Class act: Beginning Burmese language students engage in a class exercise spelling words with cards imprinted with vowels and letters they have learned in week 2 of the class. “Students seem to be able to remember better if they are actively involved in class,” says their teacher, CSEAS associate Tharaphi Than. “We do a lot of activities during class sessions.”

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1. This week’s lecture: Research networks in Myanmar

Associate Biological Sciences Professor Wesley Swingley will present “Building Research Networks in Myanmar: Scientific, Cultural and Policy Challenge” at noon Friday, Sept. 21, in Campus Life 100. Reflecting on Myanmar university workshops he has participated in for NIU, Swingley will discuss some of the current biological questions in Myanmar with a particular focus on the financial, cultural and political barriers currently preventing answering many of them. 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 $6 for faculty, staff and others. Payments may be made in cash or by check. For details, e-mail cseasbrownbag@gmail.com.

2. Center associates update: To the Philippines and beyond

*CSEAS Director Eric Jones headed to the Philippines Sept. 13 for a 15-year reunion with alumni of the U.S. Department of State-funded Philippine Youth Leadership Program (PYLP), which is moving to CSEAS from the International Training Office (ITO) for the spring 2019 program. With Typhoon Mangkhut gusting north of Manila, Jones is meeting up with Anthropology Professor Emerita Susan Russell and retired ITO Director Lina Davide-Ong in Mindanao in the southern Philippines. ITO’s Leslie Shive, who has coordinated PYLP host families for years and been a program mainstay, is also attending, along with U.S. Embassy-Philippines officials and two area host families. CSEAS associate and Tagalog instructor Rhodalyne Gallo-Crail (World Languages and Cultures) will take over as PYLP’s program director in the spring.

Over the summer, 12 CSEAS associates were on the move in SEA and other parts of Asia, teaching classes, conducting research, presenting at conferences, leading workshops and acquiring library materials. Rhodalyne Gallo-Crail went to the Philippines. Judy Ledgerwood (Anthropology) traveled to Cambodia, along with Kheang Un (Political Science), who traveled to Taiwan and China as well. Melissa Lenczewski (Geology and Environmental Geosciences) went to Thailand and Myanmar. Hao Phan (University Libraries) was in Myanmar, Cambodia and Vietnam. Alan Potkin (CSEAS) traveled to Thailand and Myanmar as did Catherine Raymond (Art History), who went to Cambodia, Singapore and Vietnam as well. Tharaphi Than (World Languages and Cultures) traveled to Myanmar and Taiwan.
while Scot Schraufnagel (Political Science) was in Cambodia, Thailand and China. Kanjana Thepbiriruk (World Languages and Cultures) traveled to Thailand while Jim Wilson (Geographic and Atmospheric Sciences) went to Indonesia, Myanmar and Thailand. Jui-Ching Wang (School of Music and CSEAS) was in Taiwan.

Kurt Thurmaier (Public Administration) has been named a Fellow of the National Academy of Public Administration; he will be inducted at the academy’s fall meeting Nov. 1–2. Of the group’s 850 fellows, 12 are from Illinois.

3. Campus notes: Hasanuddin University, SEA Club, Hart Collection NEW

CSEAS and the Division of International Affairs welcomes a delegation of trustees from Indonesia’s Hasanuddin University to campus Sept. 20 • The Southeast Asia Club kicks off its year with a Thai iced tea fund-raiser Sept. 24. Trek up to the second-floor lobby of DuSable Hall and get a cup of cold deliciousness from 9 a.m. to noon. And think about joining the club if you haven’t already. Club officers for 2018–19 are I Younan (president), Kristen Amstutz (vice-president and marketing), Rachael Skog (conference coordinator), Janet Vallejo (secretary) and Cameron Foreman (treasurer) • Funded by the Southeast Asia Materials Project, 1973–76 digitized issues of the Bangkok Post are now available to researchers in participating institutions, which include the Donn V. Hart Southeast Asia Collection at Founders Library. Other recent additions to the Hart Collection include The SHAFR Guide Online: An Annotated Bibliography of U.S. Foreign Relations since 1600 and recent hard copies (since Nov. 2013) of the Journal of Asian Studies, thanks to faculty donations (past issues of JAS are only available through JSTOR up to three years prior to its current issue).

4. CSEAS offers non-credit distance Burmese class

Burmese language professor Tharaphi Than is offering beginning Burmese as a distance class through CSEAS this fall. Module 1 will run Sept. 27 to Dec. 6. Contact her at tthan@niu.edu for details.

5. Save the dates: Chai Chat, Thai iced tea, Study Abroad Fair NEW

- Sept. 20: International students and friends, share music, snacks and tea at Chai Chat, 4:30 to 6 p.m., Campus Life 100. Sponsored by the International Student and Scholar Services, Campus Counseling and Consultation Services, ESL DeKalb and the Asian-American Resource Center. NEW
- Sept. 24: Thai iced tea will be available for sale at the Southeast Asia Club fundraiser, 9 a.m. to noon, DuSable Hall second-floor lobby. NEW
- Sept. 26: Study Abroad Fair, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Duke Ellington Ballroom, HSC.
- Oct. 12–14: Council on Thai Studies annual meeting, University of Wisconsin-Madison Center for Southeast Asian Studies.
- Oct. 27: NIU STEMfest, NIU Convocation Center.
- Nov. 1: “Unmasked: Facing the Imposter Syndrome,” 5 to 7 p.m., Holmes Student Center. Jobs PLUS event: registration required.
- Nov. 12–16: International Education Week.
- Nov. 15: International Culture Fest, 6:30 p.m., Campus Life Building. NEW
- Nov. 26: Gamelan open house, 102 Music Building.
6. Southeast Asia Crossroads: Check out our latest podcast
CSEAS is marking nearly 9,000 listens of our Southeast Asia Crossroads podcast series since its debut in September 2016. In our latest conversation, host Eric Jones discusses “Microbes, ‘Borneo Mud’ and Antibiotic Resistance” with Waubonsee Community College biologist Sheela Vemu. With Southeast Asia being one of the most biodiverse places on the planet, Vemu details the discovery of a compound 50 years ago in Borneo that is now one of the most often-used antibiotics in medicine and its implications for ethno-pharmacology today. Our following keeps growing around the world with listeners in 70 countries as we cover topics from history and politics to art and culture.

7. Apply online for graduate conference travel
The Graduate School is inviting degree-seeking graduate students in good academic standing to submit travel grant proposals for the 2018–19 academic year. Students invited to present results of their original research or creative activity at a professional may submit a proposal for matching funding through their department to the Graduate School; students must secure $200 to $500 in department or college funding in order to secure the matching funds from the Graduate School. Apply online by any of three rolling deadlines (Oct. 15, Jan. 15 and March 15). Apply online.

8. Burnish your résumé 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 résumé to the top of the pile. Visit the CSEAS website or stop by CSEAS at 520 College View Court. Undergraduates should contact adviser Colleen Gray at cgray3@niu.edu; graduate students should contact Assistant Director Jui-Ching Wang at jcwang@niu.edu.

9. Looking for a few good SEA manuscripts
Northern Illinois University Press is seeking quality scholarly, 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.

The Regional Journal of Southeast Asian Studies is soliciting critical and scholarly work in the humanities and social sciences by Southeast Asia-based scholars for 2019. Send abstracts on or before Dec. 30 to editorialassistant@rjseas.org. See website.

10. Money for study
U.S. State Department

Thomas R. Pickering Graduate Fellowship: Aimed at students interested in diplomatic careers and entering graduate school in fall 2019, award includes money for tuition, room, board, books and fees. Also includes two funded internships, one in the U.S. and one overseas. Includes personalized mentoring and professional development opportunities. Deadline to apply: Sept. 20. See website.

Rangel Fellowship: Aimed at students interested in diplomatic careers and entering graduate school in fall 2019, award includes money for tuition, room, board, books and fees. Also includes two funded internships, one in the U.S. and one overseas. Includes personalized mentoring and professional development opportunities. Deadline to apply: Sept. 17. See website.

South China Normal University/University of Oregon
- **Post-doctoral research fellowships**: Two-year position open to two post-doctoral scholars with experience in border politics or transnational migration for project funded by the National Natural Science Foundation of China. Project will include work in data collection and analysis, translation of research into peer-reviewable articles, and opportunity to do own research. Excellent writing skills required; Mandarin and/or Burmese language skills a plus. Send CV, one writing sample, two-page research statement, and names and contact info of two references to project PI Xiaobo Su at Xiaobo@uoregon.edu. Fellowship to begin January 2019. **Application review begins Oct. 15.**

**East-West Center**

- **Graduate fellowships**: Available for master’s or doctoral degree students pursuing degrees at University of Hawai‘i. Open to citizens or permanent residents of the US and citizens of countries in the Pacific and Asia, including Russia. **Deadline to apply for fall 2019: Dec. 1.** For details on this and other East-West funding opportunities, see [website](#).

**Council of American Overseas Research Centers (CAORC)**

- **2018–19 fellowships**: Funding to conduct research in Indonesia and Cambodia. Supported by the National Endowment for the Humanities. Open to American PhD students and scholars and international students who have lived minimum of three years in the U.S. **Deadline to apply: Jan. 24.** 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. **Deadline to apply: May 31, 2019.** 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.

11. **Conferences, symposia, calls for papers**


- **Framing the Global**, Sept. 27–29, Indiana University. Organized by IU Center for Study of Global Change and Indiana University Press, funded by the Mellon Foundation. See [website](#).

- **Council on Thai Studies (COTS)**, Oct. 12–14, University of Wisconsin-Madison. Keynote speaker: Puangthong Pawakapan, Chulalongkorn University, presenting “Development and Impact of the Thai Military’s Political Offensive.” See [website](#).


- **Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs**, Oct. 19–20, Metropolitan State University, St. Paul, MN. See [website](#).

• **Love’s Labour’s Cost? Asian Migration, Intimate Labor and the Politics of Gender**, Dec. 3–4, Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore. See [website](#).

• **InterAsian Connections VI: Hanoi**, Dec. 4–7, Vietnam Academy of Social Sciences. See [website](#).


• **16th Urban Culture Forum: Safeguarding Cultural Heritage in an Urbanizing World**, March 12–13, Bangkok. Call for papers. **Deadline for abstracts: Nov. 30**. See [website](#).

• **Association for Asian Studies**, March 21–24, Denver, CO. See [website](#).

• **Midwest Political Science Association**, April 4–7, Chicago. Call for papers. **Deadline to submit: Oct. 5**. See [website](#).

12. **Careers**

*Georgetown University*

• **History professor**: Tenure-track position to teach 20th-century history of Southeast and/or South Asia at Welsh School of Foreign Service. Open to current professors or new PhDs. **Deadline to apply: Nov. 15**. See [job listing](#).

*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](#).
• **Job listings:** Check website frequently for open positions at the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and ASEAN Secretariat (ASEC).

_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. 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, Ill. See website.
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