As soon as undergraduate FLAS fellow Rachel Jacob (history/political science) finished finals in December, she was on her way to Jakarta to participate in the Bali Democracy Forum Students Conference. Details on Jacobs’ trip and details about this summer’s Indonesia study abroad program in the news below.

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1. **This week’s lecture: Local elections and public service in Indonesia**

   The Center’s spring brown bag lecture series kicks off at noon this Friday, Jan. 26, in Room 100 Campus Life, with political scientist and NIU alumnus Ronnie Nataatmadja (PhD political science, 2017), who will present “Local Elections and Public Service Provision in Indonesia: Influence in Middle Class.” To order a Southeast Asian lunch, submit an online request by 6 p.m. Thursday at [CSEAS Brown Bag Order](mailto:). 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. **2018–19 FLAS applications due Feb. 1**

   There’s one week left to apply for a 2018–19 Foreign Language and Area Studies fellowship! The [application](http://example.com) and all [information](http://example.com) on the academic-year FLAS awards are posted online. **The deadline to apply is Feb. 1.** The U.S. Department of Education funds FLAS fellowships. Questions? Contact Assistant CSEAS Director Jui-Ching Wang at jcwang@niu.edu.

3. **2018–19 graduate Neher Fellowship due Feb. 1**

   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, students should be at an advanced stage in their master’s or doctoral program, and planning field or archival research in SEA studies. Applicants 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.

4. **Details set for NIU summer study abroad in Indonesia**

   The application and details for faculty associate Kikue Hamayontsu (Political Science) upcoming summer study abroad program in Yogyakarta, Central Java, are now live on the Study Abroad website. **The deadline to apply is Feb. 1.** 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 Hamayontsu at khamayontsu@niu.edu.
5. Catching up with Center associates: Molnar, Wang, Jacobsen NEW

Welcome back to Andrea Molnar (Anthropology), who has returned from sabbatical in Thailand where she conducted research on civic and human rights education as influencing factors in public discourse on peace and conflict in the Thailand’s conflict-torn Deep South (the region has been under martial law since 2004). Molnar’s research forms the basis of her new book (currently under peer review by Routledge), *Agents of Peace and Change in a Conflict Region: Muslim Women’s Political Engagement Through Civil Society in Southern Thailand*. While in the region, Molnar also conducted workshops and seminars on subjects including academic publishing, research ethics in the social sciences, and integrating human rights education in social science curriculums. She also advised on the potential expansion and further development of the academic teaching and research programs of the Prince of Songkla University Institute for Conflict Studies and Cultural Diversity, directed by NIU alumnus Srisompor Jitpiromsri. She will discuss her work at the Feb. 2 Friday Brown Bag Lecture.

Assistant CSEAS Director Jui-Ching Wang (School of Music) presented “Beyond Cultural Tourism: An Ethnopedagogy to Study Performing Arts in Bali” Jan. 3 at National Chi-Nan University in Nantou, Taiwan, and “Sing Our Songs, Sing Our Pride: Javanese Children’s Singing Games and Their Sociocultural Functions in 20th Century Indonesia” Jan. 4 at National Cheng-Chi University in Taipei. She also co-presented two other lectures Dec. 20 with NIU associate art professor Shei-Chau Wang: “Cartooning Jokowi: Culture > Religion > Politics, Is It True?” at the University of Taipei and “Being Local: Exceeding Cultural Tourism” at National Ocean University in Keelung, Taiwan.

Trude Jacobsen (History) presented a guest lecture on sex trafficking and modern-day slavery in Southeast Asia Jan. 16 to 30 attendees of NIU’s Lifelong Learning Institute. Away from the classroom and overseeing three doctoral students this semester, she is a contributor to the V-Dem project for Myanmar (fellow associate Kheang Un, Political Science, is a contributor for Cambodia). She also served as external examiner for Ricarda Gerlach, a PhD candidate at the University of Vienna, and is currently working on a biography of Sherlock Hare, a British expatriate in colonial Burma who was removed from the country in 1891 under suspicion of being criminally insane. Jacobsen explores Hare’s life against the backdrop of the British Empire at its zenith.

6. Notes from all over: From diplomacy to Pad Thai NEW

FLAS fellow Rachel Jacob (history/political science) was the sole US representative among 150 students from 80 countries participating in the youth session of the 10th Bali Democracy Forum Dec.
7–8 in Jakarta. The session focused on the importance of youth involvement in promoting democracy and democratic values, said Jacob, who was selected to participate in one of two panels. “I was one of six panelists (the others were from Indonesia, Ethiopia, Jordan and India). The purpose was to share youth perspectives and we drafted a letter to share at the [full forum],” said Jacob, who aspires to a career in diplomacy. “It was really an amazing experience!” . . . The NIU Gamelan Ensemble is hitting the road March 7, giving a noon concert at Triton College, 2000 5th Ave., in River Grove. . . . Founders Memorial Library is now subscribing to Kanopy, a live-streaming database of 30,000 films, including feature films and documentaries from Indonesia, Vietnam, Cambodia and the Philippines (look under Global Studies & Languages). Anyone associated with NIU may watch any film in the database. After a film is viewed four times, it is automatically purchased by the library for one year, says CSEAS associate Hao Phan. . . . CSEAS alum Bryan Hunsaker (PhD political science, 1997), is putting his Thailand expertise to a culinary use in a new Chicago-area Thai restaurant, Oy’s Thai Cuisine, featuring authentic Thai specialties. The restaurant opens Jan. 24 at 1880 E. Lincoln Highway in the Hickory Creek Shopping Plaza in New Lenox; it is open for lunch and dinner Monday through Saturday.

7. Fill a space in your schedule with an SEA class
There’s still time to add a spring Southeast Asia class to your schedule. MUHL 431/531, Music of Southeast Asia, is new this spring, taught by instructor and NIU alumnus Chamni Sripraram of the Thai Cultural and Fine Arts Institute of Chicago. For details, contact Assistant CSEAS Director Ju-Ching Wang at jcwang@niu.edu.

The Center’s undergraduate class, SEAS 225, Southeast Asia: Crossroads of the World (instructor of record Ju-Ching Wang), is offered from 12:30 to 1:45 p.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays in DuSable 148. Other spring SEA 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).

See full schedule on CSEAS website.

8. Abstracts due Feb. 2 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. 2. 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).

**9. Hmong exhibit travels to Aurora** NEW

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 Waubonssee 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 Waubonssee Community College provided funding for both exhibits.

**10. New podcast: Facebook and the dark side in Myanmar** NEW

Take a listen to our latest [Southeast Asia Crossroads](#) podcast: a conversation with Southern Illinois University professor Lisa Brooten, “Facebook, Leapfrogging, and the Dark Side in Myanmar. 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 3,500 times with listeners in 55 countries.

**11. Apply online for Graduate School travel funding** NEW

As of **Jan. 22**, you can apply online for Graduate School travel grants to travel to out-of-town (or out-of-country) professional meetings and conferences 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.

**12. Outside SEA language, cultural study abroad opportunities**

* indicates full or partial funding

- ***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 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.

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. **Save the dates: FLAS, Neher deadlines, spring conference**

• Feb. 1: Deadline to apply for 2018–19 FLAS and Neher Graduate Fellowship.

• Feb. 2: Deadline to submit abstracts for Spring Southeast Asia Student Conference to niuseaclub@gmail.com. **Deadline for final papers: March 2.**

• April 7: Spring Southeast Asia Student Conference, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Campus Life 100. Call for papers; **abstracts due Feb. 2.** Email niuseaclub@gmail.com.

15. **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.

16. **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. **Deadline for summer 2018: Feb. 28.** Email engage@niu.edu or visit OSEEL in Altgeld 100.
Indonesia Ministry of Education and Culture

- **Darmasiswa Scholarship:** One-year fully funded program to study language and culture in Indonesia beginning August 2018. **Deadline to apply: Feb. 18.** See [website](#). NEW

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. NEW

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](#). NEW

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](#). NEW

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](#).

Universität Hamburg

- **Doctoral Research Scholarships:** Graduate School of the Centre for the Study of Manuscript Cultures offering 1-2 year scholarships starting April 1. **Research proposals due Jan. 31.** See [website](#). NEW

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](#).

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](#).

17. Conferences, symposia, calls for papers NEW

- **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 umcseas2018@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. NEW

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. Call for papers. Deadline for abstracts: Feb. 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


InterAsian Connections VI: Hanoi, Dec. 4-7, Vietnam Academy of Social Sciences. Call for papers. Deadline for abstracts/applications: Feb. 28. See website. NEW

Chi Minh City, and Engaging with Vietnam. **Deadline for abstracts: March 1.** See [website](#).

### 18. 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](#).

#### Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom in Myanmar
- **Academic Research Consultant**: Six-month gig to teach research methodologies and mentor research writing to students at Yangon School of Political Science. **Apply by Jan. 31.** Details posted [online](#). For more information, email Nway Zaw Oo at fnfmyanmar@fnst.org. NEW

#### 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](#). NEW
- **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

#### 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](#).

#### McNeese State University
- **Assistant Professor Non-Western History**: Tenure-track, 10-month position. **Application review to begin Dec. 15.** 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/AEC
- **Job listings**: Check [website](#) frequently for open positions at the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and ASEAN Secretariat (AEC).
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 flexible 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.

19. Area cultural opportunities NEW

- 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 **Feb. 2–25**. Opening reception is 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. **Feb. 2** in the Dunham Atrium of the library, 101 S. River Street in Aurora. 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, NEW**
  - 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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