Study abroad in SEA this summer with NIU

NIU is offering three opportunities to study abroad in Southeast Asia this summer with NIU faculty members. CSEAS associate Eric Jones (history) will take students to Malaysia for the seventh time. Andrea Katalin Molnar (anthropology) is reprising her 2011 Culture and Diversity in Thailand program. CSEAS adjunct Tomoyuki Shibata (nursing and health studies/public health) is conducting his first study abroad program to Indonesia. As NIU programs, all offer undergraduate and graduate course credit. For details on programs, financial aid, travel grants, scholarships, and applications, contact the NIU [Study Abroad Office](#), 417 Williston Hall; or e-mail [niuabroad@niu.edu](mailto:niuabroad@niu.edu). Study Abroad 101 workshop meets at 3:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays in 417 Williston.

- **Public Health and Health Education in Indonesia, June 4–22:** Three-week [program](#) open to a wide academic audience, including students of public health, nursing, pre-med, nutrition, geography, environmental studies, and Southeast Asian studies. Program builds on [summer 2011 research project](#) in Makassar, Indonesia conducted by Tomoyuki Shibata in cooperation with Hasanuddin University. Mandatory pre- and post-program meetings: **Feb. 6, March 5, April 2, May 14, and Aug. 27.** **Deadline to apply: March 1.** For details, email Shibata at [tshibata@niu.edu](mailto:tshibata@niu.edu).
- **Cultural Diversity in Thailand, June 15–July 14:** Four-week program focuses on cultural diversity in Thailand and the relationship between the dominant majority and minorities of the country. **Deadline to apply: March 1.**
- **Study Abroad Malaysia: History and Culture of Southeast Asia, July 22–Aug. 10:** Three-week program will be of interest to students interested in history of Southeast Asia, globalization, comparative religion, colonial and post-colonial culture and incorporates significant time in Kuala Lumpur, Melaka, Penang, the jungles of Sarawak and Borneo, and the agricultural Cameron Highlands. **Deadline to apply: March 15.**

### 11. Prepare for the podium: Abstracts for SEA Club student conference due Feb. 24

The Southeast Asia Club invites papers for its 2012 spring student conference on **April 7**. The conference theme and emphasis of the keynote address will be “Western Influence in Southeast Asia.” Papers may be submitted on any topic pertaining to Southeast Asia. **Abstracts due: Feb. 24.** Paper due dates will be sent after abstracts are received and approved. Best paper awards will be given for both undergraduate and graduate papers. Send abstracts to conference organizer Robert Kollas at [rkollas@niu.edu](mailto:rkollas@niu.edu).

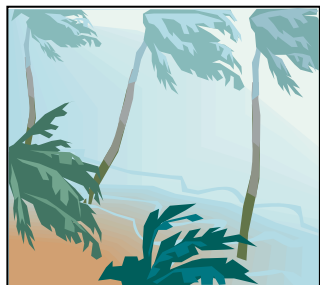


### 12. Apply for Cobb faculty travel fellowships by Feb. 24

Applications for 2011–12 Lillian Cobb Faculty Travel Fellowships for International Teaching and Service are being accepted at the [Division of International Programs](#) office through **Feb. 24**. The competitive grant program, named for Lillian (“Pauline”) Cobb, the first chair of the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures, expects to offer four grants of up to \$2,000 each to faculty members whose proposals involve international research collaboration or

support the development of a globally focused honors course. Except for extraordinary circumstances, a 50 percent match is expected from the faculty member's department and/or college. For details, email Sarah Lindell at [slindell@niu.edu](mailto:slindell@niu.edu) in the International Programs office or call her at 815-753-9526.

### 13. Relief efforts continue to aid flood victims in Cambodia, Thailand, Philippines



Monsoon and tropical storm flooding in mainland and island Southeast Asia, particularly in Cambodia, on Mindanao in the Philippines and Thailand, has displaced millions of people and put many others at risk of disease, injury and hardship as waters ebb. Rebuilding efforts and disaster relief will be ongoing for months. U.S. embassies in both countries are providing aid and funds, coordinating with humanitarian assistance teams from the U.S. military and routing millions of dollars in U.S. assistance funds. To

connect with these and other efforts, CSEAS offers this list of entities offering assistance:

- **International Red Cross:** The [Cambodian Red Cross](#), [Philippine Red Cross](#) and [Thai Red Cross](#) are accepting donations for relief efforts through their respective websites.
- **Royal Thai Embassy:** Donations to flood victims in Thailand are being accepted through the embassy. Send checks or money orders (payable to Royal Thai Embassy) to Consular Affairs Section, Royal Thai Embassy, 1024 Wisconsin Ave., N.W., Washington, DC 20007. See the embassy's Facebook page (Royal Thai Embassy, Washington, D.C.) for donation updates or call 202-285-1547.
- **Save the Children:** International aid organization is accepting donations through its Thailand Floods Children in Emergency Fund. See the [Save the Children](#) website.
- **Royal Embassy of Cambodia:** Contact the embassy at 4530 16th St., N.W., Washington, DC 20011; phone 202-726-7742.
- **World Food Programme:** The food aid arm of the United Nations is offering assistance in affected countries. To view a list of current operations, see the [WFP](#) website; to donate, see the [Fill the Cup](#) section of the website.
- **World Vision Cambodia:** International aid group is distributing rice to affected communities where rice fields and other food sources have been compromised by flooding. See the [World Vision](#) website (under Disaster Response Fund).

### 14. Money for study

*Center for Khmer Studies*

- **Summer junior resident fellowships:** Five undergraduate openings for six-week fellowship (**June 18–Aug. 3**) based at center in Siem Reap. Program intended for those with genuine interest in Cambodia and Southeast Asia and who may be considering graduate studies or careers in the region. Fellowship covers tuition, accommodation, local transport, study materials and some field trip expenses. Some grants available for international air fares, visas and medical insurance. **Deadline to apply: April 11.** See [program website](#). **NEW**

*National University of Singapore — Stanford University*

- **Distinguished Fellowship on Contemporary Southeast Asia:** 2012–13 Lee Kong Chian fellowship open to applicants with social science or humanities backgrounds (one or two

will be awarded). Fellowship will cover round-trip transportation and generous monthly stipend. **Deadline to apply: Feb. 10.** Results will be announced in March. Applications must be sent simultaneously to NUS and Stanford. For details, see [http://aparc.stanford.edu/fellowships/nus\\_stanford](http://aparc.stanford.edu/fellowships/nus_stanford). **NEW**

*Harvard Kennedy School of Government*

- **Indonesia research fellowships:** Indonesian researchers, academics, and practitioners invited to pursue independent research projects as research fellows. Appointments will run from August 2012 to July 2013. **Deadline to apply: March 15.** For details, see [program website](#).

*Center for Citizenship, Civil Society and Rule of Law*

- **Three-year doctoral fellowships:** Interdisciplinary center at University of Aberdeen welcomes students from anthropology, cultural and literary studies, history, legal theory and socio-legal studies, philosophy, politics, religious studies, sociology and theology for 2012–13 fellowships. Fellowship cover full fees and partial maintenance. **Deadline to apply: March 30.** See [center website](#).

*East-West Center*

- **Graduate degree fellowships:** Funding for graduate students to participate in residential, educational and research programs at [East-West Center](#) while pursuing degree at University of Hawaii.

## 15. Job opportunities

*U.S. State Department*

- **Student Internships Program:** Fall 2012 internships open to full- or part-time undergraduate (juniors or above) or graduate students in good standing. **Deadline to apply: March 2.** See [Student Internship Program](#) website for details. To post questions or read discussions about the program, see program's [online forum](#). **NEW**

*Center for Khmer Studies*

- **Summer Junior Resident Fellowship Program instructor:** Qualified person sought to lead and to develop a syllabus for intensive six-week study program, **June 18 to Aug. 3**, for Cambodian, French and U.S. undergraduates. Ph.D. required, along with teaching and research experience in Cambodia and Southeast Asian Studies. **Deadline to apply: April 30.** Send CV and cover letter to CKS Director Michael Sullivan at [msullivan@khmerstudies.org](mailto:msullivan@khmerstudies.org).

*Kenan Institute Asia*

- **Mainland Southeast Asia consultant:** Seeking experienced professional with some experience in the region with understanding or experience of private-sector development. Some language proficiency desired (Vietnamese best, but Thai, Lao, Khmer or Burmese acceptable). Position based in Bangkok with 50 percent travel time to Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia. For details and contact information, see [institute website](#).

*Bridges Across Borders Southeast Asia Community Legal Education Initiative*

- **2012 legal studies externship:** May 21–Aug. 12 program offers opportunity to work with community-based legal education clinics in local and rural communities alongside Bridges Across Borders team as well as local lawyers, legal educators, and community organizations in Southeast Asia. Some cost waivers available. **Deadline to apply: March 1.** For details, see [program website](#).

*Cornell University*

- **Assistant professor:** Humanities specialist in literature and/or religion and/or culture of one or more SEA countries wanted for Department of Asian Studies to begin July 2012. Ph.D. required. Scholars with strong record in research and publishing, in addition to interdisciplinary and comparative work, encouraged to apply. Submit cover letter, statement of research and teaching, CV, a writing sample and three letters of recommendation [online](#).

*Idealist.org*

- Privately funded website offers searchable database of nonprofit international jobs and volunteer opportunities. For details, see the [Idealist website](#).

## 16. Conferences and calls for papers

- **Cornell Southeast Asian Studies Graduate Conference**, March 2–4, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY. Graduate student papers welcome on any aspect of Southeast Asia for this annual spring symposium. For details, see [symposium website](#).
- **Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference**, March 15–18, Toronto, Canada. Registration open. For details, see [conference website](#).
- **New Research in Cham Studies**, June 18–19, École française d’Extrême-Orient, Paris. Co-sponsored by the Nalanda-Sriwijaya Centre of the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, Singapore. Paper proposals welcome. Some travel funds available. For details, email [nscconferences@iseas.edu.sg](mailto:nscconferences@iseas.edu.sg) (place New Research in Cham Studies in subject line).
- **Between the Mountain and the Sea: Positioning Indonesia**, July 9–10, Yogyakarta, Indonesia. Fifth International Indonesia Forum, co-sponsored by Yale University and Gadjah Mada University. Call for papers. **Deadline for submission: March 31.** For details, see [conference website](#). **NEW**
- **Bali in Global Asia: Between Modernization and Heritage Formation**, July 16–18, Universitas Udayana, Denpasar, Bali, Indonesia. Co-sponsored by Universitas Udayana, the International Institute for Asian Studies (IIAS), and the Royal Netherlands Institute of Southeast Asian and Caribbean Studies (KITLV). For details, see [conference website](#).
- **2<sup>nd</sup> International Conference on International Relations and Development**, July 26–27, Chiang Mai, Thailand. “Towards an ASEAN Economic Community (AEC): Prospects, Challenges, and Paradoxes in Development, Governance, and Human Security.” Co-sponsored by Chiang Mai, Chulalongkorn, Mahidol and Thammasat universities. For details, see [conference website](#).
- **9<sup>th</sup> International Conference on the Philippines**, Oct. 28–30, Michigan State University, Lansing, MI. **Deadline for proposals and abstracts: March 1.** Send to ICOPHIL Committee, Asian Studies Center, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI 48824-1035. For details, contact [asiansc@msu.edu](mailto:asiansc@msu.edu).
- **International Cambodia Studies Conference 2012: Imagining Cambodia**, Sept. 14–16, Northern Illinois University. Individual papers and suggestions for panel speakers and themes are invited. **Deadline for abstracts March 15; deadline for papers June 15.** Details posted on [CSEAS website](#).

- **International Burma Studies Conference 2012**, Oct. 5–7, Northern Illinois University. **Proposals for papers or panels due: April 15.** Email title, abstract and all queries to [bsc2012@niu.edu](mailto:bsc2012@niu.edu). For details, see [conference website](#). **NEW**
- **Fourth Annual Conference on Lao Studies**, April 19–21, 2013, University of Wisconsin-Madison. Details TBA. For information, see [conference website](#).
- **Thailand in the World: Twelfth International Conference on Thai Studies**, April 22–24, 2014, University of Sydney, Australia. Call for papers scheduled for August 2012. To request being added to the conference email list or for other information, email [brenda.kranz@sydney.edu.au](mailto:brenda.kranz@sydney.edu.au). The conference website will be launched in mid-2012.

#### 17. Area Southeast Asia cultural opportunities

- Chicago's [Friends of the Gamelan](#) will give a Javanese gamelan concert at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, **Feb. 8**, at Chicago's Old Town School of Folk Music, 4544 N. Lincoln Ave. Suggested donation \$5. Nathaniel Braddock and Andrew Mall are offering a beginning gamelan class in March at the school. Register at Old Town School [website](#). Friends of the Gamelan will present an afternoon of Javanese gamelan at 3 p.m. Sunday, **Feb. 12**, in Joliet at University of St. Francis Moser Performing Arts Center, 500 Wilcox St. Tickets are \$10. **NEW**
- "Remembering the Killing Fields" exhibit is 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 Sundays.
- The Indonesian Consulate General in Chicago offers free Balinese and Javanese dance and gamelan classes on weekends. For details, see consulate [website](#).

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