Selfie in transit: The Laos and Vietnam teams for the 2015 session of the Southeast Asia Youth Leadership Program (SEAYLP) meet at the Hanoi airport on their way to the US. All 61 participants from 10 Southeast Asian countries arrive in DeKalb April 1. This is the eighth session of this three-week US State Department program to be held at NIU.

It’s April, and that means SEAYLP

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1. This week’s lecture: Susan Russell (Anthropology)
Anthropology Professor and Philippines specialist Susan Russell will present “Clan Politics and Crime: Challenges for the Bangsamoro Region’s Transition to a Post-Conflict Zone” at noon Friday, April 3, in Room 110 (Honors), Campus Life Building. There will be no Indonesian lunches April 3. Lunches resume April 10. 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. Cost is $5 for students and $6 for faculty, staff and others. Payments may be made in cash or by check (cash preferred). For lunch details or questions, e-mail seabrownbag@gmail.com. For complete spring schedule, see Center website.

2. Connect the career dots: Two Alumni Connects this week
The Center hosts two Alumni Connects this week. Come visit via Skype April 1 with Colette Morgan (BA political science, 2011, with a SEAS minor) of US-ASEAN Business Council, Washington, DC, at noon, Room 337, Founders Library. Morgan, who took Malay while a student at NIU, is a senior manager for membership, Malaysia and special projects. While completing her master’s degree in international relations at the University of Chicago, she held a full-time internship at the Asia Society in Washington, where she conducted research and analysis on US-Southeast Asia relations. After the Friday lecture April 3, head over to Pottenger House to chat from 1 to 2 p.m. with Puchada “Art” Sirivunnabood (PhD political science, 2010) of Mahidol University in Bangkok and consultant for the Thai ministries of Defense and Foreign Affairs.

3. Want to take Vietnamese? Distance class to be offered in fall 2015
After successfully piloting distance-taught Vietnamese this year, NIU will be offering Vietnamese via distance learning with the University of Wisconsin-Madison next year. The course, FLST 103-104, will be taught by a UW-Madison instructor, but NIU students will receive credit from NIU. Interested students should contact CSEAS Director Judy Ledgerwood at 815-753-1771 or by email at cseas@niu.edu (please put Vietnamese in the subject line).

4. April World Music Symposium includes SEA forum, music concert
The NIU Music Building will be resonating with the sounds of world music April 9–11 when the 2015 World Music Symposium: From the Exotic to the Global takes place. Music educators, ethnomusicologists, composers, performers and interdisciplinary scholars are invited to attend. The third day of the conference will feature a Teaching Southeast Asia Performing Arts Forum (with funding provided for community college educators to attend). The symposium, organized by CSEAS associate Jui-Ching Wang (School of Music), honors Kuo-Huang Han, music professor emeritus and founder of the NIU Gamelan Ensemble, and marks the 40th anniversary of the world music program at NIU. The program concludes with the annual World Music concert, which will include Balinese gamelan, marching gamelan, Thai folk music and the NIU Chamber Choir performing an Indonesian folk song, at 3 p.m. in Boutell Hall. For information, email jcwang@niu.edu or see the symposium website.
5. Help wanted: Seeking graduate assistant for SEAS 225
CSEAS is accepting graduate student applications for the SEAS 225 for the 2014–15 academic year. The assistantship is a full-time (20 hours per week) position coordinating the Center’s Southeast Asia survey course, which is taught 12:30 to 1:45 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Most lectures are given by Southeast Asia faculty in a variety of disciplines. Specific duties include: Develop course syllabus and assessment modules; grade all exams, papers and assignments; keep office hours for student tutoring and guidance on lecture materials; post course material on Blackboard; teach some classes, including overview lectures and presentations relevant to his/her discipline and research interests. Applicants should be advanced in their studies (minimum two years) in the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences and must have knowledge of or experience in Southeast Asia in addition to strong organizational, written and communication skills. Previous TA experience is preferable but not essential. Preference will be given to those completing the graduate certificate in Southeast Asian studies. Position pays $1,180 per month plus full tuition waiver. All materials, including a graduate assistantship application, cover letter, resume, and two reference contacts, must be received by Office Manager Rita Miller by 4:30 p.m. April 15. Send to CSEAS, Northern Illinois University, 520 College View Court, DeKalb, IL 60115, email to Miller at ram@niu.edu, or FAX to 815-753-1776.

6. Summer study abroad in Bali, Thailand and beyond
The clock is ticking to sign up for NIU summer study abroad programs in Southeast Asia with CSEAS associates Andrea Molnar (Anthropology), who is going to Thailand, and Ju-Ching Wang (School of Music), who is going to Bali. NIU also sponsors Summer Study Abroad in Laos with the San Francisco-based Center for Lao Studies. Apply online or through NIU’s Study Abroad Office in 417 Williston (email niuabroad@niu.edu or phone 815-753-0700). Some partial travel funding is available; contact the Study Abroad office. Deadline to apply for the Study Abroad Travel Grant is April 1. Program information is also available at CSEAS.

• Explore cultural diversity in Thailand
Anthropology professor Andrea Molnar will reprise her 2011 program, Cultural Diversity in Thailand, June 8–July 3. Molnar’s program will introduce students to Thailand’s diverse cultural groups and explore the relationship between the dominant majority and minorities of the country. The course uses a political anthropology perspective while focusing on cultural issues and their historical background. Deadline to apply: March 31. Also, see the program’s Facebook page. Two $1,500 scholarships are available from the NIU Thai Studies Committee. Submit one-page statement of interest, letter of support from Molnar, letter of recommendation, and either a transcript (for undergraduates) or an explanation of graduate work progress from program advisor (for graduate students). Grant funded by the NIU Thai Teaching and Research Fund. Email Chalermsee Olson at eteolson@niu.edu.
**Experience Balinese music, dance and culture in Indonesia**

For the second year, music professor Jui-Ching Wang will take students to a village location in Bali, Indonesia to learn about Balinese music, dance, theater, architecture, art and crafts in her program *Experiencing the Arts in Bali, July 4–25*. Students will live in a traditional village compound and participate in festivals to celebrate the anniversary of the local temples. “The ceremonial nature of the arts reflects the multiple layers of religious practices and philosophies embedded in Balinese society,” Wang says. For details, see the program’s Facebook page. **Deadline to apply: April 15.**

**Learn Lao language and culture in Laos**

NIU also sponsors *Summer Study Abroad in Laos* (SAIL), a five-week Lao language and culture program *June 27–July 31* in cooperation with the San Francisco-based Center for Lao Studies. Based in Vientiane, Laos, the program offers students language and cultural lessons as well as exposure to Lao history and culture. **Deadline to apply: April 1.**

7. **Location change for Spring Student Conference**

The Southeast Asia Club’s Spring Student Conference will now be in Room 188 Swen Parson Hall on Saturday, **April 25**. Check-in and continental breakfast begins at 8:30 a.m. outside of Room 188 and the conference begins at 9:30. Lunch will be held in the Thurgood Marshall Gallery after which University of California-Berkeley historian and Cambodian specialist **Penny Edwards**, author of *Cambodge: The Cultivation of a Nation (1860–1945)* (University of Hawai‘i Press, 2007) will give the keynote address in Room 188. The conference theme is “Identity Narratives.” Awards will be given for best undergraduate and graduate papers.

8. **Save the dates: Alumni Connects, world music, student conference**

- **April 1**: Alumni Connect via Skype with Colette Morgan (BA political science, 2011) of US-ASEAN Business Council, Washington, DC, Noon, Room 337, Founders Library.
- **April 3**: Alumni Connect with Punchada “Art” Sirivunnaabood (PhD political science, 2010) of Mahidol University, Consultant for Thai ministries of Defense and Foreign Affairs, 1–2 p.m., Pottenger House.
- **April 7**: Explore your artistic side and make watercolor batik with the Southeast Asia Club from 5 to 6 p.m. at “Taste of Asia,” the Asian American Center’s weekly Ohana! event at the Capitol Room of the Holmes Student Center
- **April 9–11**: Teaching World Music Symposium, NIU School of Music.
- **April 11**: Teaching Southeast Asia Performing Arts Forum, 8:30 a.m. to noon, followed by World Music Concert, 3 p.m., Boutell Hall.
- **April 13**: The Wonders of Southeast Asia at Sycamore Library Children’s Department, 4 p.m. Costumes, culture, crafts and more with SEAYLP and SEA Club.
- **Through May**: “Curated by DeKalb: 50 Years of the Anthropology Museum,” 50th anniversary exhibition including SEA artifacts. Admission free.
9. Money for study

**USINDO**
- **US-Indonesia Society Summer Language Study, June 2–July 25.** Ten-week intensive program at Gadjah Mada University in Yogyyakarta. Admissions based on availability of program funding. **Deadline to apply: March 31.** For details, see [website](https://www.usindo.org). Students taking language or area studies abroad through non-NIU programs are advised to work through NIU’s Study Abroad office, 417 Williston Hall. Receive NIU credit and possibly have NIU financial aid apply.

**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 is now providing 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. 1.** See [program website](https://www2.niu.edu/engagement/research/funding/).

**McGill University**
- **Dissertation workshop:** Institute for the Study of International Development invites applications from advanced PhD students. All areas of development studies welcome including political science, economics, anthropology, sociology, geography and history. Funding for accepted students. Email Director Philip Oxhorn at [Philip.oxhorn@mcgill.ca](mailto:Philip.oxhorn@mcgill.ca).

**University of Leeds (U.K.)**
- **Thai Studies research scholarships:** Three scholarships (approximately $18,000 each) offered by the university’s School of Languages, Cultures and Societies for graduate students to undertake field research in Thailand. **Deadline to apply: June 26.** See [website](https://www.leeds.ac.uk/).

**Rotary International**
- **Rotary Peace Fellowships:** Fully paid fellowships for master’s degree study offered at six universities worldwide. **Deadline to apply for 2016 fellowships: July 2015.** See [website](https://www.rotary.org/).

10. Job/internship opportunities

**US Department of State**
- **Fall 2015 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](https://www.state.gov/)

**USINDO**
- **Program Associate/Editor/Executive Assistant:** Full-time position with US-Indonesia Society in Washington DC. For information, email [dmerrill@usindo.org](mailto:dmerrill@usindo.org) or call 202-232-1400. Position posted on USINDO [website](https://www.usindo.org). 

**Room to Read**
- **Positions open:** San Francisco-based organization that helps develop literacy skills among primary and secondary school students. Asia Regional Director (based in Asia) and Country Operations for Southeast Asia (based in Cambodia, Laos or Vietnam). See [website](https://www.roomtoread.org/).

**Asia Society**
- **Career opportunities:** Internships and jobs posted regularly on [website](https://www.asiasociety.org/).
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 NEW
- AAS-in-Asia, June 22–24, Academia Sinica, Taipei, Taiwan. Theme: Asia in Motion: ideas, Institutions, Identities. See conference website.
- The Emergence of Theravada Buddhism in Cambodia: Southeast Asian Perspectives, July 3, SOAS University of London. See symposium website.
- International Convention of Asia Scholars 9, July 5–9, Adelaide, Australia. See conference website.
- 4th International Conference on International Relations and Development (ICIRD), July 9–10, Mahidol University, Salaya, Thailand. Call for abstracts and panel proposals. Deadline: March 30. See conference website.
- EuroSEAS 2015, Aug. 11–14, University of Vienna, Austria. See conference website.
- NUS/ARI Workshop: International Medical Travel and the Politics of Transnational Mobility in Asia, Aug. 26–27, National University of Singapore Asia Research Institute. Call for papers. Partial or full travel funding available. Deadline: March 31. See website.
• **Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs**, Oct. 16–18, Washington University, St. Louis. Call for papers. **Deadline for proposals: May 31**. Register by **Aug. 31**. See conference website.

12. Southeast Asia cultural opportunities
• 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.
• “Curated by DeKalb: 50 Years of the Anthropology Museum,” on display at the NIU Anthropology Museum through the 2014–15 academic year. Exhibit features items from the museum’s collection of ethnographic and archeological objects, many from SEA. Museum hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. Admission free.
• “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. For info, call 312-920-1880, ext. 104/105, or email icc@indonesiachicago.org. Also see the consulate’s Facebook page. NEW

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