CSEAS Weekly Bulletin
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1. This week’s CSEAS lecture: Iron and the rise of the medieval Khmer empire

University of Illinois-Chicago archaeologist Mitch Hendrickson will present “Steely Places and Angkorian Spaces? Conceptualizing the Rise of the Khmer Empire (11th to 13th c. CE), Cambodia” at noon Friday, Feb. 9, in Room 100 Campus Life. Hendrickson, whose research focuses on the area around Phnom Dek east of Angkor Wat, argues that industrial-level iron production was one of the most significant factors in the rise of Angkor. 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. Deadline extended to Feb. 18 for summer study abroad in Indonesia

The deadline to apply for Political Science associate Kikue Hamayotsu’s upcoming summer study abroad program in Yogyakarta, Central Java, has been extended to Feb. 18. The June 24–July 7 program, Democracy and Cultural Diversity in Indonesia, will focus on Indonesian politics, religious and ethnic diversity and conflict in a rapidly changing Southeast Asian society. Yogyakarta is a vibrant hub of culture, arts, education and industry where students can observe how Indonesia’s diversity informs its social, political and economic development. Participants will live at Gadjah Mada University, which is co-sponsoring the program, and participate in daily activities and field trips to heritage sites, monuments and museums. The program cost, excluding airfare, passport and/or visa fees, and personal expenses, is $2,800, which covers room and breakfast, lunch daily; program transportation and admission fees; undergraduate or graduate credits, international travel insurance and NIU Study Abroad administrative fees. For details, contact Hamayotsu at khamayotsu@niu.edu.

3. Abstracts due Feb. 16 for spring student conference

The Southeast Asia Club invites papers for its 2018 Southeast Asia Student Conference, which is set for Saturday, April 7, in Campus Life 100. Papers may be submitted on any topic pertaining to Southeast Asia. Deadline to submit abstracts: Friday, Feb. 16. Final papers due Friday, March 2. Email inquiries or abstracts to niuseaclub@gmail.com (please put student conference in the subject). Best paper awards will be given for undergraduate and graduate papers. James Hoesterey, Emory University cultural anthropologist, will be the keynote speaker, co-sponsored by the Graduate Colloquium. 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).
4. Family ties: Be a host for SEA youth exchange programs NEW
CSEAS and NIU’s International Training Office (ITO) are actively seeking area home stay hosts for two annual spring Southeast Asia youth exchange programs sponsored by the U.S. State Department at NIU.

CSEAS is looking for 30 households to host for a week 50 high school students and 10 adult leaders from nine Southeast Asian countries participating in the Southeast Asia Youth Leadership Program (SEAYLP). The homestay dates for SEAYLP are April 15–21. Students may be placed in pairs and adults 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. Host family orientation is 6:30 to 8 p.m. Monday, April 3, on campus. You can find details and applications on the SEAYLP website. For more information, contact SEAYLP Homestay Coordinator Jenny Ruff at SEAYLP@jennyruff.com or SEAYLP Administrative Director Anastasia Kocher at akocher1@niu.edu. And for host family perspective, check out what local families have to say about being a homestay host in NIU Today.

ITO is also seeking host families for two weeks in April for the Philippine Youth Leadership Program (PYLP), which is bringing 24 young people and 4 adult leaders from the Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao and surrounding provinces in the Philippines to NIU for four weeks. The homestay dates for PYLP are April 15–28. Host family orientation is 7 to 8:30 p.m. April 11 in the Holmes Student Center’s University Suite. For details, see the PYLP website or contact ITO Homestay Coordinator Leslie Shive at lshive@niu.edu.

5. New podcast: Religious tolerance, intolerance in Myanmar NEW
Take a listen to our latest Southeast Asia Crossroads podcast: a conversation with York University Professor Alicia Turner, “Genealogies of Religious Tolerance and Intolerance in Burma.” 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 4,700 times with listeners in 55 countries.

6. Opportunities knock: Research Rookies, Rotary summit NEW
NIU’s Research Rookies program offers undergraduate first-years, sophomores and first-semester transfer students, in any discipline, the opportunity to work on research projects with professors. The deadline to apply for 2018–19 is April 29. For more information on this and other Office of Student Engagement and Experiential Learning programs, see the OSEEL website. Few clubs do international service as well as the Rotary Club. Students are invited to learn more about international service opportunities at the Naperville Rotary Club’s International Leadership Summit.

Top 10 reasons to be a host family
10. You can experience a different country without getting on an airplane
9. It beats watching “Survivor” reruns
8. You’ll be able to pick out Southeast Asia on a map
7. Your kids may start answering you in Burmese, Indonesian, Khmer, Lao, Malay, Thai, Tagalog or Vietnamese
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 corncob as the international symbol of DeKalb County
1. Your family will make friendships of a lifetime
Feb. 10 at NIU’s Naperville Conference Center, 1120 E. Diehl Road. Admission for students is $5. For details, email organizer Richard Tatara at rmtatara428@gmail.com.

7. Hmong exhibit travels to Aurora
The Pick Museum of Anthropology’s 2016 exhibit “Storytelling: Hmong American Voices” is reappearing in two modified exhibits in Aurora this spring. The exhibit comprising Hmong American objects and personal stories opens at the Aurora Public Library’s Santori branch, 101 S. River St., at 5:30 p.m. Feb. 2. Remarks, refreshments and a performance by the First Hmong Alliance Church Choir will be part of the event. The exhibit will be on display at the library Feb. 2–25. Along with the exhibit, the library will host a Hmong Story Cloth Story Time from 1 to 2 p.m. Feb. 3 and a Hmong applique cultural art lesson from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Feb. 17. Under the title, “In/Visibility: Hmong America and the Art of Storytelling,” the exhibit moves in March to Waubonsee Community College’s downtown Aurora campus at 8 S. River St. March 2. Remarks, refreshments and a guided tour by Hmong American artist J. Tshab Her and Pick Museum staff will be part of an opening reception at 6 p.m. March 2. The exhibit will be on display through April 14. Both exhibits are free and open to the public. The Pick Museum, the Dunham Fund and Waubonsee Community College provided funding for both exhibits.

8. Apply online for Graduate School travel funding
Are you going to a professional meeting or conference? You can apply online for Graduate School travel grants to travel to out-of-town (or out-of-country) professional meetings April 1 to June 20. Grant proposals are due to the Graduate School by March 19. You must have completed one year of school with 3.5 GPA or above. See Graduate School website for details on its travel funding; submit applications to Dean, Graduate School, 223 Adams Hall.

9. Outside SEA language, cultural study abroad opportunities NEW
* indicates full or partial funding
- * The Consortium for the Teaching of Indonesian (COTI)’s eight-week summer immersion program is open to undergraduates and graduates at the interim Indonesian level. The program, which is held at Universitas Kristen Satya Wacana in Salatiga, Central Java, includes structured academic program includes language instruction, field trips and arts and cultural activities. Funding available. Program dates are June 15–Aug. 9. Deadline to apply: Feb. 17 (notification Feb. 24). For details, see COTI website. NEW
- * David L. Boren program: The David L. Boren fellowships and scholarships, an initiative of the national Security Education program administered by the Institute of International Education, is open to U.S. undergraduate and graduate students to hone their language skills abroad. Grants range from $20,000 for undergraduates to $30,000 for graduate students. Deadline for undergraduates to apply has passed, but graduate students may still apply. Deadline: Feb. 9. The Boren advisor at NIU is Study Abroad Director Anne Seitzinger; contact her at aseitz@niu.edu. For details, see Boren website. NEW
- * New Boren award targets Bahasa: A new fully funded David L. Boren language-study scholarship is aimed at increasing the number of Indonesian-speakers in the U.S. The Indonesian Flagship Language Initiative program begins with an eight-week Indonesian
language program at the University of Wisconsin-Madison’s Southeast Asian Studies Summer Institute, followed by a fall program in Indonesia at the State University of Malang administered by the American Councils for International Education.

- * For 23 years, the United States-Indonesia Society (USINDO) has sponsored a partially funded summer studies program in Yogyakarta for 23 years. The 10-week program includes language study, lectures and coffee talks, cultural workshops, field trips, a homestay and the opportunity for volunteering or doing independent research. The 2018 program runs May 24–Aug. 2. Accepted students pay $2,000 with USINDO covering rest of program funds. **Deadline to apply: Feb. 8.** For 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. **Deadline to apply: March 2.** For details, email Baird at ibaird@wisc.edu.

10. **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.

11. **Save the dates: Deadlines, host families, special events NEW**

- Feb. 16: Deadline to submit abstracts for Spring Southeast Asia Student Conference to niuseaclub@gmail.com. **Deadline for final papers: March 2.** Email to niuseaclub@gmail.com.
- Feb. 18: Deadline to apply for Indonesia summer study abroad. See website. **NEW**
- Feb. 19: Southeast Asia Club Lunar New Year celebration, 6:30 p.m., Campus Life Building Atrium. FREE. **NEW**
- 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. **NEW**
- April 13–21: 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.

12. **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.

13. **Money for study NEW**

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. **Deadline for summer 2018: Feb. 28.** Email engage@niu.edu or visit OSEEL in Altgeld 100.

**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.

**Institute of International Education**
- **Boren Awards:** Fully funded scholarships for language study and research in Southeast Asia. Graduate students may still apply for the next round. 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: Feb. 8.** See website.  
- **Darmasiswa Scholarship:** One-year fully funded program to study language and culture in Indonesia beginning August 2018. **Deadline to apply: Feb. 18.** See website.  

**Center for Khmer Studies**
- **Summer Junior Resident Fellowships:** Six-week undergraduate program, **July 2–Aug. 10**, Siem Reap, Cambodia. All costs covered except travel to Cambodia with small travel grants available. **Deadline to apply: Feb. 28.** 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. See website to apply.  

**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.  

**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.  

14. **Conferences, symposia, calls for papers**
- **East-West Center International Graduate Student Conference**, Feb. 15–17, Honolulu, HI. Limited number of travel grants available. See website.  
- **UM Southeast Asian Studies Graduate Student Conference**, Feb. 15, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI. Theme: Deconstructing Borders & Barriers. For details, email umceas2018@gmail.com.  
- **UW-Madison Trans-Asia Graduate Student Conference**, March 2–4, Madison, WI. Theme: “Asia Re-Mixed.” For details, email tagsconference@rso.wisc.edu.  
- **Cornell Southeast Asian Studies Graduate Student Conference**, March 9–11, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY. Theme: Possession and Persuasion. For details, email seapgradconf@gmail.com.

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.

NIU Spring SEA Student Conference, April 7, Campus Life 100. Deadline for abstracts extended: Feb. 16. Papers due: March 2. For details, email niuseaclub@gmail.com.

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. 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. NEW


15. Careers NEW

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. NEW

Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom in Myanmar

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].

**Angelo State University**
- **Assistant Professor Asian History**: Tenure-track position at San Angelo, Texas-based institution. **Application review to begin Feb. 12**. See [website]. **NEW**

**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].
16. Area cultural opportunities

- If you missed the “Storytelling: Hmong American Voices” exhibit at the Pick Museum of Anthropology last year, you can see it at the Aurora Public Library through **Feb. 25**, 101 S. River St. It then travels to downtown Aurora campus of Waubonsee Community College, 8 S. River St., **March 2–April 14**. Opening reception at 6 p.m. **March 6**.

- 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.