The Southeast Asia Center (SEAC) is pleased to bring you this inaugural issue of the Southeast Asia Center News. While it is new, it has a history / previous life, being a consequence of the end in 2001 of the SEASpan newsletter and of its parent organization, the Northwest Regional Consortium for Southeast Asian Studies. For 12 years, SEASpan gave news of the activities and interests of Southeast Asianists in British Columbia, Oregon and Washington. For all of that time SEASpan was underwritten by grants from The Ford Foundation, of which SEAC was a founding member under the leadership of Professor Charles (Biff) Keyes (anthropology). SEAC-UW’s partners in the Consortium were initially the University of British Columbia and the University of Oregon; later the University of Victoria joined the Consortium.

The culminating event of the Consortium was an excellent conference held by the University of Victoria October 26-27, 2001. Dr. Bill Neilson, Director of the Center for Asia-Pacific Initiatives at UV was Program Chair and integrated the meeting with that of the Canadian Council for SE Asian Studies. Please see the accompanying article by Dr. Sara Van Fleet for details on the Conference.

As we’ve all learned, nothing is permanent. Faculty have come & gone, and university administrations have shifted priorities resulting in a “natural” end of the Consortium and consequent new births. For the moment SEAC is focusing on developing and sustaining relationships locally across the UW campus, and in Seattle and Washington, as well as in Southeast Asia. We embark upon 2002 / B.E. 2545 with the vigor of newly acquired strengths. In 2001 we saw a memorandum of understanding signed by UW’s President Richard McCormick and Chiang Mai University’s President Nipon Tuwanon in Thailand. We anticipate that the umbrella nature of the MoU will foster interdisciplinary collaborations between the two universities.

- Recruited Dr. Jan Mrazek from the Leiden University to the UW Department of Art History with seed money from the Southeast Asia Center’s Department of Education Title IV grant. Jan has expertise in SE Asian arts and culture, with emphasis upon Indonesian puppet theatre.
- Launched an expanded and updated website, http://depts.washington.edu/seac/
- Recruited Linda McIntosh to edit the SEAC News and maintain SEAC’s website
- Were joined by faculty from diverse departments on campus: Dr. T.Y. Lau from Communications; Dr. Patrick Christie, Marine Affairs; Dr. Randall Kyes, Psychology; and Dr. Matthew Keifer, Public Health

In the first half of 2002 we will be highlighting SEAC’s dramatically growing expertise in Indonesian studies and undertaking evaluation of SEAC’s strengths, resources, and directions. We have seven Indonesians on SEAC Faculty from a variety of disciplines, and the largest Indonesian language program in the USA.

- Anthropology: Drs. Celia Lowe and Peter Lape
- Art History: Dr. Jan Mrazek
- Arts & Sciences: Dr. Jeff Dreyfuss (Bahasa Indonesia)
- History: Dr. Laurie Sears
- Political Science: Dr. Dan Lev (Emeritus)
- Women Studies: Dr. Saraswati Sunindyo

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UW Anthropology Professor Charles Keyes is Elected AAS President

The Association for Asian Studies (AAS) marks the 60th year of its existence this year, and it seems particularly auspicious that UW Anthropology Professor Charles (Biff) Keyes will be stepping into his elected role as president of the Association. Whether in an individual’s own life cycle or with the passing of time for a building or an institution, a 60th anniversary is often celebrated with great fanfare. Keyes’ colleagues at UW are joining in the marking of this significant occasion.

Although there is a long and distinguished history of Asian studies at the University, Keyes is the first UW faculty member to hold this prestigious office. In a recent interview he commented that the honor of being elected president by peers in his field gives him a deep sense of accomplishment at this point in his career, and that he is happy to be serving the AAS and his field in this way.

The AAS was founded in 1941 as publisher of the Far Eastern Quarterly (now the Journal of Asian Studies). Membership reaches across the globe and numbers in the thousands, with members drawn from communities of scholars, educators, business people, diplomats, journalists, librarians and interested lay people. In addition to an annual conference (this year to be held in Washington, D.C. April 4-7), there are nine regional conferences. As president, Keyes will not only deliver this year’s Presidential Address (to be entitled: The Peoples of Asia: Science and Politics in the Classification of Ethnic Groups), but plans to attend all of the nine regional conferences as well. Although this makes for a busy travel schedule, Keyes enjoys going to these regional conferences, which attract faculty and students from across their regions, especially individuals from small undergraduate colleges. He says he has come away from these conferences with a better appreciation for just how broad and diverse the field of Asian studies is and with a better understanding of its strengths as well as the challenges on a local level. In addition to his attendance at the annual and regional conferences, Keyes’ other key activities as president include nominating this year’s recipient of the Distinguished Contribution to Asian Studies Award (given to Jane Hanks), and organizing the Presidential Panel at the conference (which will focus on the work of anthropologist Arthur Kleinman).

Keyes, known to his friends and colleagues as “Biff,” is a leading scholar in Southeast Asian studies. Author of six books, editor of eight volumes and more than 80 articles, Keyes joined the UW faculty in 1965 and, over the years, has played a pivotal role in creating one of the top Southeast Asian studies programs in the world. He was the Southeast Asia Center director from its inception in 1987 until 1996, co-founded the Northwest Regional Consortium for SE Asian Studies, and has held many other distinguished positions at U.S. and foreign universities throughout his career. He is widely known for the efforts he makes on behalf of students from Southeast Asia to come for graduate work at UW, and for the last several years has consistently made it into the “top 10” nominees for the highly-competitive UW “Distinguished Graduate Mentor Award.” Although it is now common knowledge that he is no longer accepting new students in anticipation of his eventual retirement, he shows no signs of slowing down. In fact, it seems he is busier than ever, although he admits that retirement looks good simply for all the time it will give him to write the books he wants to write. For now, however, he is enjoying life as a senior faculty member at the University of Washington and president of the AAS. For more information about the AAS, its activities and events, see their website at www.aasianst.org.

By Dr. Sara Van Fleet, SEAC Associate Director

International Updates 2002: Trends and Transitions in Your World

The Politics of Cultural Difference in Vietnam and Thailand
Charles Keyes, Professor of Anthropology and International Studies
Wednesday, March 20, 2002
5:30-8:00pm
Walker Ames Room, Kane Hall

The Jackson School of International Studies and the Center for International Business Education and Research will once again sponsor the annual International Updates lecture-dinner series offering the latest insights from top University scholars and dinners catered by local ethnic restaurants. Updates are $25 per Update. To register, please contact the South Asia Center at 206-543-4800 or email Keith Snodgrass: snodgras@u.washington.edu
Summer Programs

Advanced Study of Thai (AST)
June 17- August 9, 2002 (Orientation June 15-16, 2002)

This is an intensive eight-week course for students with at least intermediate-level of study of Thai language offered by the Consortium for Advanced Study of Thai in cooperation with the Faculty of Humanities, Chiang Mai, University, Thailand. Deadline: January 28, 2002. For more information go to http://darkwing.uoregon.edu/~caps/ast/ or email: seac@u.washington.edu

Vietnamese Advanced Summer Institute (VASI)

June 20 to August 16, 2002
The program in Hanoi consists of several hours per day of intensive instruction in advanced Vietnamese in small classroom settings. There is a program fee of $1,750. However, most of the students (10-12 people) selected for VASI program are funded by VASI scholarships that cover round-trip airfare to Hanoi, tuition fees, and accommodation. One other Group for the Advancement of Vietnamese Abroad (GUAVA) scholarship is available for foreign nationals studying in the US. Deadline: January 28, 2002. For more information visit: http://www.public.asu.edu/~ickpl/vasi.html

Advanced Study of Khmer Language Program (ASKL)
June 3 - July 12, 2002
This program is an intensive six-week advanced Khmer language-training program held in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. It aims to fill in the void in the academic community by providing 3rd year level students a "one-of-a-kind" opportunity to acquire the linguistic foundation necessary to engage in academic research, professional discourse, and cultural interaction with all segments of Cambodian society. If funds are awarded to the University of Hawaii for this program, fellowships covering travel and living expenses will be available to students who participate. Deadline: February 28, 2002. For an application and more information, please visit: http://www.hawaii.edu/cseas/academic/khmer.html

USINDO Summer Language Studies Program
May 30 - August 11, 2002

This program is a ten week intensive language program held at Gadjah Mada University located in Yogyakarta, Indonesia. Beginner and intermediate Bahasa Indonesia classes are offered along with cultural workshops and lectures on a variety of subjects. While studying in Yogyakarta students will live with host families. Deadline: March 1, 2002. For more information, visit: www.usindo.org or email: USINDO@usindo.org.

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This strength is particularly important in our post Sept. 11th world. Indonesia is the country with the largest Muslim population in the world, yet has been excluded from the Congress’s list of “critical world regions” designated to receive increased funding for language and area studies (areas on the list are the Middle East, Central Asia, South Asia, and Eastern Europe/Russia). It is in this light of political neglect that SEAC is advancing the voices of Indonesianists. SEAC will be hosting a two-day event, April 11-12, 2002, entitled “Liberal Islam, Social Justice and the Post-Development Order in Indonesia.” The event will feature UW faculty who specialize in Indonesia but will also include Geonawan Mohamad, Suraya Affif, Wolfgang Linser, and Loren Ryter. Look for program details and updates on the SEAC website.

While much of the SEAC’s evaluation will be going on internally, we look forward to having two external evaluators with outstanding credentials as Southeast Asianists come to campus for a formal review on May 2-3, 2002. The evaluators are: Dr. Nancy Florida, Assoc. Prof. of Indonesian Languages & Literature, and Interim Director, Center for SE Asian Studies, University of Michigan; and Dr. Mary Steedley, Professor of Anthropology at Harvard University.

We at SEAC invite anyone in the campus community who has interests in Southeast Asian Studies but whom we have yet to meet to introduce yourself to us so that we may become a more comprehensive central node for Southeast Asian Studies on the UW campus. With best wishes for your success in contributing to better understanding of SE Asia in the new year, Professor Marjorie Muecke, Director, SEAC
**Interview with John Badgley**

**John Badgley** is presently the interim librarian of the Southeast Asian Section of the UW library while Judith Henchy is on leave to conduct field research in Vietnam. John came aboard in October 2001 and has begun efforts to locate potential funding for the library while simultaneously carrying out his duties for SEAC. Newsletter Editor Linda McIntosh interviewed John to find out more about him and his projects.

**How did you undertake your study of Southeast Asia?**

JB: My Asia interest began when I was stationed in Japan during the Korean War. My wife and I lived there for two years, then returned to the States, where I began my Masters program at Johns Hopkins University. I wanted to study Japanese but as the only student who requested Japanese that year I was encouraged to study Indonesian or Hindi. The Indonesian class was full so I ended up studying Hindi for three years. During these years, however, I took courses on Southeast Asia. But for my third year I applied for a Fulbright to conduct doctoral research in India. I was awarded a scholarship to study in Burma!

**After Burma you resumed your studies?**

JB: Yes, I continued my PhD studies at UC Berkeley, my dissertation topic being “on progress and policy in Burma.” I was interested in the concept of progress in a Buddhist society, and whether it conflicted with development of a modern state. I then studied Burmese at Cornell University from 1960-1961 before I returned to Burma to conduct more research. I was awarded my doctorate from Berkeley in 1961, then returned to Burma for a year to collect data for my book, *Politics Among Burmans*. I conducted interviews with leaders in lower Chindwin district.

**Where have you taught courses on Southeast Asia?**

JB: I started teaching undergraduates at Miami University in 1962, then moved to Johns Hopkins, SAIS, in 1966 where I became Director of the Asian Studies where I taught only graduate-level courses and directed doctoral candidates until 1973. I was also visiting lecturer at Kyoto University and Cornell. Some of my seminars focused on Burma, but I had wide interests then as now, ranging from India to Southeast Asia and Japan. In 1974 I left teaching to establish the Institute of the Rockies, a public policy educational association in Montana, then returned to the academia in 1986 as the Southeast Asia Curator in the Cornell University library.

**Please describe some of the work you did at Cornell.**

JB: I began immediately soliciting funds for conservation work in libraries of Southeast Asia and support from the Luce Foundation, the Christopher Reynolds Foundation, private donors, and other small foundations. The library was able to acquire microfilm from Thailand and Indonesia, and a great deal of material from other countries such as Burma, Vietnam, and Cambodia. In exchange for these items, we supplied these countries with filming equipment and copiers to help them to preserve their collections.

**What did you do after you retired from Cornell?**

JB: Since 1960 I worked at Cornell for a total of eleven years, then retired, remarried, and opened a restaurant in Ithaca with my Japanese wife, a French-trained chef. We were in business for 4 years, then sold the restaurant and moved to Seattle to be nearer my family and hers.

**When did you start working at UW?**

JB: I came to UW last October when Judith Henchy, the SEA librarian, left for Vietnam to conduct field research for her dissertation. I started as the Southeast Asia Selector 1/4 time and added another 1/4 time to work on grants coordination. Old Ford and Luce grants closed after a decade, so our acquisitions budget has taken a drastic cut, especially in Southeast Asian serials. I have just completed a $1 million Technological Innovation and Cooperation for Foreign Information Access Program (TICFIA) proposal to the Department of Education, funds we will use to digitize the SEA collections in Southeast Asia as well as in the Near East section.

**What other projects are you working on?**

JB: Besides the TICFIA grant, we are working on two other large proposals. The Mellon Foundation has invited us to develop a pilot digitizing project to cover most of Asia; the other proposal is a $50 million grant to transform research libraries around the world into digital global libraries accessible to scholars everywhere.
Faculty News

Mary Callahan is currently working on a book manuscript analyzing changes in the civil-military relations in democratic reform processes in Thailand, Burma, Indonesia, and the Philippines. The absence of such a volume became clear to her while conducting seminars on democratic reform and civil-military relationships for IMET programs in Indonesia and Cambodia. The book, Back to the Barracks, will provide an analysis of the successes and failures of civil-military reform in Southeast Asia. Prof. Callahan worked through some of the issues of the book in her class last winter quarter on military regimes. Through support from a Book Grant from the Smith Richardson Foundation, she is preparing the manuscript for publication. Prof. Callahan will return to teaching Politics and Change in Southeast Asia (POL S 343/ SISSE 343) in the spring quarter and is developing a class on human rights and democratization in Asia.

Christoph Giebel is also working on a book manuscript, based on his 1996 Cornell dissertation, “Ton Duc Thang and the Imagined Ancestries of Vietnamese Communism”, a ‘mismatching’ of Vietnamese communist historiography. The work is based on case studies of biographical writings of Vietnamese communist revolutionaries. Professor Giebel spent the fall quarter preparing the manuscript and is teaching the Rise of Asia (SISA 210) this winter quarter. Through a Freeman Foundation grant supporting undergraduate education of Asian studies, five teaching assistants will assist with the course.

New Southeast Asia Faculty Member

Jan Mrazek is joining the Department of Art History this winter from Leiden University, the Netherlands where he was a post-doctoral researcher for the Verbal Art in the Audio-Visual Media of Indonesia project. Jan received his PhD in art history from Cornell. His dissertation, “Phenomenology of a Puppet Theater: Contemplations on the Performance Technique of Contemporary Javanese Wayang Kulit,” is going to published in the Netherlands and he is writing another book about the interaction between puppet theater and television in Indonesia. Jan studied traditional arts in Indonesia, and was the director of the Cornell Gamelan Ensemble. He is teaching two course this quarter: Moving Pictures: Asian Shadow Puppets and Shadow Puppet Performances (ART H309B) and Ancient Temples of Southeast Asia (ART H 400D). The former course focuses on Javanese wayang and other shadow puppet art forms in other Asian countries, and the latter is a survey of Southeast Asian classical monuments.

Fellowship and Program Deadlines

Deadlines are near for the following fellowships, grants and programs:

SEA Center FLAS: January 15, 2002
Blakemore Foundation Fellowship: January 15, 2002
SEASSI Summer FLAS: February 1, 2002
SEASSI Hmong, Lao, and Khmer Fellowships: March 1, 2002
SEASSI Tuition Fellowships: April 1, 2002
Vietnamese Advanced Summer Institute (VASI): January 28, 2002
Advanced Study of Thai (AST): January 28, 2002
Advanced Study of Khmer Language Program (ASKL): February 28, 2002
USINDO Summer Language Program: March 1, 2002
Association for Women in Science Fellowship: January 25, 2002

Please go to the SEAC’s website for more information on fellowships and grants: http://depts.washington.edu/seac/students/grants.html
Student News

David Biggs (Department of History) has a Fulbright-Hayes Fellowship for one year to conduct local research on environmental changes in the Mekong Delta. His dissertation looks at the development of the canal system and the reclamation of wetlands in the Mekong Delta from the Nguyen period to the present. The local research will make use of farmer interviews and a historical GIS from French and American aerial photos to understand changes in land use and vegetation as a result of intensive development of the region. David also designed the present SEAC website.

Carlo Bonura (Department of Political Science) is teaching a course on Globalization in Southeast Asia during winter quarter (SISSE 490B). The course is a critical overview of global transformations on Southeast Asian economies in the last ten years. Carlo was also a recipient of a 2001 Southeast Asian Studies Consortium fellowship funded by the Ford Foundation and used the fellowship to conduct research on Islamic political community in southern Thailand, Jawi script documents and met with researchers in the Asian Reading Room Section about expanding their coverage of Islamic websites in Southeast Asia at the Library of Congress during October.

Gavin Douglas (Department of Music, Ethnomusicology) successfully completed his PhD degree this summer. His dissertation, “State Patronage of Burmese Traditional Music” explores the political motivations behind several state sponsored projects for preserving and invigorating Burmese traditional music. An annual performing arts competition, a new university for the arts, and efforts to standardize and notate the orally transmitted canon of traditional songs (each initiated in the early 1990s) have had a strong impact on Burmese musical culture while being used as a tool by the military regime in its struggle for legitimacy.

Rebecca Firestone, a second year student in the masters program in the School of Public Health, spent the summer working with PATH (Program for Appropriate Technology in Health) in Bangkok. She helped PATH's adolescent reproductive health team analyze aspects of teaching sexuality education in Thai schools to find effective methods to train teachers about sexuality education. Rebecca is also a 2001 FLAS recipient and is studying Vietnamese.

Chiaki Ito is a first year student in the Department of Geography. Chiaki spent the last three and a half years working for the Asian Research Center for Migration (ARCM), Institute of Asian Studies at Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand, and was the project coordinator for a three-year international research project, “Thai Migrant Workers in East and Southeast Asia focusing on and comparing Thai migrant workers in Japan, Taiwan, Malaysia, and Singapore.”

UW Student Recipients of the Northwest Regional Consortium of Southeast Asian Studies/Ford Fellowships for 2001-2002

Carlo Bonura (Political Science) “Traces of Nationalism in the Archives”

Duong Bich Hanh (Anthropology) “Tourism on a Vietnamese Frontier: Hmong Responses to Tourism in Sa Pa, Northwestern Vietnam”

Joseph Hannah (Geography) “The role of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) in the area of food security in Vietnam”

Dieu-Hien Thi Hoang (Nursing) “Translation practices in health-related projects in Vietnam and in the Seattle area”

Benjamin Smith (Political Science) “Examining forces that enable an authoritarian government to overcome opposition and forces that enable the opposition to succeed in toppling it” (Indonesia)

Sara Wright (Geography) “Dissemination, adoption of, and resistance to genetically engineered rice seeds and intellectual property rights in the Philippines”
October 26-27, 2001 marked the final bi-annual conference in the fourteen-year history of the Northwest Regional Consortium for Southeast Asian Studies (NWRCSEAS). This year's conference, entitled "Communities in Southeast Asia: Challenges and Responses," took place at the University of Victoria. As the title suggests, the program featured a wide array of papers (82 paper presentations in all) representing diverse fields and perspectives having to do with communities in SEA. In addition to the traditional humanities and social sciences focused panels of past years, this year's conference featured a set of panels having to do with community-based natural resource management. To many, this was seen as a healthy sign that the "field" as many of us have come to know it, has expanded to include scholars and researchers from the sciences and professional schools in addition to the traditional foci of the past.

A group of UW faculty, students and staff attended the conference, many of whom boarded the Victoria Clipper ferry in Seattle to make the trip north. A highlight of the journey was an exciting 30 minute observation of three separate pods of Orca whales in the Strait of Juan de Fuca. At this year’s meeting the keynote address, "Indonesian Histories and Current Conflicts: Aceh and Other Identity Problems" was presented by Professor Anthony Reid (History, UCLA). The conference proceedings will be published in the spring.

The UW was well represented with graduate student presenters and presentations. They included:
Lan Phuong Nguyen (Sociology), "Educational Enrollment and Attainment During Economic Reform Period in Vietnam."
Peter Cuasay (Anthropology), "Modernity and Un-Thainess: The Staging of a Legend."
Janine Chi (Sociology), "Plural Identities: A Comparative Analysis of Ethnic Chinese Communities and Nation-Building in Three Southeast Asian Countries."
Bussarawan Teerawichitchainan (Sociology), "Ethnicity and Marital Disruption in Southeast Asia: A Comparative Study of Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand."

Also among the presenters was Marjorie Muecke, (Professor of Nursing and Director of the UW SEA Center) whose paper explored images of female sexuality in Thai discourses on nuns (mae chii). Laurie Sears (Professor, History) participated in a final panel discussion with other Consortium faculty and SE Asianists regarding the current state of Southeast Asian studies and the future of the field.

Sears commented that we still have much work to do to make the field of SE Asian Studies truly representative of the richly varied cultures and peoples of the region, but she sees "signs of optimism" in the growth of funding opportunities for SE Asian scholars to study in the west. This has become even more important in the aftermath of September 11, when the need to understand complex Islamic cultures such as Indonesia, is greater than ever. One of the most pressing current needs in the field, according to Sears, is the need for more "public intellectuals" among scholars of SE Asia. We must go beyond 'talking among ourselves,' as the saying goes, and develop better tools to communicate to the rest of the world about the regions we know well. This would include writing and speaking for a broader audience, one that lies beyond the academy.

Where does the Consortium go from here? With the end of grant monies that initially supported the Consortium and the challenges faced by Southeast Asianists on our individual campuses, it is clearly time for a new vision. Here as well there are signs for optimism. This year's NWRCSEAS conference brought in new participants, including faculty and students from the new California (UC Berkeley and UCLA) joint SE Asian Studies program as well as interested SE Asianists from across Canada and the United States. As tragic as the events of 9/11 were, our governments and universities may be now more aware of the growing need and importance of area studies and international education. The lively dialogues and cross-disciplinary perspectives represented at the conference would seem to point to a new era in SE Asian Studies, one that goes beyond traditional disciplinary and regional boundaries and includes SE Asianists from all countries, especially those of SE Asia.

By Dr. Sara Van Fleet, SEAC Associate Director
FESTIVAL MOSAIC WORKSHOP FOR K-12 EDUCATORS

Arts of Asia Mosaic
February 9, 2002
University of Washington Thomson Hall, 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

K-8 educators will spend a day learning about the music, dance, arts, and storytelling traditions of China, Japan, Korea, India, and Southeast Asia through sessions by international studies experts and experienced teachers, hands-on activities, demonstrations of multi-purpose and interdisciplinary lessons, and lots of handouts. A special plenary session as well as breakout sessions feature renowned Storyteller and Author of Asian Tales and Tellers, Cathy Spagnoli. The UW Jackson School of International Studies Asia Outreach Centers, the Seattle International Children's Festival, and the Washington State Council for the Social Studies sponsor the Festival Mosaic.

The Mosaic workshop costs $45 and includes lunch, materials, and clock hours. Pre-registration is required. To register, please send the information listed below and a check made out to WSCSS to: UW, Outreach Programs, JSIS, Box 353650, Seattle, WA 98195. For more information, please call (206) 543-1921.

Name: Phone (home & school):
Address: *Email address:
School/District: Grades/Subjects taught:

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

The Institute for Transnational Studies
(formerly Taylor Institute for Transnational Studies)

The Institute for Transnational Studies, in collaboration with the Center for Women and Democracy, the CLASS Center, and the International Studies Center, invites applications from social science and humanities scholars for support of research collaborations on comparative or transnational topics. Funding can begin during the summer or fall 2002. The Institute encourages proposals that cross departmental and area studies boundaries. Proposals on all topics are welcome, and we also have a special interest in proposals that relate to one of the following broad themes: 1) the Public Sphere, 2) Women and Democracy, and 3) Law and Society. Current UW faculty and graduate students are eligible to apply.

For additional information about the Institute's programs and events, visit our website: http://depts.washington.edu/tayloruw or email: tayloruw@u.washington.edu

Southeast Asia FLAS Fellowship Recipients for Academic Year 2001-2002

Jamie Davidson (Political Science) Indonesian
Rebecca Firestone (MPH) Vietnamese
Diane Fox (Anthropology) Vietnamese
Joseph Hannah (Geography) Vietnamese
Patrick McCormick (Political Science) Thai
Conferences

LOCAL KNOWLEDGES AND GLOBAL FORCES IN SOUTHEAST ASIA
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA- BERKELEY
FEB. 8-9, 2002

The conference will examine the dynamics of globalization within the culturally diverse region of Southeast Asia. Panels and discussions will discuss the interface of global forces and local processes, the role of indigenous and other sub-national cultures and knowledges, and the position and agency of the nation state in the context of global forces. For more information, call (510)-642-3609 or email: cseas@uclink.berkeley.edu

ASSOCIATION OF ASIAN STUDIES 2002 CONFERENCE
ATTENTION ALL GRADUATE STUDENTS

The Association of Asian Studies (AAS) Board of Directors has again allocated funding to support student participation at the 2002 annual meeting to be held in Washington, D.C. from April 4-7. If you are on the formal program as either a panel member or individual paper presenter you are eligible to receive a subsidy of up to $200 to attend the meeting. To receive the subsidy, you must pre-register by the December 11 deadline and send in a copy of your student ID. There is no application process, but late requests will not be accepted. Visit http://www.aasianst.org/annmtg.htm for more information about the AAS 2002 conference.

CALL FOR PAPERS
CORNELL UNIVERSITY SOUTHEAST ASIA PROGRAM
GRADUATE STUDENT SYMPOSIUM
MARCH 29-30, 2002

This year’s SEAP graduate symposium invites papers that explore the place of memory in Southeast Asia. "Place" can be read in multiple senses. How do physical sites of memory in Southeast Asia represent the past and/or record collective memory? How do strategies of place and memory coalesce in the relations between centers and peripheries as physical borders and margins are contested and reexamined? Place can also refer to the changing significance of memory in Southeast Asia, whether attributed to the processes of globalization, decentralization, identity, or the blurring of divides between activism and academia. Deadline for abstracts (one-page + CV) is January 31, 2002. Send by email to: bjs1@cornell.edu or by mail to:

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CALL FOR PAPERS
IDENTITY AND CHANGE IN SOUTHEAST ASIA
SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 2002
NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

Graduate and undergraduate students with an interest in Southeast Asia are encouraged to present papers. Papers should be in English and presenters will be given no more than 20 minutes to present. Cash prizes totaling up to $1,000 for the winners of the best undergraduate and graduate papers. Prizes are funded by a Title VI National Resource Center grant from the US Department of Education to the Center for Southeast Asian Studies at NIU. The Best Papers will be published in Crossroads: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Southeast Asian Studies, a publication from the Center for Southeast Asian Studies at Northern Illinois University. For full information about the conference and possible paper topics please visit: http://www.seasite.niu.edu/seaclub/conference.htm Deadline for a one page abstract and CV by January 1, 2002. In order to be considered for the prize, papers must be submitted in their entirety by February 2, 2002. Send your papers and abstracts by email to: ryandavenport@hotmail.com or mail to:

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New Post-doctoral Fellowships in East and Southeast Asian Studies

The East Asian Institute at Columbia University is launching a new postdoctoral fellowship on modern East and Southeast Asian studies funded by the Richard Weatherhead Fund at Columbia. Candidates from all disciplines and areas are welcome to apply, but preference in the inaugural year 2002-03 will be given to specialists in Southeast Asia. The Fellow will devote half time to his or her own research and will teach one course per semester. Candidates must have received their Ph.D. by July 1, 2002. Deadline for receipt of all materials is February 1, 2002. To apply, please send a research proposal, current CV, and three letters of recommendation to:

Diane Belleville
Weatherhead Postdoctoral Fellowship
Columbia University
913 International Affairs Mail Code 3333
420 W. 118th St.
New York, NY 10027

Association for Women in Science Fellowship

The Association for Women in Science is accepting fellowship applications to support work that leads to doctorates in engineering or in the behavioral, life, physical, or social sciences. Who is eligible: women enrolled in doctoral programs in the United States who have passed their department's qualifying exam and expect to complete their dissertation within two years. Deadline for applications: January 25, 2002. Total amount to be awarded and number of awards: an unspecified amount for 5 to 10 awards. Amount of individual awards: $1,000. View the full text of the announcement on the association's website:
http://www.awis.org/ed.Foundation.html