The staff of the 2018 Southeast Asia Youth Leadership Program (SEAYLP) stands ready to greet 50 high school students and 10 adult leaders from 10 Southeast Asian countries who will arrive at NIU April 2. The program runs April 2-26. CSEAS is still looking for host families for a one-week homestay for pairs of participants. Details below.

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   NEW
   Cultural anthropologist James Hoesterey of Emory University’s Department of Religion will present “Digital Redemption: Pornography, Blasphemy and the Comeback Campaign of Aa Gym” at noon Friday, April 6, in Room 100 Campus Life. Hoesterey, who received his PhD from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, is the author of *Rebranding Islam: Piety, Prosperity, and a Self-Help Guru* (Stanford University Press, 2015). His research focuses on public diplomacy, soft power and moderate Islam; Islam and the media; and the cultural politics of public piety in modern Indonesia. He currently serves as secretary for the American Institute for Indonesian Studies (AIFIS) and serves on the board for the Commission for Visual Anthropology. Hoesterey will also give the keynote address at the Southeast Asia Student Conference April 7. 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. Spring Southeast Asia Student Conference April 7 in Campus Life 100
   Fourteen presenters will take the podium at the Southeast Asia Club’s Spring Southeast Asia Student Conference April 7, in Campus Life 100. Conference sign-in begins at 8:30 a.m., with lunch served after the morning sessions. The conference is free and open to all. Emory University cultural anthropologist James Hoesterey will give the keynote address after lunch. He will present “Diplomacy, Soft Power, and the Making of ‘Moderate Islam’ in Indonesia.” The Graduate Colloquium is co-sponsoring Hoesterey’s appearance. Awards will be given for best undergraduate and graduate paper. For details, email niuseaclub@gmail.com (put Student Conference in the subject line).

3. Loring awarded 2018–19 Neher fellowship
   NEW
   Political Science PhD candidate Nicole Loring has been awarded the 2018–19 Clark and Arlene Neher Graduate Fellowship for the Study of Southeast Asia. Loring, who received her BA from Syracuse University, came to NIU in fall 2011 to begin the MA/PhD program in Political Science. After earning her MA in 2014, she is in the process of writing her dissertation, which focuses on democratization in Myanmar (Burma) over three periods (1988–2002, 2003–2010 and 2011–2015). Loring has traveled to Myanmar three times in the course of her study, the first as a summer FLAS fellow and later as a researcher to plumb historical archives and conduct interviews with research subjects. Loring, who hails from New Hampshire, is the seventeenth graduate student to receive the endowed Neher fellowship, established in 2002 by NIU political scientist emeritus and former CSEAS Director Clark Neher and External Programming Director emeritus and CSEAS associate Arlene Neher. The Center awards the $4,000 fellowship plus tuition waiver to one advanced-level graduate student.
Kikue Hamayotsu and Kheang Un (Department of Political Science), Kanjana Thepbiriruk, Tharaphi Than and Rahmi Aoyama (Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures), Catherine Raymond (Art History/Center for Burma Studies), and CSEAS Director Eric Jones (History) College of Liberal Arts & Sciences Dean Judy Ledgerwood (Anthropology) all traveled to Washington, DC, for the March 22–25 Association of Asian Studies meeting. Hamayotsu was a discussant on the panel “20 Years after Suharto: Trajectories of State and Social Forces in Indonesian Politics” and Un was the discussant on the panel “The Cambodian 2018 Election: Youth, Party and the New Political Landscape.” Than was a discussant on a special AAS panel on “The Rohingya Question,” which brought together a group of experts for a critical discussion of Rohingya ethnic claims and the current human rights situation in Rakhine State in Myanmar. Thepbiriruk attended the business meeting of the Council of Teachers of Southeast Asian Languages (COTSEAL) and meetings of the Southeast Asian Language Taskforce and the Thailand-Laos-Cambodia Section. Aoyama also attended COTSEAL and the business meeting for the Consortium for the Teaching of Indonesian (COTTI). Raymond attended the annual meeting with the Burma Studies Foundation Trustees.

In addition to joining Dean Ledgerwood on Capitol Hill to promote US Department of Education Title VI area studies programs earlier in the week, Jones attended meetings with the Center’s US Departments of Education and State program officers, Southeast Asian Studies Summer Institute stakeholders, and his SEA Studies Center counterparts from around the country. Jones also attended the founding meeting of the Southeast Asia Language Council. The council’s goals, he said, are to support and enhance Southeast Asia language study across the country, support professional development of SEA language instructors and the development of instructional materials, and serve as a body to encourage and promote collaborative and shared projects and course initiatives with support from Title VI, other federal programs, and private funding. Jones will serve on the group’s Materials Development Committee.

Hao Phan (NIU Libraries) is in print with “Two Readings of Two Books by Viet Thanh Nguyen” in the latest Journal of Vietnamese Studies (Vol. 13, No. 1). Electronic access to the journal, published by University of California Press, is available through Founders Memorial Library.

Kanjana Thepbiriruk (Foreign Languages and Literatures) gave an abridged version of her talk “Mothering the Nation: Gendered Nationalism and Patriarchic Patriotism” over spring break at the International Studies Thailand Symposium at York University in Toronto.
5. Help wanted: Seeking 2018–19 TA for SEAS 225

CSEAS is accepting graduate student applications to be the 2018–19 teaching assistant for SEAS 225, the center’s undergraduate Southeast Asia survey course. The assistantship is a full-time (20 hours per week) position; the class is 12:30 to 1:45 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, location to be determined. Southeast Asia faculty in a variety of disciplines will deliver most of the lectures. Specific duties include: Develop course syllabus and assessment modules; grade all exams, papers and assignments; keep office hours for student tutoring and guidance on lecture materials; post course material on Blackboard; teach some classes, including overview lectures and presentations relevant to his/her discipline and research interests. Applicants should be advanced in their graduate studies (minimum two years) and must have knowledge of or experience in Southeast Asia, in addition to strong organizational, written and communication skills. Previous TA experience preferable but not essential. The Center will give preference to those in the process of completing the graduate certificate in Southeast Asian studies. Position pays a monthly stipend plus full tuition waiver. Office space in Pottenger House is also provided. **Office Manager Lisa Heal** must receive all materials, including a graduate assistantship application, cover letter, resume, and two reference contacts by 9 a.m. April 23. Email to lheal@niu.edu or FAX to 815-753-1776 or send by post to CSEAS, Northern Illinois University, 520 College View Court, DeKalb, IL 60115.

6. Notes from all over: VIPs, PhDs and COTI

The Center hosted Dr. Irwan Prayitno, governor of West Sumatra, Indonesia, **March 27** when Prayitno paid a visit to NIU with Indonesian Chicago Consul Rosmalawati Chalid and a delegation of West Sumatran and consulate officials. Prayitno came to NIU to discuss signing a Memorandum of Understanding with the university. Before returning to Chicago, the governor visited surprised students in CSEAS associate Rahmi Aoyama’s beginning Bahasa Indonesian class . . . . Congratulations to Indonesian student Afrimadona, who successfully defended his Political Science doctoral dissertation **March 28** and will receive his PhD in May. The title of his dissertation is “Three Essays on Congressional Influence in American
Foreign Policy”... Kudos also to History doctoral student JoAnn Fleming, who has been awarded the NIU Foundation’s Mothers Memorial Scholarship and has been nominated to the national academic honor society, Phi Kappa Phi... Political Science alum Nay Yan Oo (MA political science, 2015), currently a Resident Fellow at the Pacific Forum CSIS in Honolulu, has been accepted into the two-year Public Policy Program at the University of Oxford. ... Got an artistic bent? The Consortium for the Teaching of Indonesian (COTI) is looking for a new logo and has a $100 gift card to award to the winning entry. The logo should contain the following elements: red color on white background (representing the Indonesia flag), the Nusantara Archipelago and the COTI acronym. For more information, see the COTI website. Submit entries by April 30 to board@coti-usa.org.

7. Be a ‘home-bassador’: Seeking host families for SEAYLP
Join more than a dozen local families who have already signed up to be homestay hosts for the Center’s upcoming Southeast Asia Youth Leadership Program (SEAYLP). CSEAS is still seeking households to host either a pair of high school students or an adult leader from 10 Southeast Asian countries for a week during SEAYLP 2018. Homestay dates are April 13–20. 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. CSEAS can help with transportation to campus if that’s an issue. SEAYLP host family orientation is at 7 p.m. Monday, April 3, in the Sky Room, Holmes Student center. You can find details and applications on the SEAYLP website. For details, contact SEAYLP Homestay Coordinators Jenny Ruff at SEAYLP@jennyruff.com or Drew Wells at wells.drew@gmail.com. You may also contact SEAYLP Administrative Director Anastasia Kocher at akocher1@niu.edu. Check out what local families have to say about being a homestay host in NIU Today. You’ll be glad you did!

8. Get your Fulbright on: Student workshop April 5 NEW
Start thinking about that Fulbright fellowship early! The Division of International Affairs is hosting a workshop on the Student Fulbright Program at noon April 5 in Campus Life 100. The competitive fellowship program is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State and coordinated in the US by the Institute of International Education. Campus Fulbright Advisor and CSEAS affiliate Taylor Atkins will lead the workshop, which is open to undergraduate and graduate students. The campus deadline is Sept. 5, but students are advised to start working on their applications early. For information, contact Sarah Lindell at slindell@niu.edu or call her at 753-9526. See details on the International Affairs website.

9. Save the dates: Peace Corps, Fulbright workshop, student conference, cultural events
- April 2: Meet recruiters from the Peace Corps and other service groups, 5 p.m., Campus Life 100. Sponsored by NIU Career Services.
- April 5: Student Fulbright Program workshop, Noon, Campus Life 100. Open to undergraduates and graduate students. Led by NIU Fulbright Campus Program Advisor Taylor Atkins. Sponsored by the Division of International Affairs.
- April 7: Spring Southeast Asia Student Conference, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Campus Life 100.
- **April 8**: New Year Water Festival, DeKalb Public Library. Sponsored by CSEAS, NIU Burma Interest Group and NIU Thai Studies Committee. **FREE.**
- **April 8**: World Music Concert, Boutell Memorial Concert Hall. **FREE.**
- **April 13–20**: SEAYLP Host Family Week.
- **April 21–26**: SEAYLP Global Youth Leadership Camp for area high school students.
- **April 23**: SEAYLP Culture Night, 6:30 p.m., location TBA. **FREE.**

10. Latest podcast: Teaching about genocide and the Khmer Rouge
In this special **Southeast Asia Crossroads** podcast focused on teaching about Southeast Asia, we talk to Cambodia expert and anthropologist Judy Ledgerwood as she explains how she teaches about genocide and the Khmer Rouge in Cambodia. Accompanying lesson materials can be found on the CSEAS website (click on the link for Teaching about the Khmer Rouge under Lesson Plans and Curriculum). Check out our other podcasts as well. Our listenership keeps growing. Since the series’ inception in September 2016, Crossroads podcasts have been listened to more than 6,000 times with listeners in 70 countries.

11. Guest professor to teach summer POLS class
CSEAS and the Department of Political Science will welcome Professor Xu Ke from China’s Xiamen University in June to teach POLS 395, Contemporary Topics in Political Science—Selected Issues on China. The summer course will cover current security issues facing China and Southeast Asia in the areas of cybersecurity, health, the environment, energy, transnational crime, terrorism and society. It will run from 1 to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday, **June 18–28**, in Room 422 DuSable. The class is cross-listed under HIST 391/591 and SEAS 490/690.

12. Hmong exhibit on display through April 14 in Aurora
A modified version of the Pick Museum of Anthropology’s 2016 exhibit “Storytelling: Hmong American Voices” is now on display at Waubonsee Community College’s downtown Aurora location, 8 S. River St. The exhibit, In/Visibility: Hmong America and the Art of Storytelling, will be on display through **April 14** and explores Hmong American identity through first-person reflections, textiles and artwork by Hmong American artist J. Tshab Her. The exhibit is free and open to the public through funding provided by the Pick Museum, the **Dunham Fund** and Waubonsee Community College.

13. 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 Maria Nihei at mhancock3@niu.edu; graduate students should contact Assistant Director Jui-Ching Wang at jcwang@niu.edu.

14. 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.
15. Money for study NEW

**National Library of Singapore**
- **Lee Kong Chian Research Fellowship**: Funding to facilitate and publishing about Singapore and Southeast Asia culture. **Deadline to apply: April 27.** See [website](#). NEW

**Institute of International Education**
- **Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program**: 2019–20 competition for awards open. For details of available awards, see [catalog](#). **Deadline to apply: Aug. 1.** For details, contact NIU Campus Program Advisor Taylor Atkins at etatkins@niu.edu.

**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](#).

**Institute of Thai Studies, Chulalongkorn University**
- **ENITAS, ENITS Scholarships**: Funding for graduate students and young scholars working on Thai-Tai and ASEAN studies. **Deadline to apply: April 30.** 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.

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15. Conferences, symposia, calls for papers

- **NIU Spring SEA Student Conference**, April 7, Campus Life 100. For details, email niuseaclub@gmail.com.

- **Midwest Political Science Association**, April 5–8, Palmer House Hilton, Chicago. See [website](#).

- **Kings and Dictators: The Legacy of Monarchy and New Authoritarianism in Asia**, April 13–14, Cornell University Kahin Center. See [website](#).

- **Asia-Pacific Conference on Business & Social Science**, April 12–14, Kuala Lumpur. See [website](#).


- **Escaping the Homeland: Contesting Diasporic Narratives**, April 20–21, Yale University. 17th Northeastern Conference on Indonesia. See [website](#).


- **Asian Extremes: Climate, Meteorology and Disaster in History**, May 17–18, National University of Singapore. See [website](#).

- **International Conference on Business and Human Rights: Holding Governments Accountable in Asia**, July 12–14, Bangkok. See [website](#).
- 13th Singapore Graduate Forum on Southeast Asian Studies, July 23–27, National University of Singapore. See website.
- 13th International Burma Studies Conference, Aug. 3–5, Bangkok. Call for papers. Proposals for papers or panels due: April 15. See website. NEW
- The Rohingya Crisis: A Multidimensional Tragedy, Aug 24, Asia Centre, Bangkok. See website.
- UK Association of Southeast Asian Studies, Sept. 5–7, University of Leeds. Proposals and abstracts due: May 31. See website. NEW
- InterAsian Connections VI: Hanoi, Dec. 4-7, Vietnam Academy of Social Sciences. See website.

17. Careers

Singapore Management University
- Tenure-track Position: Assistant, associate or full professor of humanities, School of Social Sciences, to begin July 2018. Application review to begin March 5. See job listing.

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
- 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. Spring recruiting beginning now. See job listing.
- Careers: Submit your resume to be considered for other careers with Eurasia Group. See website.

University of San Francisco
- Assistant Professor International Studies: Tenure track to begin August 2018. See website.

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. 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.

18. Area cultural opportunities
- If you missed the “Storytelling: Hmong American Voices” exhibit at the NIU Pick Museum of Anthropology last year, you can see it at downtown Aurora campus of Waubonsee Community College, 8 S. River St., through April 14.
- Lunar New Year Celebration, 6 p.m. to midnight, **April 21**, Furama Restaurant, 4936 Broadway, Chicago. Sponsored by the Cambodian Association of Illinois. Food, cultural performances, and music. Tickets $50 for adults. For information, call 773-878-7090.
- Lantern Parade and Vesakha Day Celebration, 4 to 7 p.m., **May 19**, Blue Lotus Buddhist Temple & Meditation Center, 221 Dean St., Woodstock, IL 60098.
- 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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