

CSEAS Weekly Bulletin

Center for Southeast Asian Studies at Northern Illinois University • Week of November 13, 2017



Celebrating Loi Kratong (Floating Lantern Festival) in Bangkok earlier this month. Make your own lantern to float in the East Lagoon at Friday's Floating Lantern event for International Education Week. Details below.

Lecture, lanterns and culture night

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1. This week's lecture: Religious impermanence in colonial Burma **NEW**



Turner

Alicia Turner, associate professor of humanities and religious studies at York University in Toronto, will be the final speaker for the Center's Fall Brownbag Series with her presentation, "From Colonial Law to Ko Ni: Genealogies of Religious Tolerance and Intolerance in Burma" at noon Friday, **Nov. 17**, in Campus Life 100. Turner, the author of *Saving Buddhism: The Impermanence of Religion in Colonial Burma* (University of Hawai'i Press, 2014), studies the intersections of religion, colonialism, secularism and nationalism in Southeast Asia, in particular Buddhism in Myanmar (Burma) over the past 150 years. The NIU Graduate Colloquium is sponsoring Turner's lecture as part of International Education Week. To order a Southeast Asian lunch, submit an

online request by 6 p.m. Thursday at [CSEAS Brown Bag Order](#). To cancel an order, you must do so online by 10 a.m. Friday. Cost is \$5 for students and \$7 for faculty, staff and others. Pay in cash or by check. For lunch details, e-mail cseasbrownbag@gmail.com.

2. Celebrate International Education Week this week **NEW**

The Division of International Affairs celebrates International Education Week **Nov. 13–17** with international foods in the Blackhawk Food Court and residence halls, various events, and [more](#), including several CSEAS activities. CSEAS will be fielding daily Southeast Asian language tables in DuSable Hall from 10 a.m. to noon Monday (Burmese),



East Lagoon South Bridge

Wednesday (Tagalog), Thursday (Thai) and Friday (Indonesian). The Southeast Asia Club and the Student Association are co-hosting an international culture fest with SEA language classes and international student clubs on Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m. **Nov. 16** in the Heritage Room, HSC. Come for student cultural performances and Asian food. The club also will be co-hosting with CSEAS, the Thai Studies Committee and the Student Association *Loi Krathong* (Floating Lantern Festival) from 3 to 5 p.m. **Nov. 17** at the East Lagoon South Bridge and Montgomery Hall. *Loi Krathong* (translated as "to float a basket") takes place on the full moon of the 12th Thai month and is celebrated across southwestern Tai cultures. Come make a lantern to float, view a Thai dance performance and take a selfie in a festive photo booth.

3. Student news: 'Accept-ional' **NEW**

Iqra Anugrah (PhD candidate, political science) was in Japan **Nov. 10** as an invited participant in a one-day workshop, "Two Decades after 1998 *Reformasi*: Achievements and Challenges," organized by the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies in Tokyo. He presented "Islam and the public Sphere in Post-*Reformasi* Indonesia: A Reassessment." . . . Nicole Loring (PhD candidate, political science) has been notified that her article "Overcoming Barriers: Myanmar's Recent Elections and Women's Political Participation" has been accepted for publication in a forthcoming issue of *Asia Pacific Viewpoint*. . . .Kudos to Tagalog Foreign Language Teaching Assistant Ken Calang, whose

presentation “To Jump and to Soar: The Story of Being a Filipino Fulbrighter” was selected to be presented at the Fulbright FLTA Mid-Year Conference in December.

4. Center associates update: Spreading the words **NEW**



Raymond

* Catherine Raymond (Art History, Center for Burma Studies) presented “Sacred Spaces, the Art of Merit Making and the Trans Asian Trade: Looking Beyond the Glass of Buddhist Mainland Southeast Asia” **Nov. 3** at the University of Wisconsin-Madison Center for Southeast Asian Studies’ weekly lecture series.

* Kanjana Thepboriruk (Foreign Languages and Literatures) traveled to Los Angeles to present “Mothering the Nation: Gendered Nationalism and Patriotic Patriarchy” at the **Nov. 10–11** annual Council on Thai Studies (COTS) meeting, hosted

by the UCLA Department of Asian Languages and Cultures and Naresuan University. Thai Language Professor Emeritus John Hartmann also attended COTS and presented “M. L. Boonlua Speaks: The Military Should Not Be Involved in Politics: A Critical Review of *Thutiyawiset*.”



Thepboriruk



Than

* Tharaphi Than (Foreign Languages and Literatures) presented “Finding a Safe Zone and Challenges in Higher Ed: Personal Experiences at NIU and Mandalay” at Reclaiming the Workshop as a Collaborative Pedagogy, a two-day symposium **Oct. 27–28** at Brown University’s Cogut Institute for the Humanities in Providence, R.I. She also presented “Human Rights in Myanmar (Burma)” **Oct. 25** in a lecture for the Office of International/Multicultural Education at Illinois Valley Community College in Oglesby, Ill.

* Alan Potkin (CSEAS) presented his new compilation e-book, “Digital Museology and ‘the Politics of Memory’” at the **Nov. 7–9** Pacific Neighborhood

Consortium Conference at National Cheng Kung University in Tainan, Taiwan.

5. Registration starts for spring courses **NEW**

Time to register for spring SEA courses. All five SEA language and literature classes continue: Burmese, Indonesian, Khmer, Tagalog and Thai. The Center’s undergraduate class, SEAS 225, Southeast Asia: Crossroads of the World (instructor of record Jui-Ching Wang), is offered from 12:30 to 1:45 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays in DuSable 148.

Other spring courses include:

- ANTH 328 Anthropology of Religion (Andrea Molnar)
- ANTH 790A Seminar in Anthropology (Andrea Molnar). Combined class with ANTH 328
- FLST 382 Censorship and Literature: State and Society in Authoritarian Countries (Tharaphi Than)
- FLST 582, Special Topics in Literature: Life in the Rice Paddies (Kanjana Thepboriruk). Thai language proficiency required.
- HIST 470/570 America and Asia (Staff)
- POLS 376: Political Violence (Kikue Hamayotsu)
- POLS 664, Politics of Identity: Ethnicity, Religion and Conflict (Kikue Hamayotsu).
- MUSE 370/670, Gamelan I (Ngurah Kertayuda).

All courses may be applied toward SEA Studies minors/contract majors or graduate certificates. See full schedule on CSEAS website.

6. Two FLAS opportunities, two deadlines, one application

Whether you're applying for a summer 2018 or an academic-year 2018–19 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 online. **Summer**

FLAS applications are due Jan. 1; the deadline for the academic-year FLAS is Feb. 1.

The U.S. Department of Education's Title VI Program of Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships funds FLAS fellowships.

Summer FLAS fellowships provide for the summer study of Southeast Asian languages at any U.S. Department of Education-approved [educational institution](#), especially

those in Southeast Asia, but also including the [Southeast Asian Studies Summer Institute](#) at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Questions? Contact Assistant CSEAS Director Jui-Ching Wang at jcwang@niu.edu.

What's it like to be a FLAS fellow? See "Students Parlay Southeast Asian Studies into Scholarships, Travel, Leg Up in Job Market," in the [NIU Newsroom](#)

7. Applications for 2018–19 graduate Neher Fellowship open

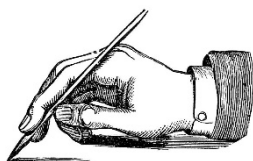
U.S. and international graduate students are invited to apply for the Center's 2018–19 Clark and Arlene Neher Graduate Fellowship for the Study of Southeast Asia. The fellowship includes a tuition waiver and a \$4,000 annual stipend. To apply, you should be at an advanced stage in your program, either master's or doctoral degree, 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. Apply [online](#) by Feb. 1; for details, see CSEAS [website](#).

8. Pick Museum invitational, Hmong Studies summer study abroad

The Pick Museum of Anthropology is calling for poster proposals for a spring exhibition showcasing original student research on the themes of social and/or environmental justice, climate change, human and cultural diversity and adaptation and local engagement or impact. Awards and cash prizes will be given for winning posters. **Proposals are due Dec. 1.** For more details, see [website](#). . . .

UW-Madison geographer Ian Baird and University of Minnesota historian Mai Na M Lee are leading a study abroad program to northern Thailand in June 2018 to learn about the Hmong populations in Thailand and Laos. The focus of the four-week program will be on refugee settlement and resettlement. The program includes seminars, guest speakers, field trips and homestays. The deadline to apply is **March 2**. For details, email Baird at ibaird@wisc.edu. . . .

9. Looking for a few good SEA manuscripts



The Northern Illinois University Press is seeking quality scholarly but accessible book-length manuscripts in Southeast Asian Studies to consider for publication. Address inquiries to Kenton Clymer, editor, Southeast Asian Series, NIU Press, at kclymer@niu.edu.

10. **Save the dates:** Lectures, lanterns, soup, student conference date **NEW**

- **Nov. 16:** Southeast Asia Club Culture Fest, 6 to 8 p.m., Heritage Room, HSC.
- **Nov. 17:** Floating Lantern Festival, 3 to 5 p.m., East Lagoon. Sponsored by CSEAS and the NIU Thai Studies Committee.

- **Dec. 8:** Soup at the Center, 11 to 2 p.m. Take time out from Reading Day to have a little soup and commune with CSEAS students, staff and faculty. **NEW**
- **April 7:** Spring student conference, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Campus Life 100. Call for papers TBA. **NEW**

11. Tune in to our latest podcast: Sustainable development in Myanmar **NEW**



Take a listen to our latest [Southeast Asia Crossroads](#) podcast: a conversation with CSEAS associates Tomoyuki Shibata (Public Health) and Jim Wilson (Geography) about their work with Myanmar universities on helping build capacity for sustainable development in this developing country. Check out our other podcasts as well. Our listenership keeps growing. Since the [series' inception](#) in September 2016, Crossroads podcasts have been downloaded more than 3,000 times with listeners in 55 countries.

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. To learn more, visit the [CSEAS website](#) or stop by CSEAS at 520 College View Court. Undergraduates may make an appointment with adviser Maria "Rai" Nihei at mhancock3@niu.edu; graduate students should contact Acting Director Eric Jones at eajones@niu.edu.

13. Money for study

NIU

- **Student Engagement Fund:** Office of Student Engagement and Experiential Learning (OSEEL) and the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences funding for faculty-mentored and community-based research projects, NIU faculty-led study abroad programs, and travel to conferences or competitions. Funding ranges from \$1,200 to \$3,500 per year. Email engage@niu.edu or visit OSEEL in Altgeld 100.

U.S. Department of State

- **Critical Language Scholarship:** Fully funded immersion language and cultural program for U.S. graduate and undergraduate students who want to study Indonesian in Indonesia during summer 2018. Eight to ten weeks. Open to graduates and undergraduates. Program also open to students who want to study Chinese. Three CSEAS students accepted to this program in summer 2017. **Deadline to apply: Nov. 15.** See [website](#).

Center for Khmer Studies

- **Fellowships:** Open to US and Cambodian PhD candidates and scholars in social sciences and humanities to pursue research in Cambodia and elsewhere in mainland SEA. Short-term and long-term awards. Funded by American Council of American Overseas Research Centers. **Deadline to apply: Nov. 15.** See [website](#).

Institute of International Education

- **Boren Awards:** Fully funded scholarships for language study and research in Southeast Asia. Open to undergraduates and graduate students. Preference given to applicants planning to study in Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam, and to those motivated to work for the federal government upon graduate. Up to \$20,000 awarded

to undergraduates; \$30,000 to graduate students. **Deadlines to apply: Jan. 30 for undergraduates; Feb. 8 for graduate students.** See [website](#).

East-West Center

- **Graduate Degree Fellowship:** Funding for East-West Center programs open to students pursuing master's or PhD at University of Hawai'i. Open to U.S. citizens or permanent residents and to citizens of Pacific and Asian countries. **Deadline to apply: Dec. 1.** See [website](#).
- **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.

National Endowment for the Humanities

- **CAORC Fellowships:** Applications open for 2017–18 Council of American Overseas Research Centers (CAORC) four-month senior research fellowships for U.S. and international postdoctoral scholars and multi-country research fellowships for U.S. doctoral candidates and postdocs. **Deadline to apply: Jan. 31.** See [website](#).

U.S.-Indonesia Society (USINDO)

- **Summer study in Indonesia:** Partial subsidy for **May 24–Aug. 2** language and cultural studies program based in Yogyakarta. **Deadline to apply: Feb. 8.** See [website](#).

Blakemore Foundation

- **Blakemore Freeman Fellowships:** Tuition and stipend awarded to college graduates, graduate students and young professions for academic year of advanced language study in Asia. SEA languages: Burmese, Indonesian, Khmer, Thai and Vietnamese. Open to U.S. citizens and permanent residents. **Deadline to apply: Dec. 30.** 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. See [website](#).

University of Cambridge

- **Scholarships for international students:** Fully funded undergraduate and graduate scholarships available. Undergraduate deadline passed. **Graduate deadline to apply: Dec. 6.** See [website](#).

14. Conferences, symposia, calls for papers

- **5th International Conference on Contemporary Cultural Studies**, Nov. 27–28, Singapore. See [website](#).
- **8th International Conference on Language, Education, Humanities and Innovation**, Nov. 27–28, Ho Chi Minh City. See [website](#).
- **International Institute for Asian Studies Symposium**, Dec. 11–12, Airlangga University, Surabaya, Indonesia. Theme: River Cities: Water Space in Urban Development and History. See [website](#).
- **9th Engaging with Vietnam Conference**, Dec. 28–Jan. 4, Ho Chi Minh City and Tuy Hoa, Vietnam. Hosted by Vietnam National University and University of Hawai'i-Manoa. See [website](#).

- **17th International Graduate Student Conference**, Feb. 15–17, East-West Center, Honolulu. Limited number of travel grants available. See [website](#).
- **Missouri Valley History Conference**, March 1–3, Omaha, NE. Call for papers. “Resistance and Activism Throughout History.” **Deadline to submit: Dec. 4.** See [website](#).
- **7th Southeast Asian Studies Symposium**, March 22–24, Universitas Indonesia, Jakarta. Project Southeast Asia/University of Oxford. In collaboration with UI’s School of Environmental Science and Indonesia Environmental Scientists Association. See [website](#).
- **Midwest Political Science Association**, April 5–8, Palmer House Hilton, Chicago. See [website](#).
- **Asia-Pacific Conference on Business & Social Science**, April 12–14, Kuala Lumpur. Call for papers. Deadline to submit: Dec. 20. See [website](#).
- **Asian Extremes: Climate, Meteorology and Disaster in History**, May 17–18, National University of Singapore. See [website](#).

15. Careers

University of San Francisco

- **Assistant Professor International Studies:** Tenure track to begin August 2018. See [website](#).

Simon Fraser University

- **Assistant Professor International Studies:** Full-time, tenure track position for Southeast Asia or East Asia specialist to begin September 2018. **Application review began Oct. 27.** For information, contact Dr. Tamir Moustafa at tmoustafa@sfu.ca.

Vanderbilt University

- **Director, Global Studies Program:** Seeking scholar-teachers to be inaugural director of new program. Tenured position. Appointment at the associate or full professor rank. **Application review to begin Nov. 1.** To apply online, see [job listing](#).

Eurasia Group

- **Research Associate:** Singapore-based specialist in Southeast Asia. Master’s degree or greater preferred. Fluency in one SEA language preferred but not required. **Posted Aug. 18.** See [job listing](#).
- **Researcher, Political Risk Training Program:** One-year training assignment in political risk assessment with possibility of returning for second year. BA in political science, regional studies or economics with deep knowledge, some in-country experience and foreign language fluency of relevant country or sub-region. See [job listing](#).

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](#).

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

Idealist.org

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

Learn How to Become

- Privately funded website offers searchable database of meaningful volunteer and nonprofit career options and resources. See [website](#).

ReliefWeb

- Specialized digital service of the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs that posts jobs regularly. See [website](#).

World Health Organization

- Global health agency in the United Nations system encourages online applications for potential employment. See [website](#).

16. 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. See [website](#) for details or phone 312-725-0640.
- "Remembering the Killing Fields" exhibit on display at the Cambodian American Heritage Museum and Killing Fields Memorial, 2831 W. Lawrence Ave., Chicago. The [Cambodian Association of Illinois](#) also holds free Cambodian music and dance lessons.
- The Indonesian consulate in Chicago offers free Saturday classes: Indonesian language classes at 10:30 a.m. (intermediate) and 1 p.m. (children's class); Indonesian traditional dance, 2 to 4 p.m.; and Javanese gamelan, 4 to 6 p.m. All classes held at the Indonesian Cultural Center, 711 W. Grand Avenue. Call 312-920-1880, ext. 104/105, or email icc@indonesiachicago.org. See the consulate's [Facebook](#) page.
- Indonesian Dance of Illinois offers traditional dance and gamelan music lessons Saturdays in Evanston, IL. See [website](#).

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