CSEAS welcomes this year's 2018-19 Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistants, from left, Khin Thu Thu Win (Burmese), Reza Fahlevi (Indonesian) and Lady Aileen Orsal (Tagalog), seen here on a visit to Fabyan Park Aug. 23 in Batavia. (CSEAS photo / Sinta Febrina)

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The CSEAS fall lecture series kicks off at noon Friday, Sept. 7, in Room 100 Campus Life, with CSEAS Director Eric Jones, who will discuss the Center’s planned programs and initiatives under its new 2018–22 U.S. Department of Education Title VI grant. 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. Fifteen awarded 2018–19 FLAS fellowships NEW

CSEAS has awarded 2018–19 U.S. Department of Education Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) fellowships to nine graduate students and six undergraduates. Receiving graduate FLAS fellowships are Kristen Amstutz (MA anthropology, Khmer), Randy Chaing (MBA Global, Khmer), Kassandra Chhay (MA anthropology, Khmer), Cameron Foreman (MA history, Tagalog), Samuel Mallow (MS geology, Khmer), Matthew Peerboom (MA political science, Burmese), Amanda Spradling (MA art history, Burmese), Janet Vallejo (MA political science, Tagalog) and Daniel Wade (JD law, Indonesian). Undergraduate FLAS fellows are Samantha Brown (psychology, Burmese), Jakob Daraban (anthropology, Khmer), Ann Hodal (communications, Tagalog), Thomas Phetmeuangmay (anthropology, Khmer), Adam Reedy (sociology, Thai) and David Waite (biology, Burmese). Congratulations to all.

3. Opportunity knocks: Center for Khmer Studies in Siem Reap NEW

Sreypich Tith, program officer for the Center for Khmer Studies (CKS) in Siem Reap, Cambodia, will be on campus Sept. 10 to talk about the center’s program and fellowship opportunities. CKS is an internationally funded research center and provides in-country research fellowships for undergraduates as well as other awards for faculty and graduate researchers. Tith will give a presentation followed by a Q/A session from 1 to 2 p.m. in Campus Life 100. For information, contact cseas@niu.edu.

3. CSEAS offers non-credit distance Burmese class NEW

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.
4. **Two new courses and a switch to Javanese gamelan**

Two new courses in geography and music history, plus a switch from Balinese to Javanese gamelan, are new to the fall Southeast Asian studies course list. CSEAS associate Jim Wilson (Geography) has added a graduate level to his new geography course, GEOG 498E/790E, The Geography of Disease and Health. This course explores the geographic dimensions of health in local and regional populations across the globe, mostly focusing on Southeast and South Asia and including Africa and the Americas. Guest lecturer and NIU School of Music alumnus Aboud Agha (PhD candidate, UCLA) will be teaching MUHL 430/634. This course, a mixture of lecture, workshop and music performance, addresses the theory and history of Arab Muslim music and its dissemination into Southeast Asia, with a focus on how Muslims in SEA use music in their daily lives, both in sacred and secular contexts. No prior music experience is required. No music experience is also required to take gamelan. This year, associate music professor and CSEAS Assistant Director Jui-Ching is bringing NIU’s Javanese gamelan set out of retirement for MUSE 370/670, Gamelan I, which will be taught by guest instructor Alex Yoffe.

All five SEA language and literature classes are on offer for fall: Burmese, Indonesian, Khmer, Tagalog and Thai. The Center will also offer its undergraduate and graduate Southeast Asia survey courses. The undergraduate class, SEAS 225, Southeast Asia: Crossroads of the World (instructor of record CSEAS Assistant Director Jui-Ching Wang with teaching assistant Azri Agoes), is offered from 12:30 to 1:45 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. The graduate class, SEAS 625 (also cross-listed as HIST 660), Southeast Asia: A Multidisciplinary Perspective, will be taught by CSEAS Director Eric Jones from 6 to 8:40 p.m. Thursdays.

Other fall courses include:

- ANTH 424/525, Anthropology of Peace and Conflict Resolution (Andrea Molnar)
- ARTH 370/570, Art of South and Southeast Asia (Catherine Raymond).
- HDFS 384 Asian American Families (Kelly Champion) **CLOSED to non-majors**
- HIST 442/542, History of Buddhist Southeast Asia (Trude Jacobsen)
- HIST 470/570, America and Asia (Kenton Clymer)
- HIST 660, Reading Seminar in Asian History (Eric Jones)
- MUHL 326, Survey of World Music (Jui-Ching Wang)

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**New online course for fall**

Distinguished Research Professor Kenton Clymer is teaching HIST 470/570, America and Asia, as an online course this fall. The course examines America’s relations with Asia beginning with its first permanent involvement—the acquisition and governance of the Philippine Islands from Spain in 1899—through to the dramatic changes in its relationship to China beginning in 1971, the aftermath of the Khmer Rouge in Cambodia and the response to Burma's 1988 revolution.
• MUHL 421, Topic Studies in Ethnomusicology, Jui-Ching Wang
• POLS 371, Politics in Southeast Asia (Kheang Un)
• POLS 378, Political Islam (Kikue Hamayotsu)
• POLS 672, Topics in Comparative Politics (Kheang Un).

All courses may be applied toward SEA Studies minors/contract majors or graduate certificates.

5. **Enlarge your world: Campus Fulbright deadline Sept. 5 NEW**
   Since 1946, the US Department of State’s Fulbright U.S. Student Program has provided fully funded opportunities to study, conduct research, or to serve as English Teaching Assistants in more than 70 countries. The campus deadline to apply for a 2019–20 Fulbright fellowship or English Teaching Assistantship is Sept. 5. NIU’s Fulbright adviser is Assistant History Department Chair Taylor Atkins (etatkins@niu.edu). Interviews with the Campus Fulbright Committee will take place in mid-September. If your application moves forward, you will be notified by Jan. 31, with final selection notification between March and late June 2019. For details, contact either Atkins or Sarah Lindell with the Division of International Affairs (slindell@niu.edu or phone 815-753-9526).

6. **Catching up with Center associates NEW**
   * Tharaphi Than (World Languages and Cultures) was interviewed Aug. 27 about the Rohingya as part of a larger broadcast by Voice of America Asia (Than’s interview begins at four and a half minutes into the report).
   * Melissa Lenczewski (Geology and Environmental Geosciences)’s article, “Water Quality and Physical Hydrogeology of the Amarapura Township, Mandalay, Myanmar,” has been accepted for publication in a forthcoming issue of Hydrogeology Journal with co-authors Michael Grzybowski (MS Geology, 2017) and Yee Yee Oo.

7. **Southeast Asia Crossroads: Check out our latest podcast NEW**
   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 50 years ago of a compound found in Borneo that is now one of the most often-used antibiotics and the 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.

8. **Save the dates: Fulbright deadline, Khmer Studies, academic fairs NEW**
   • **Sept. 5:** Campus deadline to apply for Fulbright programs. For details, contact either Fulbright advisor Taylor Atkins in History (etatkins@niu.edu) or Sarah Lindell with the Division of International Affairs (slindell@niu.edu or phone 815-753-9526).
   • **Sept. 8:** 8 Countries in 1 Day, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., DeKalb Public Library. CSEAS will be there representing the Philippines.
   • **Sept. 10:** Meet Program Officer Sreypich Tith from the Siem Reap-based Center for Khmer Studies to learn about programs and fellowships, 1 to 2 p.m. Campus Life 100.
- **Sept. 12**: Majors and Minors Fair, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Duke Ellington Ballroom, HSC. Need a headshot for that resume or conference program? Get a professional photo taken by an NIU photographer at the fair. Free 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. NEW
- **Nov. 12–16**: Council on Thai Studies annual meeting, University of Wisconsin-Madison Center for Southeast Asian Studies.
- **Nov. 26**: Gamelan open house. 102 Music Building. NEW

9. **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.

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 Colleen Gray at cgray3@niu.edu; graduate students should contact Assistant Director Jui-Ching Wang at jcwang@niu.edu.

11. **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.

12. **Money for study NEW**
    **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.

13. **Conferences, symposia, calls for papers NEW**
• **UK Association of Southeast Asian Studies**, Sept. 5–7, University of Leeds. See [website](#).


• **Framing the Global**, Sept. 27–29, Indiana University. Call for papers soon. Organized by IU Center for Study of Global Change and Indiana University Press, funded by the Mellon Foundation. Call for papers forthcoming. 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](#). NEW

• **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](#). NEW

• **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](#). NEW

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

14. Careers

**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/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.

**DeoMetJOBS.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.

15. **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. 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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