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1. This week’s lecture: *Have Fun in Burma* revealed NEW

University of Missouri education anthropologist Rosalie Metro, author of the novel *Have Fun in Burma* (NIU Press, 2018) will present “Top Ten Questions about *Have Fun in Burma*, Answered” at noon Feb. 22 in Campus Life 100. Metro’s book is a coming-of-age story about a young woman whose experiences in Myanmar offer insights into the conflict between Buddhists and Rohingya Muslims in Myanmar. Metro will discuss questions she has had about her book (e.g., “Why did you write a novel instead of an academic paper?”) and read from her book. Following her talk, there will be a book signing from 1 to 1:30 p.m. (for those interested, books will be available for purchase). Other books in the Press’s Southeast Asia series will also be on display. To order a Southeast Asian lunch, submit an online request or cancel a previous request by 6 p.m. Wednesday at CSEAS Brown Bag Order. If you order but do not attend the lecture, you are still responsible for the cost. Cost is $5 for students and $7 for faculty, staff and others. Payments may be made in cash or by check. E-mail cseasbrownbag@gmail.com for details. See complete spring lecture schedule.

2. Outreach update: Cooking up story times, SEA delicacies NEW

They came, they cooked, they ate. Southeast Asia Club members staffed the stovetops at Immanuel Lutheran Church in DeKalb Feb. 15 to prepare Southeast Asian food for the weekly Intercultural Café. The club, along with the Chinese Student Association and another local church, served roughly 200 people at the event hosted by Immanuel Lutheran and the Network of Nations for NIU’s international community. Club members I Younan, Janet Vallejo, Kristen Amstutz, Rachael Skog, Kassandra Chhay, Ratanak Khun and Tagalog FLTA Lady Aileen Ambion Orsal prepared Filipino *lumpia*, tofu stir fry, Cambodian napa cabbage soup and traditional baked eggs, sweet and sour pineapple beef, chicken and bell peppers, fried rice, and Pad Thai. . . . CSEAS Outreach Coordinator Dr. Matt Jagel and graduate assistant Rachael Skog have cooked up children’s Southeast Asia story times February through April and a teen reading event in April at area public libraries. The series kicks off at the Sycamore Public Library Wednesday, Feb. 20, with Tagalog FLTA Lady Aileen Ambion Orsal, who will read the *Filipino Legend of the Pineapple* and teach the traditional *itik-itik* dance from 4 to 4:30 p.m. The teen reading event is set for 1 to 3 p.m. April 27 at the DeKalb Public Library, will be a discussion led by Jagel of the 2007 graphic novel *Burma Chronicles* by Guy Delisle. See more children’s story times at the Sycamore, DeKalb and Malta public libraries in Save the Dates below.
3. SEA Club prepares to host Nexus: Southeast Asia

The Southeast Asia Club is preparing to host its 2019 Southeast Asian Studies Student Conference—Nexus: Southeast Asia—on Saturday, March 30, in Campus Life 100. The keynote speaker will be ethnomusicologist Andrew Weintraub (PhD University of California-Berkeley), professor in the University of Pittsburgh’s Department of Music specializing in the music of Southeast Asia, specifically Indonesian performing arts and more broadly in ethnomusicology and cultural theory. He is also the founder and lead singer of the Pittsburgh-based band Dangdut Cowboys, which plays dangdut, an Indonesian folk/pop music genre (check out the group on YouTube). Weintraub’s visit is co-sponsored by the NIU Graduate Colloquium and School of Music. Accepted papers will be due March 1. Email inquiries to niuseaclub@gmail.com (please put student conference in the subject). Best paper awards will be awarded for undergraduate and graduate papers.

4. Looking ahead: Summer Research Opportunities Program

The Office of Student Engagement and Experiential Learning (OSEEL) offers an eight-week Summer Research Opportunities Program (SROP) for undergraduate students to conduct paid, faculty-mentored research in their field of study. Students are required to commit to 40 hours per week, present at the Summer Research Symposium on campus, and participate in supplemental activities. Chosen students will receive a $3,500 stipend and optional free on-campus housing. Applications due: March 11. See the OSEEL website.

5. Southeast Asia Crossroads: ‘Sacred Glass,’ our latest podcast

Get your earbuds on and take a listen to CSEAS’s Southeast Asia Crossroads podcast series (more than 12,800 listens since its September 2016 debut). In our latest conversation, host Eric Jones and Center for Burma Studies Director Catherine Raymond talk with Austin-based artist Judy Jenson about her project to restore reverse glass temple paintings in northern Thailand. Listen to “Sacred Glass: The Wat Chong Klang Project with Judy Jensen.” Our following keeps growing around the world with listeners in 70 countries as we cover topics from history and politics to art and culture.

6. Be a ‘home-bassador’ for spring SEA youth exchange programs

CSEAS is actively seeking homestay hosts in April and May for two Southeast Asia youth exchange programs that have brought talented students and young adults to NIU for leadership development training for 15 years. This engaging cultural opportunity, lasting between one week and two weeks, is open to families and individuals.

CSEAS is looking for 30 households to host 50 high school students and 10 adult leaders from ten Southeast Asian countries for the Southeast Asia Youth Leadership Program (SEAYLP). SEAYLP Homestay dates are April 13–20. Students are placed in pairs while adults in pairs or singles. Hosts provide a bed for each participant, breakfast each day and most dinners, all meals during

Horsing around: SEAYLP participants learn all about horses during their homestay with an area family. Read what local families have said about being a homestay host in NIU Today.
any weekend days at home, and transportation to and from class sessions at NIU. See the SEAYLP website for program details and online application. For details, contact Homestay Coordinator Susan Edwards at se3279@gmail.com or SEAYLP Administrative Director Anastasia Kocher at akocher1@niu.edu.

CSEAS is also seeking host families in April for the Philippine Youth Leadership Program (PYLP), which for 15 years has brought young people and adult leaders from Mindanao in the Philippines to NIU for four weeks of leadership and conflict resolution training. As with SEAYLP, students are placed in pairs and adult leaders in pairs or as singles. **PYLP homestay dates are April 21 to May 5.** It’s easy to apply online! Contact Homestay Coordinator Nancy Melms at nsteckelbergmelms@niu.edu or PYLP Administrative Director Karla Findley at kfindley1@niu.edu for details.

The U.S. Department of State Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs funds both SEAYLP and PYLP.

7. **Save the dates: Story times, SROP deadline NEW**
   - **Feb. 20:** Children’s story time featuring traditional folk tale and dance from the Philippines, 4 p.m., Sycamore Public Library, 103 E. State St. Led by Tagalog Foreign Language Teaching Assistant Lady Aileen Orsal. Snack provided.
   - **Feb. 25:** Education, Health and Wellness Fair, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Convocation Center. Sponsored by NIU Career Services. **NEW**
   - **March 1:** Final papers due for spring student conference
   - **March 11:** Deadline to apply for Summer Research Opportunities Program (SROP).
   - **March 20:** Children’s story time featuring traditional folk tale and puppet show from Myanmar, 4 p.m., Sycamore Public Library, 103 E. State St. Led by Burmese Foreign Language Teaching Assistant Khin Thu Thu Win. Snack provided.
   - **March 30:** Southeast Asian Studies Student Conference, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Campus Life 100.
   - **April 3:** CSEAS associate and Tagalog instructor Rhodalyne Gallo-Crail presents “Rebuilding the Community Spirit in the Language Training Classroom One Partner and One Group at a Time,” 12:30 to 1:20 p.m., Watson 110. **NEW**
   - **April 7:** Children’s story time featuring traditional folk tale and dance from Indonesia, 4 p.m., Sycamore Public Library, 103 E. State St. Led by Bahasa Foreign Language Teaching Assistant Reza Fahlevi. Snack provided.
   - **April 10:** “Liberalism and Democracy in Myanmar,” book presentation by Dr. Ian Holliday, noon, Campus Life 100. Co-sponsored by CSEAS and Center for Burma Studies.
   - **April 13–May 5:** Philippine Youth Leadership Program
   - **April 2–26:** Southeast Asia 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 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.

8. **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 March 15.

9. 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.

10. Money for study NEW
NIU
- **Student Engagement Fund:** Provides funding from the Office of Student Engagement and Experiential Learning (OSEEL) and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS) for students working on 2019 faculty-mentored research and undergraduate student engagement projects, in addition to study abroad programs and conference or group class travel. **Deadline to apply:** Feb. 28. See website.

Open Society Foundations
- **2019–20 Scholar Awards:** Proposals invited for doctoral students and faculty from Cambodia, Laos and Myanmar. Grants for up to $15,000 available. **Deadline to apply:** March 29. See website. NEW

University of Hawai‘i/East-West Center
- **NEH Summer Institute:** Four-week program, “Colonial Experiences and Their Legacies in Southeast Asia,” June 10–July 5, for faculty and advanced graduate students. Directed by Barbara Watson Andaya (UH) and Peter Hershock (East-West Center). $3,300 stipend. **Deadline to apply:** March 1. See website.

Fulbright-Hays
- **Dissertation research abroad fellowships:** U.S. Department of Education-funded opportunity for PhD candidates to engage in full-time dissertation research abroad. **Deadline to apply:** March 25. See website.

ENITS/ENITAS
- **2019 scholarships:** Chulalongkorn University offers funding for graduate students and young scholars working on Thai studies or related disciplines. **Deadline to apply:** March 31. See website.

Center for Khmer Studies
- **Junior Resident Fellows Program:** July 1–Aug. 9. Open to U.S., French and Cambodian undergraduates or recent graduates. **Deadline to apply:** Feb. 28. See website.
- **Khmer Language and Culture Study:** June 10–Aug. 2. Open to U.S. undergraduates, graduate students, post-grad researchers and faculty with two years of Khmer study. In collaboration with University Hawai‘i-Manoa; Fulbright-Hays funding available for 12 students. **Deadline to apply:** Feb. 28. See website.
- **Scholar-in-Residence:** Long-term fellowship for U.S. postdoctoral Cambodia researcher. **Deadline to apply:** March 1. See website. NEW
USINDO

- **United States-Indonesia Society scholarships**: Applications open for U.S. juniors, seniors or graduate students, ages 18-30, to apply for **May 23–Aug. 1** summer language and culture program in Indonesia. Applicants pay $2,000 toward program fees and transportation to and from Indonesia; all other fees covered by USINDO. Program details available at CSEAS or on USINDO [website](#). **Deadline to apply: Feb. 8.**

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.

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

- **21st Cornell Southeast Asia Program Graduate Student Conference**, March 8–10, Ithaca, NY. Theme: Conformities and Interruptions in Southeast Asia. See website.
- **Association for Asian Studies**, March 21–24, Denver, CO. See website.
- **Nexus: Southeast Asia, 2019 Southeast Asian Studies Student Conference**, March 30, NIU Campus Life 100. Call for papers. Open to undergraduate and graduate students. **Deadline for abstracts: Feb. 8.** Submit to niuseaclub@gmail.com. Keynote speaker: Andrew Weintraub, professor, University of Pittsburgh Department of Music.
- **2nd Graduate Conference in Qualitative Inquiry**, March 30, NIU Barsema Alumni and Visitors Center. Open to NIU graduate students presenting original qualitative research. Call for papers. **Deadline for abstracts: Jan. 28.** See NIU Qualitative Inquiry Collaborative website.
- **Midwest Political Science Association**, April 4–7, Chicago. See website.
- **2nd University of Michigan Southeast Asian Studies Graduate Conference: (Re)Making Memory in Southeast Asia**, April 6, Ann Arbor, MI. See website.
- **6th Trans-Asia Graduate Student Conference: Within and Beyond Asia**, April 12–14, University of Wisconsin-Madison. Call for papers. **Deadline to submit: Feb. 15.** See website.
- **Aspirations for Change 4.0: Critical Perspectives from Southeast Asia workshop**, May 28–29, University of Zurich. Call for papers. **Deadline for abstracts: Feb. 17.** See website.
Transformation of Youth Identities in East and Southeast Asia: Public Spaces and Intimacy, May 27–28, University Libre de Bruxelles, Brussels, Belgium. Call for papers. **Deadline for abstracts: March 15.** 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.


International Convention on Asia Scholars 11, July 16–19, Leiden, the Netherlands. See website.


Anthropology of Language in Mainland Southeast Asia workshop, Aug. 19–21, University of Sydney. Limited availability. **Deadline for abstracts: Feb. 28;** 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 convener: Lia Genovese at trinacria_1955@yahoo.co.uk. **NEW**

Conference of Canadian Council for Southeast Asian Studies, Power in Southeast Asia, Oct. 24–26, Montreal, Quebec. Call for papers. **Deadline to submit abstracts: April 1.** For details, email Serge Gragner, University of Sherbrooke or Erik Martinez Kuhonta, McGill University.

12. 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.

El Colegio de Mexico

- **Professor, Buddhist Studies:** Full-time position funded for four years by Robert H.N. Ho Family Foundation, with possibility of tenure after grant expires. Start date: August. **Deadline to apply: March 30.** For details, email direccion-ceaa@colmex.mx.

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 Mukdawaijitra, 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/AEC**

- **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.

13. Area cultural opportunities
- Go behind the scenes of the Philippine Collections at the Field Museum. Contact the museum’s co-curation team at cocuration.phillipines@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, Il. See website.

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