This week’s lecture speaker, University of Illinois-Chicago anthropologist Laura Junker, right, excavates test pits along the Tanjay River in the Philippines during a research trip. Learn more at the Friday brownbag at noon in Room 100 Campus Life.

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1. This week's lecture: Ecology, economy in a Philippine chiefdom  
University of Illinois-Chicago anthropologist Laura Junker will present “Ecological Changes Wrought by Economic Choices during the Development of a Philippine Chiefdom at Tanjay” at noon Friday, Sept. 11, in Room 100, Campus Life Building. Junker, who received her PhD from the University of Michigan, is an archaeologist and ethnohistorian whose research focuses on Southeast Asian maritime trading polities, in particular pre-Hispanic chiefdoms of the Philippines. While most of her work in the past two decades has been in the Tanjay region of the Philippines, Junker is currently involved in a new project on Metal Age sites in southern Negros Island and serves as co-editor of Asian Perspectives: The Journal for Asian and Pacific Archaeology. To order an Indonesian lunch, submit an online request by 6 p.m. Thursday at CSEAS Brown Bag Order. Orders must be cancelled 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.

2. Center associates update: Keynoting in Thailand, presenting in Canada  
* Kurt Thurmaier (Public Administration) will be a keynote speaker at the upcoming 6th annual International Conference on Local Government Sept. 17-18 at Khon Kaen University in northeastern Thailand. Thurmaier’s presentation will focus on models of innovative local government. Thurmaier is exploring opportunities to conduct research on local government in Thailand with NIU alumnus Tatchalerm “Top” Sudhipongpracha (PhD political science, 2011), a lecturer in the College of Local Administration at Khon Kaen.

* Kheang Un (Political Science) is presenting “Weak State and the Limits of Democratization in Cambodia” at the Sept. 10-11 State Capacity and the Quality of Democracy in East Asia workshop at McGill University in Montreal. The workshop was co-sponsored by McGill and the University of Sussex and the Universitat Heidelberg. Un also presented “External Factors” at the Bridging State Strategy workshop Aug. 19-21 at the University of Puthisastra in Phnom Penh. The workshop was a joint project of Puthisastra and Korea University, funded by the Korea International Cooperation Agency.

3. Thai Studies Fund Committee offers student funding to attend COTS  
The Thai Studies Fund Committee (on behalf of the NIU Thai Studies Committee) will consider applications for up to two NIU students to receive $300 to attend the upcoming Council on Thai Studies (COTS) annual meeting in order to present work involving international research and training in Thai studies. COTS, an informal organization of Midwest Thai studies scholars founded at NIU in 1972, will meet October 23-24 in the Baker Center at Ohio University in Athens, Ohio. Graduate students are encouraged to submit papers (email conference coordinator Jeffrey Shane at shane@ohio.edu). Applications for student funding must be submitted by Sept. 18 and must include the following: a concise presentation description, a copy of the acceptance letter from COTS conference organizers, and a letter of support from a principal academic adviser. Successful applicants must present their work and participate for
the duration of the conference. Address applications to the Thai Studies Fund Committee and email to CSEAS associate Chalermsee Olson at eteolson@niu.edu.

Kong Rithdee, deputy life editor of the Bangkok Post, will be the conference keynote speaker. Rooms have been reserved at the Ohio University Inn on campus; deadline for discounted hotel registration is Sept. 23 (mention COTS when registering); call 866-593-6661. See conference website.

4. Join the Southeast Asia Club for movie night Sept. 16

The Southeast Asia Club will screen Jalanan, an award-winning 2013 documentary feature about three indefatigable homeless street musicians in Jakarta, from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 16, in Cole Hall 100. “Stunningly vivid and full of energy . . . Jalanan is one of the finest portrayals of Indonesian life to emerge for outside audiences in years,” writes critic Michael Vatikiotis in a review in Tempo magazine. The event is free. For information, email niuseaclub@gmail.com

5. Campus deadline for Fulbright fellowships Sept. 14

The campus deadline to apply for a 2016 Fulbright fellowship or English Teaching Assistantship (funded by the US Department of State) is Sept. 14. The new campus Fulbright adviser is Associate History Professor Valerie Garver (vgarver@niu.edu). Applicants must have a letter of affiliation or indication of academic admission (if enrolling somewhere) by Sept. 24. Interviews with the Campus Fulbright Committee will take place in late September/early October. For details, contact Garver or Sarah Lindell with Division of International Affairs (slindell@niu.edu, phone 815-753-9526).

6. All the news that fits: Mandala 2015 posted online

The summer 2015 issue of the Center’s Mandala annual newsletter is now posted on the Center website. Read all about: CSEAS associate Jui-Ching Wang’s summer study abroad in Bali, POLS PhD students Thomas Rhoden and Aaron Johnson’s experiences as overseas fellows with the Boren and Fulbright programs, new acquisitions in the Donn V. Hart Southeast Asia Collection, and what CSEAS faculty and students have been up to in the past year.

7. Hmong American exhibit to open in November at Anthropology Museum

The NIU Anthropology Museum will open a major exhibit celebrating 40 years of Hmong American history in November. The exhibit will focus on the history of life in Laos continuing through the 1953–75 Laotian Civil War (known by Hmong veterans as the Secret War) and prominently feature the oral histories and material culture of Hmong Americans. The exhibit will also spotlight the museum’s permanent collection of Hmong textiles. The Laotian Hmong people are an ethnic minority who came from China and settled in the Laotian highlands as farmers. During the Vietnam conflict, many were trained by the US Central Intelligence Agency as guerrilla fighters against the communist Pathet Lao forces. At the end of the war, many Hmong fighters, fearing for their safety,
fled the country, with thousands coming to the US as refugees. Many settled in the Midwest. The exhibit will run through March. Details on the opening to be announced.

8. Save the dates: Meet, greet, movie
   - Sept. 16: Screening of Jalanan, critically acclaimed 2013 Indonesian documentary feature about three irrepressible street musicians in Jakarta, 5 to 7 p.m., Cole Hall 100. Hosted by the Southeast Asia Club. FREE. NEW
   - Sept. 19: Campus GRE Fall Test Prep I. For info, see website.
   - Sept. 21: Academic Career Expo, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Duke Ellington Ballroom, Holmes Student Center.
   - Sept. 29: Graduate and Professional School Fair, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Duke Ellington Ballroom, Holmes Student Center. Meet with representatives from more than 90 programs. For info, contact Joyce Keller at NIU Career Services at jkeller@niu.ed or 815-753-9113.
   - Oct. 1: Study Abroad Fair, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Duke Ellington Ballroom, Holmes Student Center. See Study Abroad website for details.
   - Oct. 7: Welcome mixer for Southeast Asian participants in LOCSEA (Leading and Organizing for Change in Southeast Asia), 6 to 7 p.m., Cole Hall lobby. Light refreshments. Hosted by the Southeast Asia Club. FREE. NEW
   - Oct. 9: CSEAS Alumni Connect with John Brandon, director of international relations, Asia Foundation, 1:30 p.m., CSEAS, 520 College View Court.
   - Nov. 7: Campus GRE Fall Test Prep II and LSAT Fall Test Prep. For info, see website.

9. Money for study
   NIU
   - Undergraduate Student Engagement Fund: Need travel money for a conference, a stipend to work on a faculty-mentored research project, or funding to help pay for a study abroad program? The Office of Student Engagement and Experiential Learning and the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences provides funding for undergrads. Students in good academic standing may apply on their own behalf or faculty may apply on behalf of a student. Awards range from $250 to $2,500. Deadline for spring 2016 funds is Oct. 16. See program website.
   - USOAR grants: Undergraduate Special Opportunities in Artistry and Research program funds student-generated research or artistry projects on campus, elsewhere in the US or abroad. Open to all colleges, majors and backgrounds. Proposal guidelines are available online. Information sessions are at noon, Sept. 9 and 10 in Altgeld 125, and at noon Sept. 14 and 17 in Altgeld 100. Students have between Jan. 1 and Dec. 31, 2016 to complete their projects. Deadline to submit proposals: Oct. 2. NEW

East-West Center
   - Graduate Degree Fellowships: Funding for master’s and PhD degree programs at University of Hawai‘i-Manoa. US citizens and permanent residents, and Asia-Pacific residents, eligible to apply. Deadline to apply: Nov. 1. For details, email scholarships@eastwestcenter.org.
American Council of Learned Societies

- **Fellowships for advanced graduate students:** Fellowship program supports humanities and humanistic social science research. 2015–16 program now open for applications. **Deadlines to apply begin Sept. 23.** See [program website](#).

Blakemore Foundation

- **Advanced language study abroad fellowships:** Tuition plus stipend for one year of advanced language study of Vietnamese, Indonesian, Thai, Burmese and Khmer. US graduate students with three years of language study eligible to apply. **Deadline to apply for 2016 fellowships: Dec. 30.** See [foundation website](#).

Rotary International

- **Rotary Peace Fellowships:** Fully paid fellowships for master’s degree study offered at six universities worldwide, including Duke University and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in the US. **Applications for 2017–18 fellowships will be available Dec. 1.** See [website](#).

10. Job/internship opportunities

**University of Wisconsin-Madison**

- **Tenure-track position:** TransAsia/transdisciplinary scholar in language, culture and societies of Asia sought for newly forming Department of Asian Studies to begin August 2016. Expertise in one Southeast Asian or South Asian language required. Competitive salary. Send complete dossier and three reference letters to Chair, Search Committee, Department of East Asian Languages and Literature, 1208 Van Hise Hall, 1220 Linden Drive, UW-Madison, Madison, WI 53706.

**University of Pennsylvania**

- **Assistant professor in Asian religions:** Tenure-track position in Department of Religious Studies. Applicants welcome with SEA and gender specialization. Recent PhDs encouraged to apply. For details, see [job posting](#).

**Chinese Mutual Aid Association**

- **Resource development associate:** Pan-Asian social service organization is seeking full-time AmeriCorps VISTA associate. Also accepting candidates for interns for business development, grant writing and workforce development and outreach liaison duties. Contact Michelle Lura White at michellew@chinesemutualaid.org or 773-784-2900. See [job description](#) and [website](#). **NEW**

**US Department of State**

- **Student Internship Program:** 10-week unpaid internships for undergraduate and graduate students at Washington headquarters and US embassies, consulates and missions worldwide. See [program website](#).

**Room to Read**

- **Positions open:** San Francisco-based organization that helps develop literacy skills among primary and secondary school students. See [website](#).

**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.

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 WHO website.

11. Conferences, calls for papers and workshops
- **Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs**, Oct. 16–18, Washington University, St. Louis. Call for papers. Program posted on conference website.
- **Conference on Thai Studies**, Oct. 23–24, Ohio University, Athens. See conference website.
- **Southwest Conference on Asian Studies**, Nov. 6–7, Texas Christian University, Ft. Worth. See conference website.
- **6th International Conference on Hmong Studies**, March 18-19, Concordia University, St. Paul. Call for papers. Deadline for papers, proposals: Nov. 15. Contact Lee Pao Xiong at Center for Hmong Studies at xiong@csp.edu.
- **Association for Asian Studies**, March 31–April 3, Seattle. See conference website. NEW
- **5th International Conference on Lao Studies: Lao PDR in the ASEAN Context**, July 8–10, Thammasat University, Bangkok. Call for papers. **Deadline for abstracts: Oct. 31.** See [conference website](#).

12. **Area cultural opportunities**

- Gamelan classes in Chicago: 8 to 9:30 p.m. Wednesdays, **Oct. 28–Dec. 16**, Old Town School of Folk Music, 4544 Lincoln Ave. See [website](#) for details. **NEW**
- 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](mailto:icc@indonesiachicago.org). Also see the consulate’s [Facebook](#) page.

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