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Four more years of Title VI

I am proud to announce that the Center for Southeast Asian Studies has been selected to receive nearly $2.5 million from the U.S. Department of Education as a 2018–22 Title VI National Resource Center for Southeast Asian Studies and as a Foreign Language and Area Studies recipient. Title VI is a provision of the 1965 Higher Education Act funding centers for area studies, which serve as vital national resources for world regional knowledge and foreign language training. National Resource Centers provide high-caliber area studies content training and research while Foreign Language and Area Studies centers deliver specialized language training.

Since its founding in 1963, CSEAS has been built around a desire to understand the region, engage its peoples and environments, and share those insights with the campus, national and global community. Under the direction of Director Emeritus Clark Neher, it successfully applied for its first Title VI NRC-FLAS grant in 1997. As the only NRC at NIU, CSEAS stands out as a flagship program with significant institutional resources. Our successful 2018–22 proposal, Teach Southeast Asia, combines the Center’s long tradition of excellence in teaching Southeast Asia with the closely overlapping priorities of the Department of Education. We look forward to new initiatives with NIU’s College of Education, among other grant projects, to further these goals.

CSEAS is among a distinguished cohort of Title VI Southeast Asia centers at Cornell University, the University of California at Berkeley, the University of California at Los Angeles, the University of Hawai’i, the University of Michigan, the University of Washington and the University of Wisconsin-Madison. We have learned that all have had their funding renewed, a welcome validation of our government’s continued commitment to understanding the evolving world around us.

With much to celebrate, I invite you to join us at our annual area studies open house at Pottenger House Aug. 30 and our fall potluck with faculty, students and staff Aug. 31.

—Eric Jones, Acting Director
2. Area studies meet and greet Thursday at Pottenger House NEW
Join CSEAS and the centers for Burma Studies, Black Studies, Latino and Latin American Studies, and Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies for the Academic Diversity Centers Open House Thursday, **Aug. 30**, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on College View Court, outside CSEAS and the Center for Latino and Latin American Studies. There will be food, music, and a plethora of information on pursuing area studies at NIU. Try out playing Javanese gamelan (no experience necessary!), take a salsa lesson and connect with student clubs affiliated with all five centers. “NIU is a great place to explore international education and diversity,” said Eric Jones, acting director of the Center for Southeast Asian Studies, a U.S. Department of Education Title VI National Resource Center. “The open house gives us the chance to connect undergraduate and graduate students with a variety of opportunities, including our Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) fellowships that support language training in five Southeast Asian languages as well as study abroad programs in Southeast Asia.”

3. Fall lecture series begins Sept. 7 NEW
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 lunch details, e-mail [cseasbrownbag@gmail.com](mailto:cseasbrownbag@gmail.com).

4. Two new courses added to fall SEAS lineup NEW
Two new courses in geography and music history have been added 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.

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)
- 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)
- MUHL 421, Topic Studies in Ethnomusicology, Jui-Ching Wang
- MUSE 370/670, Gamelan I (Ngurah Kertayuda)
- 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. CSEAS offers non-credit distance Burmese class NEW
Burmese language professor Tharaphi Than will be 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.

6. Alumni news: An unexpected reunion in Indonesia and a new job in Chicago NEW
Former CSEAS Outreach Coordinator Julien Ehrenkönig (MA Anthropology 2014), who is working on his PhD at Temple University, returned to Indonesia over the summer to investigate how comic books and graphic novels are being used to communicate and shape Islamic discourses in Indonesia. The aim of his research is to uncover how these media encourage readers to reorient aspects of their religious beliefs and cultural/national identity—and how readers in fact engage with these media and their Islamic narratives. Ehrenkönig spent the summer visiting more than 40 bookstores, as well as making connections with local comic artists and discussing a future comic book collaboration with Indonesia’s largest Muslim book publisher Gema Insani. . . .While in Indonesia, Ehrenkönig was among 1,500 guests attending the July 28 wedding of 2012–13 Fulbright Language Teaching (FLTA) Assistant Mitayani and her husband Andy. Imagine his surprise meeting up with CSEAS Assistant Director Jui-Ching Wang...
(School of Music) and her husband Shei-Chau Wang (School of Art), who were also there, along with 2012–13 Thai FLTA Attapol Attanak. Mita worked closely with Jui-Ching on her Fulbright research on Javanese children’s singing games (see Mandal 2018). . . . Yes, your SEAS education can lead to a great job. Former FLAS fellow and new grad Andrew Waite (BA human resource management, 2018) dropped by the Center Aug. 21 with the news he will be working for the human resources department at the Chicago law firm Chapman & Cutler, focusing on professional development, diversity and pro bono. Waite said that his time spent in Indonesia as a Rotary student in high school and as a FLAS fellow and COTI scholar at NIU, along with his leadership activities with the Southeast Asia Club, pulled his resume up to the top. Nice!!!

**7. Enlarge your world: Campus Fulbright deadline Sept. 5 NEW**

Since 1946, the US Department of State’s [Fulbright U.S. Student Program](https://www.fulbrightprogram.org) has provided fully funded opportunities to study, conduct research, or to serve as [English Teaching Assistants](https://www.fulbrightprogram.org/engaged-world/teach-abroad/teaching-assistant) 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](mailto: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](mailto:slindell@niu.edu) or phone 815-753-9526).

**8. Southeast Asia Crossroads: Check out our latest podcast NEW**

CSEAS is marking nearly 9,000 listens of our [Southeast Asia Crossroads](https://www.cseas.niu.edu) 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.

**9. Save the dates: Fall potluck, Fulbright deadline, and more NEW**

- **Aug. 31:** CSEAS Fall Potluck, 5 to 8 p.m., 409 Fairmont Drive, DeKalb (home of associates Catherine Raymond and Alan Potkin). Street parking.
- **Sept. 5:** Campus deadline to apply for Fulbright programs. For details, contact either Fulbright advisor Taylor Atkins in History ([etatkins@niu.edu](mailto:etatkins@niu.edu)) or Sarah Lindell with the Division of International Affairs ([slindell@niu.edu](mailto: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.
- **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.
- **Nov. 12–16**: International Education Week.
- **Nov. 15**: Opening of the exhibit, “Vanishing Art from Myanmar: The Buddhist Reverse Glass Painting Tradition, NIU Art Museum. Through **Feb. 15**.

10. **Apply online for graduate conference travel** NEW
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.

11. **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](http://cseas.niu.edu) 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.

12. **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.

13. **Money for study** NEW
**Asia Research Institute**
2019-20 **Fellowships**: Positions available for active researchers in the social sciences or humanities at National University of Singapore. **Deadline to apply: Sept. 3.** See [website](http://www.asiaresearchinstitute.nus.edu.sg). 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](http://www.rotary.org).
**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](http://www.east-west.missouri.edu).
**ProFellow**
- **Dissertation Research Fellowships**: Check the ProFellow [website](http://www.profellow.org) for 30 different opportunities for dissertation research funding.

14. **Conferences, symposia, calls for papers** NEW
• **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**

15. **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](mailto: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. 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.

16. 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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