PYLP meets SEAYLP: On a cold spring day last week, the Philippine Youth Leadership Program (PYLP) and the Southeast Asia Youth Leadership Program (SEAYLP) got together for a group picture at the Martin Luther King Commons. That adds up to 74 youth leaders and 14 adult mentors from all over Southeast Asia on campus in April and May. See what they’ve been up to below.

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1. This week’s lecture: Transitioning in Thailand NEW

The CSEAS Friday brownbag series concludes with Jilliana Enteen, associate professor in gender and sexuality studies at Northwestern University, who will present “Transitioning in Thailand: Strategies, Surgeries, and Standards of Care” at noon April 26 in Campus Life 100. In her lecture, Enteen will explore the growth of trans-related surgeries marketed to and performed on non-Thais in Thailand by Thai surgeons. Enteen argues that Thai surgeons and all those who work with Thai and non-Thai clients speak fluently across multiple sex/gender regimes, reflecting Thai culture, historical practices and beliefs that include advancing surgical innovations and offering medical procedures not offered elsewhere. To order an Indonesian lunch, submit an online request or cancel a previous request by 6 p.m. Wednesday at CSEAS Brown Bag Order. Cost is $5 for students and $7 for faculty, staff and others. Payments may be in cash or by check. If you order but do not attend the lecture, you are still responsible for paying unless the lunch is sold at the lecture. You may cancel your order without penalty by 10 a.m. Thursday. E-mail cseasbrownbag@gmail.com if you have any questions.

2. Who’s going to SEA in the summer? These FLAS awardees NEW

CSEAS will be sending 16 language students to Southeast Asia this summer for immersion language and culture training at in-country language schools. Congratulations to the following undergraduate and graduate students who have received U.S. Department of Education summer Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) awards. They are undergraduates Amy Bounnavong (Thai), Jakob Daraban (Khmer), Alexandra Dawe (Thai), Kristen Edgar (Thai), Ahyen Labanan (Tagalog), Kaela Malloe (Tagalog), Liam McCown (Burmese), Jasmine Meunekithirath (Thai) and Thomas Phetmeuangmay (Khmer), and graduate students Christopher Bechtel (Tagalog), Thommy Brown (Khmer), Randy Chaing (Khmer), Anastasia Kocher (Burmese), Amanda Spradling (Burmese) and Matthew Werstler (Thai). In addition, Kristen Amstutz has received a Fulbright-Hays award to study Khmer for eight weeks in Phnom Penh and Siem Reap through the Advanced Study of Khmer program administered by the University of Hawai‘i-Manoa. Note to participants: CSEAS Assistant Director Jui-Ching Wang will be holding summer FLAS orientation May 1 from 4 to 5 p.m. in Campus Life 100. Anne Seitzinger, director of NIU Study Abroad, will also be there to answer questions.

3. Summer intersession course: Introduction to museum studies NEW

CSEAS associate Catherine Raymond (Art History) and NIU Art Museum Assistant Director Pete Olson will teach Introduction to Museum Studies, ARTH465/565, as a summer intersession course from May 14 to June 6. The class, which will cover area museums including Chicago, has been scheduled as an evening class from 6 to 9 p.m. Room 202 in the School of Art and Design on the following dates: May 14, May 16, May 21, May 22, May 23, May 28, May 30, June 1, June 4 and June 5. In addition, two Saturday meetings are set for 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. May 18 and June 6. No class over Memorial Day weekend.

4. Farewell to families, Stronghold weekend, and D.C. departure for SEAYLP NEW

Host families, program presenters, and SEAYLP staff gathered at Altgeld Hall Auditorium on Friday evening, April 19, for the U.S. State Department-funded group’s farewell reception, capping
a week of workshops, presentations, community action planning, and packing mobile food meals as volunteers for *Feed My Starving Children* in Aurora, Ill. The auditorium was lined on either side with tabletop presentations by each country team, outlining their individual action plans ranging from environmental action to building a network of youth community activists. On April 20 area high school students joined up with SEAYLP participants in a Global Youth Leaders Camp at Stronghold Camp and Retreat Center in Oregon, Ill. This year’s American students included Kristina Baker, Lauren Hunecke, and Devin O’Toole from Batavia High School; Fatima Papalotzi from Elgin High School; Ainsley Gearhart, Kaitlyn Meyerhofer, Ian Mangan and Sydney Pedersen from Freeport High School; and Jennifer Cruz, Sophia McComb, Jennifer Juang Ni, Samantha Perri, Brooke Swanson, Megan Taylor and Erin Templin from Sycamore High School. After a weekend of teambuilding, rope climbing, night hikes and campfire songs, the entire group of students, adult leaders and SEAYLP staff returned to NIU for a night before leaving for Washington, D.C. April 23. There they will visit congressional offices on Capitol Hill, the Department of State, museums and memorials, and some SEA embassies before the SEAYLP participants leave for their home countries.

5. PYLP settles in with programs, field trips and host families

The U.S. State Department-funded Philippine Youth Leadership Program (PYLP) settled in for its month-long program April 15, beginning with a week of workshops on such topics as cross-cultural communication, sports-based youth development, and community organizing in between an introduction to NIU’s new Esports Arena, a one-day trip to Chicago and other activities. NIU officially welcomed the group April 17 at a luncheon and performance by the group in the Holmes Student Center’s University Suites. (The group will reprise part of their performance this week on April 25 at the Oak Crest retirement community and the Philippine Culture Show May 2 at the Newman Catholic Student Center, 512 Normal Road, DeKalb). On April 21, participants joined 14 local families who will be hosting them for two weeks while they continue with the program. Next sessions include topics ranging from community sustainability and social entrepreneurship to crafting presentation skills, and a one-day field trip to Huntley High School’s Global Academy in Huntley, Ill.
6. CSEAS to host workshop on teaching Vietnam
CSEAS is partnering with the First Division Museum at Cantigny Park in Warrenville on Teaching Vietnam, a free workshop for area high school and community college educators, from 8:30 a.m. to noon May 4. The conference, led by CSEAS Director Eric Jones and Outreach Coordinator Matthew Jagel, both historians, will cover the war in historical and global context as well as offer curriculum ideas and teaching materials. The first 20 registrants will be eligible for mileage reimbursement. Parking is free to all attendees. For details, register online or email Jagel at mjagel2@niu.edu.

7. Get your fall SEAS courses here
Revolt and revolution. America and Asia. Art and the arts. Interdisciplinary offerings are the name of the game in Southeast Asian studies this fall in addition to all five SEA language classes: Burmese, Indonesian, Khmer, Tagalog and Thai.

Other fall courses include:
- ANTH 422/522, Gender in Southeast Asia
- ARTH 294, Introduction to Arts of Asia (Catherine Raymond)
- ARTH 370/570, Studies in Asian Art (Catherine Raymond)
- GEOG 382, Geography of Disease and Health (James Wilson)
- HIST 346, Women in Asian History
- HIST 469/569, The Vietnam War (Stanley Arnold)
- HIST 470/570, America and Asia (Kenton Clymer) Online
- MUSE 370/670, Gamelan I (Jui-Ching Wang)
- POLS 376, Political Violence (Kikue Hamayotsu)
- POLS 377, Revolt, Revolution, and Genocide (Kheang Un)
- SEAS 225, Southeast Asia: Crossroads of the World (Jui-Ching Wang)

All courses may be applied toward SEA Studies minors/contract majors or graduate certificates. For details, see course list online.

8. Southeast Asia Crossroads: Opium and borders in colonial SEA
Get your earbuds on and take a listen to CSEAS’s Southeast Asia Crossroads podcast series. In our latest conversation, host Eric Jones and Indiana State University historian Anne Foster talk about her research on the history of opium in colonial Southeast Asia. Our following (more than 14,000 listens since its 2016 debut) keeps growing around the world with listeners in 70 countries as we cover topics from history and politics to art and culture.

9. Save the dates: Cultural events, teacher workshop
- Through April 26: Southeast Asia Youth Leadership Program
- Through May 5: Philippine Youth Leadership Program
- April 27: Children’s story time featuring traditional folk tale and dance from the Philippines, 11 a.m., Malta Public Library, 203 Adams St. Led by Tagalog Foreign Language Teaching Assistant (FLTA) Lady Aileen Orsal.
- April 27: YA/Teen Southeast Asia Graphic Novel Group discussion of the 2007 graphic novel, Burma Chronicles, by Guy Delisle, 1 to 3 p.m., DeKalb Public Library, 309 Oak St. Led by Dr. Matt Jagel, CSEAS Outreach. Books available for checkout at the library.
- April 30: Children’s story time featuring traditional folk tale and dance from the Philippines, 9:30 a.m., DeKalb Public Library, 309 Oak St. Led by Tagalog FLTA Lady Aileen Orsal.
May 1: Children’s story time featuring traditional folk tale and puppet show from Myanmar, 9:30 and 10:30 a.m., DeKalb Public Library, 309 Oak St. Led by Burmese FLTA Khin Thu Thu Win.

May 2: Join NIU Tagalog students and participants of the Philippine Youth Leadership Program for traditional Philippine food and cultural event known as a Boodle Fight. Noon, MLK Commons.

May 2: Philippine Culture Show, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Community Room, Newman Catholic Student Center, 512 Normal Road, DeKalb. Co-hosted by the Southeast Asia Club, Philippine Student Association, CSEAS and the Asian American Resource Center. Food, cultural activities, and entertainment.

May 2: Indonesian FLTA Reza Fahlavi and CSEAS Outreach GA Rachael Skog represent Southeast Asia at Jefferson Elementary School Multicultural Night, 5:30 to 7 p.m., DeKalb.

May 3: End-of-semester potluck, recognition, and sarong soiree, 5:30 p.m., Eric Jones home, 720 DeKalb Ave., Sycamore.

May 4: Workshop for high school, community college educators: Teaching Vietnam: Context and Perspectives on America’s War in Southeast Asia. 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., First Division Museum, Cantigny Park, Wheaton. Breakfast and lunch included. First 20 to register will be eligible for mileage reimbursement.

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 Matt Jagel at mjagel2@niu.edu; graduate students should contact Assistant Director Jui-Ching Wang at jcwang@niu.edu.

11. Money for study

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.

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.

12. Conferences, symposia, calls for papers

- **1st International Conference on Asia Pacific Ethnology and Anthropology**, May 20–24, Yunnan University, Kunming City, China. See website.

- **Aspirations for Change 4.0: Critical Perspectives from Southeast Asia workshop**, May 28–29, University of Zurich. See website.

- **Transformation of Youth Identities in East and Southeast Asia: Public Spaces and Intimacy**, May 27–28, University Libre de Bruxelles, Brussels, Belgium. See website.
• SEAMEO SPAFA International Conference on Southeast Asian Archaeology, June 17–21, Bangkok. See website.
• AAS-in-Asia, July 1–4, Bangkok. Co-sponsored by Association for Asian Studies and Thammasat University. See website.
• 11th Engaging with Vietnam Conference, July 15–16, Leiden, the Netherlands. See website.
• International Convention on Asia Scholars 11, July 16–19, Leiden, the Netherlands. See website.
• 7th International Symposium of Journal Antropologi Indonesia, July 23–26, Universitas Gadjah Mada, Yogyakarta, Indonesia. See website.
• The Vietnam War in the Pacific World, Aug. 15–16, Macquarie University, Sydney. See website.
• Anthropology of Language in Mainland Southeast Asia workshop, Aug. 19–21, University of Sydney. Limited availability. Email to nick.enfield@sydney.edu.au. See website.
• EuroSEAS 2019, Sept. 10–13, Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany. Call for papers for panel: New Focus on Old Archaeology: Reassessing Controversies in Southeast Asia. Deadline for abstracts: May 15. Contact: Lia Genovese at trinacria_1955@yahoo.co.uk.
• Of Peninsula and Archipelago: The Landscape of Translation in Southeast Asia, Aug. 31–Sept. 1, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok. Hosted by the International Association for Translation and Intercultural Studies. See website.
• Council on Thai Studies, Oct. 18–20, University of Wisconsin-Madison. Call for papers. Deadline for abstracts: Aug. 1. For details, email Taylor Easum, teasum@uwsp.edu.
• Conference of Canadian Council for Southeast Asian Studies, Power in Southeast Asia, Oct. 24–26, Montreal, Quebec. For details, email Serge Gragner, University of Sherbrooke or Erick Martinez Kuhonta, McGill University.

13. Careers

U.S.-ASEAN Business Council

• Membership and business development associate: Entry-level position based in Washington, D.C. Recent graduates encouraged to apply. See job listing.

Center for Khmer Studies

• Instructor: Seeking applicants with undergraduate teaching experience for Junior Resident Fellows Program, July 1–Aug. 9. Deadline to apply: April 30. See job listing.

Thammasat University

• One-year professorship: Faculty of Sociology and Anthropology seeking PhD in anthropology, sociology or related fields. Contract extension possible. Teach one course per semester plus other academic activities. Email Deputy Dean Yukti Mukdawijitra, iamyukti@yahoo.com.

VIA
- **Global Community Fellowship**: 13-15-month program for graduating seniors (2019) and young professionals to work at NGOs, schools, universities and social enterprises in Indonesia, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam. Monthly stipend, travel insurance, 10-day training in Thailand, midyear conference and year-end wrap-up provided; participants pay for transport to and from Asia, plus funds for food during VIA gatherings. See [website](#).

**Bridge to Success**
- **English Teachers in China**: Ten-month internships and jobs for English speakers with bachelor’s degree minimum. See [website](#).

**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. See [job listing](#).
- **Careers**: Submit your resume to be considered for other careers with Eurasia Group. 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.

14. Area cultural opportunities
Cambodian Rock Band, featuring the music of Dengue Fever, through May 5, Victory Gardens Zacek McCay Theatre, 2433 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago. “Part comedy, part mystery, part rock concert, this thrilling story toggles back and forth in time as father and daughter face the music of the past.” See website.
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. 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. See website.

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