In this 1979 photo, music professor emeritus Kuo-Huang Han puts a group of gamelan students through their paces. The Center’s 50th anniversary year will culminate this semester with exhibits, films, lectures, and a gala weekend March 1-3. The official anniversary is March 5. For details on the anniversary activities, see page 5 below or go to the CSEAS website. (Photo / NIU archives)

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1. Friday lecture series to resume Jan. 25
The CSEAS weekly lecture series will resume Friday, Jan. 25, with “The Blade and the Brahman: Deciphering a dha Sword from Burma,” presented by political science PhD candidates Thomas Rhoden and Nicole Loring at noon in Room 110 (Honors office), Campus Life Building. This collaborative interdisciplinary project explores the history of Southeast Asian dha swords and analyzes one particular sword from Burma using historical accounts, linguistics, and metallurgy in order to find out its origin and intended use. To order an Indonesian lunch, submit an online request by 6 p.m. Thursday at CSEAS Brown Bag Lunch Order. Orders must be cancelled online by 10 a.m. Friday. Lunches that are not picked up and have not been cancelled must still be paid for. 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 seabrownbag@gmail.com. CSEAS is not responsible for taking or cancelling lunch orders.

2. Apply by Feb. 1 for 2013–14 FLAS, Neher fellowships
All applications for the 2013–14 academic year Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) fellowships and Clark and Arlene Neher Graduate Fellowship for the Study of Southeast Asia are due to Nancy Schuneman at nschunem@niu.edu by Feb. 1 (applications for both are posted on the CSEAS website). FLAS fellowships are funded by the U.S. Department of Education’s Title VI Program of Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships. The Neher fellowship is funded through an NIU Foundation endowment from Clark and Arlene Neher. Students who have applied for summer FLAS fellowships should not submit an academic-year application until they have been informed of the outcome of their summer applications (applicants will be notified in time to meet the Feb. 1 academic-year deadline).

- Academic-year FLAS: These awards provide for graduate and undergraduate students to study Southeast Asian language at NIU during the 2013–14 academic year. Pending federal funding, FLAS grants will be awarded for fall 2013 and spring 2014 semesters. Students must be in good standing with the university and demonstrate a commitment to a career involving Southeast Asian Studies. FLAS fellowships cover tuition, fees, health insurance and a monthly stipend ($500 for undergraduates, $1,500 for graduate
students). Note: According to NIU policy, FLAS recipients will have any financial aid reduced by an amount equal to the fellowship.

- **Neher fellowship**: This award covers tuition and a $5,200 stipend. To apply, students must be in good standing with the university and demonstrate a commitment to a career involving Southeast Asian studies. Both U.S. and international students are eligible to apply.

3. Last week to sign up for spring SEAS courses

This is the last week to sign up for spring Southeast Asian Studies classes. Eleven courses, including a new one on Southeast Asia through film and literature, are on the spring course list now posted on the [center website](#). CSEAS Foreign Languages and Literatures associates John Hartmann and Rhodalyne Gallo-Crail are introducing ILAS 490/590, Seeing Southeast Asia through Film and Media, which will be offered from 3:30 to 4:45 p.m. Tuesday/Thursday in 106 Cole Hall. Through a sampling of Southeast Asia films, including the 2001 Filipino film *Bagong Buwan* (New Moon) and the 2010 Thai film *Uncle Boonmee*, the three-credit course will explore cultural, historical, political and sociolinguistic issues in the region. Also on tap for spring is FLIN 421, Introduction to Indonesian Literature, which will be taught by Patricia Henry, time and location to be announced.

Other spring courses include HIST 469/569, The Vietnam War, taught by Assistant CSEAS Director Trude Jacobsen, which will examine U.S. involvement in Vietnam from 1940 to 1975, from 2 to 3:15 p.m. Monday/Wednesday. Three anthropology courses are on the list: Anthropology of Religion (ANTH 328/790, from 11 to 12:15 p.m. Tuesday/Thursday), taught by Andrea Molnar, and Peoples and Cultures of Insular Southeast Asia (ANTH 407/507, from 2 to 3:15 p.m. Tuesday/Thursday) taught by Susan Russell.

Students interested in the art and architecture of Southeast Asia can sign up for ARTH 457/657 from 11 a.m. to 1:40 p.m. Thursday, taught by art historian and Center for Burma Studies Director Catherine Raymond. CSEAS associate Michael Buehler will teach POLS 365, Origins of Political Order, from 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Tuesday/Thursday and associate Jui-Ching Wang once again will offer MUSE 370/670, her ensemble gamelan performance course, from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday. Asian American families will be the topic of FCNS 384, 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Tuesday/Thursday, taught by Kelly Champion (family, consumer and nutrition sciences).

ILAS 225, the center’s survey course on Southeast Asia, will be offered from 12:30 to 1:45 p.m. Tuesday/Thursday. Classes in Burmese, Indonesian, Khmer, Malay, Tagalog and Thai are also on the spring course list. Any questions, call CSEAS at 815-753-1771.

FLST 382/482, Censorship and Literature: State and Society in Authoritarian Countries, is not on the SEAS spring course list, but is being offered by CSEAS associate Tharaphi Than for three credit hours. This class will examine relations between state and society in a number of nations including two SEA countries, Burma/Myanmar and Vietnam. Meeting time and location are TBA.
4. Burnish your resumé: Sign up for a SEA Studies minor or graduate concentration
Adding a minor to an undergraduate degree or a graduate concentration to an advanced degree can pull a resumé up to the top of the pile. In a global marketplace, an internationally focused area of study can open even more doors. To learn about NIU’s Southeast Asian Studies programs, check out the CSEAS website or stop by Pottenger House, 520 College View Court. Undergraduates should make an appointment with Outreach Coordinator Julie Lamb by emailing her at jlamb@niu.edu. Graduate students should contact Assistant Director Trude Jacobsen at tjacobsen1@niu.edu.

5. Get your paper on: SEA Club spring student conference call for abstracts
The Southeast Asia Club invites papers for its 2013 spring student conference, which will be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 13, in Room 315 Altgeld Hall. Papers may be submitted on any topic pertaining to Southeast Asia; email niuseaclub@gmail.com. Abstracts will be accepted through Feb. 13. The conference theme is “Growth and Development” and the keynote speaker will be University of Michigan political scientist and Michigan Center for Southeast Asian Studies Director Allen Hicken. Best paper awards will be given for undergraduate and graduate papers. The Thai Studies Committee will also present an award for best Thai Studies paper.

6. Center associates update: On the road again
- CSEAS associates Catherine Raymond (art history) and Tharaphi Than (foreign languages and literatures) and political science graduate students Thomas Rhoden and Nicole Loring head for Lewis University in Romeoville Feb. 8 to participate in a panel entitled “Burma Today: The Challenges of Democracy.” The panel will focus on issues with refugees, political prisoners, ethnic conflict and the country’s ongoing transition from closed military rule to democratization.
- Assistant CSEAS Director Trude Jacobsen (history) spent Jan. 7–18 immersed in an intensive Pali course taught by Oxford University scholar Richard Gombrich at the Mangalam Research Center for Buddhist Languages at the University of California-Berkeley. Jacobsen will be traveling to Oxford itself March 9–11 for the Southeast Asian Studies Symposium to present “Historicizing Identity: Arakanese Muslims, the Khmei Kraom, and the Legacy of Porous Borders in Mainland Southeast Asia” on a panel examining minority language, culture and identity in Burmese Southeast Asia. Also invited to Oxford symposium is history PhD candidate and CSEAS graduate assistant Coral Carlson, who will present “Powerless Pawns or Passionate Actors: British Women of the Pahang Corporation 1982–1900” on a panel rethinking the region’s colonial past.
- Jui-Ching Wang (music) can’t turn down an invitation to take the NIU Gamelan Ensemble out and about. The group has been invited to give a performance at noon Feb.
at Kishwaukee College’s new student center. Wang has also been hard at work planning *A Celebration of Southeast Asian Performing Arts*, the cultural performance part of the Center’s 50th anniversary gala evening **March 2**. Save the date!

7. **Coming up on 50th Anniversary Calendar in 2013**
   - **Jan. 23:** Anniversary Film Series starts its spring screenings with the musical-drama, *The Overture* (Thailand, 2004), 6 p.m. Room 110, Jack Arends Art Building. Other films are slated for **Feb. 13:** *Here Comes the Bride* (Philippines, 2010), 6 p.m. Room 100, Campus Life Building; **March 6:** *The Lady* (Burma, 2011), 6 p.m. Room 110, Art Building; **April 17:** *Yes or No* (Thailand, 2011), 6 p.m. Room 100, Campus Life.
   - **March 1:** University of London political scientist John Sidel presents 50th Anniversary Spring Lecture, “Republicanism, Communism, Islam: Cosmopolitan Origins of Revolution in Southeast Asia,” 4 p.m., Pollock Ballroom, Barsema Alumni and Visitors Center. To be followed immediately by CSEAS alumni-student reception, also at Barsema.
   - **March 2:** Exhibit talk by professor emeritus Richard Cooler, curator of “Rarely Seen Southeast Asia: Art, Artifact, Ephemera,” 10 a.m., Anthropology Museum, Cole Hall. Morning refreshments provided. Later, *A Celebration of Southeast Asian Performing Arts*, 8 p.m., Boutell Memorial Concert Hall, followed by dessert.
   - **March 4:** Opening of “50 Years of CSEAS and the Donn V. Hart Southeast Asia Collection” exhibit, Founders Memorial Library, 4 p.m. Light refreshments.
   - **March 5:** CSEAS Anniversary Open House, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Pottenger House, 520 College View Court. Refreshments and remembrances.
   - **Through May 15:** “Rarely Seen Southeast Asia: Art, Artifact, Ephemera,” Anthropology Museum, Cole Hall. For museum hours and details, call 815-753-2520.

See **CSEAS website** for a calendar of 2012–13 anniversary events and click through 50 years of CSEAS history on an interactive timeline posted on the home page.

8. **NIU Thai Studies Committee offers awards for students, faculty**
   - **Original paper:** The Thai Studies Committee at NIU is offering a $300 prize for an original research paper by an NIU student dealing with any aspect of Thai Studies. The prize will be awarded at the Southeast Asia Club’s spring student conference **April 13** at which the winning paper must be presented. **Deadline to apply:** **Feb. 28.** Submissions should be sent as a PDF or Word document to CSEAS associate Grant Olson (foreign languages and literatures) at golson@niu.edu.
   - **Advanced Thai language study:** The Thai Studies Committee will award two undergraduate 2013–14 academic-year scholarships of $500 per semester, funded by the Royal Thai government’s Thai Teaching and Research Endowment Fund at NIU. Eligible undergraduates must be successfully pursuing studies in Thai language, culture, history or politics. Advanced Thai language study is required. Applicants should submit a one-page statement of interest, recommendations from the Thai
language instructor and another faculty member, and a transcript. **Deadline to apply:** April 5. Email to Chalermsee Olson at eteolson@niu.edu.

- **Faculty and student research travel:** Faculty and students are invited to apply for grants supporting projects and initiatives involving research and training in Thai Studies. Applications should include a concise description of the project’s purpose, a budget, and ways in which the funds would be used to advance Thai Studies. **Next application deadline:** Feb. 28. Send to Chalermsee Olson at eteolson@niu.edu

9. Area CSEAS conferences coming up in spring

- **Ohio University, Athens, OH:** Ohio University’s Center for Southeast Asian Studies will host its 5th annual Khmer Studies Forum **March 15–17.** The forum’s theme is “Identity.” See [conference web page](http://example.com) for details.

- **University of Wisconsin-Madison, WI:** UW-Madison’s Center for Southeast Asian Studies will co-host the 4th International Conference on Lao Studies **April 19–21** with the Center for Lao Studies, San Francisco. For details, see [conference website](http://example.com) or call 608-263-1755.

10. Overseas language, exchange, and area studies programs

- **Khmer Summer Abroad Programs, June 24–Aug. 2**
  Deadlines to apply for two summer study abroad programs offered by the Khmer Language Program at the University of Hawaii-Manoa are coming up. The **Advanced Study of Khmer** (ASK) program offers six weeks of intensive language training designed for third-year Khmer students. **Deadline to apply:** Feb. 1. The **Khmer Language and Culture** Summer Abroad Program offers six weeks of intensive training for beginning and intermediate students. **Deadline to apply:** April 6. Both programs are run by UH in collaboration with the Royal University of Phnom-Phenh and the Center for Khmer Studies. Both programs include one-week home stays in rural Cambodia. For details, see program websites or email Chhany Sak-humphry at sak@hawaii.edu. No direct funding available, but students may apply for Gilman and Blakemore scholarships.

- **Summer Study Abroad in Laos (SAIL), June 21–July 31**
  The San Francisco-based Center for Lao Studies administers five-week study abroad program based at the Lao-American College with private instruction from the national University of Laos. Some scholarship support is available. **Deadline to apply:** April 1. For details, see [program website](http://example.com).

- **Summer Advanced Indonesian Abroad Program, June 17-Aug. 8**
  Immersion program at Universitas Kristan Satya Wacana in Salatiga, Central Java, Indonesia, is offered for non-native speakers who have completed at least intermediate level by June 2013. Fulbright-Hays fellowships available for U.S. citizens and permanent residents (cannot be used in conjunction with FLAS fellowships). For details, see [program website](http://example.com). **NEW**

**NOTE:** Students interested in taking language or area studies abroad through non-NIU programs are advised to work through NIU’s Study Abroad office, 417 Williston Hall. By doing so, students can receive NIU credit and possibly have NIU financial aid apply, in addition to receiving liability and insurance protection.

10. Money for study

*American Institute for Indonesian Studies*
- **Research grants:** $5,750 grants available for graduate and postdoctoral students pursuing research in Indonesia. Program funded by the U.S. State Department Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. Forms are available at AIFIS website; for info, email arkahin@yahoo.com or contact CSEAS associate Michael Buehler (political science) at mbuehler1@niu.edu.

*Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarships*

- **Undergraduate awards:** Applications are now being accepted for summer 2013 Gilman Scholarship Program for study abroad programs. Scholarships sponsored by the U.S. State Department Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. **Deadline to apply:** Jan. 15. For details, see program website.

*David L. Boren awards*

- **Fellowships and scholarships:** Opportunity for graduates and undergraduates to study abroad for one year and hone language skills. Grants range from up to $20,000 for undergraduates to $30,000 for graduate students. To apply for the 2013–14 programs, see the Boren website. Boren awards are administered by the Institute of International Education. **Fellowship deadline to apply:** Jan. 31. **Scholarship deadline:** Feb. 13.

*Center for Khmer Studies*

- **Undergraduate fellowships:** Six-week summer junior resident fellowships in Siem Reap, Cambodia, available for five U.S., five Cambodian, and five French undergraduate students, June 24–Aug. 2. Partial stipend ($800) offered. **Deadline to apply:** April 1. See CKS website for details.

*Chulalongkorn University*

- **ENITS Scholarships:** Offered by Chulalongkorn University’s Institute of Thai Studies’ Project of Empowering Network for International Thai Studies in Bangkok for graduate students and young scholars working on Thai Studies or related disciplines. **Deadline to apply:** Jan. 15. For details see program website.

*East-West Center*

- **Graduate degree fellowships:** Funding for graduate students to participate in residential, educational and research programs for 2013 at East-West Center while pursuing degree at University of Hawaii.

*Harvard University*

- **Indonesia Research Fellows 2013–14:** Harvard Kennedy School Indonesia Program offering fellowships to Indonesia researchers, academics, and practitioners to pursue independent research at the Ash Center Aug. 2013 to June 2014. **Deadline to apply:** Feb. 15. See program website for details.

*Queen Mary University*

- **PhD scholarships:** Funding for students beginning doctoral studies September 2013 at QMU School of Politics and International Relations in suggested subject areas of civil society/social movements; political transition in Asia, critical approaches to theory of international relations; and practice of foreign policy and political theory and the history of ideas. **Deadline to apply:** Jan. 31. For details, email politics-pgresearch@qmul.ac.uk.

*University of Michigan*

- **Four-week library fellowship for Southeast Asian scholars:** Provides reimbursement for international airfare, research funds, stipends and housing for students affiliated with an education institution in Southeast Asia and pursuing research on any topic.
relevant to Southeast Asian Studies. Offered by University of Michigan CSEAS and Library. **Deadline to apply: May 31.** For details, see [UM-CSEAS website](http://www.um-cseas.org).

**United States Indonesian Society**

- **Sumitro Fellows Program:** $10,000 travel/study grant for postdoctoral scholars, PhD candidates, senior academics and other professionally qualified candidates to conduct field research related to political economy of Indonesia. Two fellowships, one for U.S. candidate and one for Indonesian candidate. Deadline to apply: Jan. 15. See [USINDO website](http://www.usindo.org) for details. **NEW**

11. Job opportunities

**National University of Singapore**

- **Associate Professor Southeast Asian Studies:** Specialist on state formation, with emphasis on minority groups, ethnicity and nationalism, borderlands studies, post-socialism and the politics of memory and expertise on Laos, Vietnam and/or Cambodia. **Apply by Jan. 31.** For details, see [NUS website](http://www.nus.edu). **NEW**

**USAID**

- **International Programs Fellowship:** Two-year appointment at USAID’s Population Reference Bureau beginning in summer 2013. Intended for bachelor’s degree graduate (by June 2013). **Apply by Feb. 25.** For details, see [USAID website](http://www.usaid.gov). **NEW**

**Weatherhead East Asian Institute**

- **2013–14 Postdoctoral Fellowship in Modern Southeast Asian Studies:** Ten-month appointment beginning **Aug. 1** at Weatherhead Institute, Columbia University, New York. **Apply by Jan. 22.** For details, email Kim Palumbarit, Program Officer, at 212-854-9206 or kp2449@columbia.edu. For details, see [program website](http://www.weatherhead.columbia.edu). **NEW**

**Idealist.org**

- Privately funded website offers searchable database of nonprofit international jobs and volunteer opportunities. For details, see the [Idealist website](http://www.idealist.org).

12. Conferences, calls for papers and workshops

- **12th International Graduate Student Conference on the Asia Pacific Region,** Feb. 14–16, East-West Center, Honolulu, HI. Limited number of travel grants available. For details, see [conference website](http://www.iom.cuhk.edu.hk/conference/12thiasp/).

- **15th Southeast Asian Studies Graduate Student Conference,** March 1–3, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY. For details, see [conference website](http://www.sassin.org/conference/15th/).


- **5th Khmer Studies Forum,** March 15–17, Ohio University, Athens, Ohio. Call for papers. **Deadline for abstracts: Jan. 15.** Details to be posted soon on [center website](http://www.centre.unh.edu/khmerstudiesforum). **NEW**

- **Association for Asian Studies,** March 21–24, San Diego, CA. See the [conference website](http://www.asianstudies.org/). **NEW**

- **UCLA Indonesian Studies Conference,** April 13–14, Los Angeles, CA. Theme: Critical Histories of Activism: Indonesia’s New Order and its Legacies.” Participants with accepted papers will receive funding for transport and hotel accommodations. For details, email [cseas@international.ucla.edu](mailto:cseas@international.ucla.edu).

- **4th International Conference on Lao Studies,** April 19–21, University of Wisconsin-Madison. **Early registration deadline: Jan. 15.** For details, see [conference website](http://www.laosconference.org) or call 608-263-1755.
- **(Re)Constructions: Researching and Rethinking Asia**, April 26–27, York University, Toronto Canada. York Centre for Asian Research Graduate Student Conference. Call for papers. For details, see [conference website](#).
- **5th South and Southeast Asian Association for the Study of Culture and Religion Conference**, May 16–19, Manila, the Philippines. Theme: Healing, Belief Systems, Cultures and Religions of South and Southeast Asia. For details, see [conference website](#).
- **8th International Convention for Asia Scholars (ICAS)**, June 24–27, Macao. See [conference website](#).
- **7th European Association of European Southeast Asian Studies (EuroSEAS) Conference**, July 2–5, School of Social and Political Sciences, Lisbon, Portugal. For details, see [EuroSEAS website](#).
- **International Conference on International Relations and Development (ICIRD)**, Aug. 22–23, Bangkok. Two-day conference at Chulalongkorn University. Theme: Beyond Borders: Building a Regional Commons in Southeast Asia. Call for papers on development, international relations and human rights in SEA. **Abstracts due: March 1.** Details forthcoming on [conference website](#). For further information, email info@icird.org. **NEW**
- **Inter-Asian Connections IV**, Oct. 2–5, Istanbul. For details, see [conference website](#) or email [interasia@ssr.org](mailto:interasia@ssr.org).
- **Council on Thai Studies**, Oct. 18–19, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL. Save the date; call for papers forthcoming in 2013. **NEW**
- **Thailand in the World: 12th International Conference on Thai Studies**, April 22–24, 2014, University of Sydney, Australia. To request being added to the conference email list or for other information, email [brenda.kranz@sydney.edu.au](mailto:brenda.kranz@sydney.edu.au).

13. Area Southeast Asia cultural opportunities

- “Remembering the Killing Fields” exhibit is 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 General in Chicago offers free Balinese and Javanese dance and gamelan classes on weekends. For details, see [consulate website](#).
- Chicago Friends of the Gamelan spring concert, featuring traditional and contemporary Javanese gamelan pieces, will be held **May 4**, Hyde Park Union Church, 5600 S. Woodlawn Ave., Chicago. Time TBA. For details, see [Friends website](#).

Persons with a disability who may need assistance at any CSEAS event may contact office manager Nancy Schuneman at 815-753-1771 or nschunem@niu.edu. To no longer receive this bulletin, please reply to this e-mail with a request to remove your name. Thank you.