Dear Alumni, Friends, and Colleagues,

We are delighted to send you a few highlights of the past year.

Particularly noteworthy among activities are recently released faculty publications and a spirited and heartwarming alumni-organized celebration in Vietnam and Thailand. *Incomplete Democracies in the Asia-Pacific: Evidence from Indonesia, Korea, the Philippines and Thailand* (Karl D. Jackson, Giovanna Maria Dora Dore, Jae H. Ku, eds., Palgrave Macmillan) and *Myanmar: The Dynamics of an Evolving Polity* (David I. Steinberg, ed., Lynne Rienner Publishers) were released for publication in late 2014.

In honor of Professor Frederick Z. Brown and his sustained contribution to 20 years of U.S.-Vietnam normalization, SAIS alumni organized a memorable event of workshops and receptions, both in Hanoi and Bangkok.

With spring-time cheer, we look forward to another year of teaching and scholarly achievements.

*With best wishes,*

Karl Jackson       Bill Wise

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**Congratulations to the SAIS Class of 2014!**

We proudly announce the SAIS Southeast Asia Studies Class of 2014

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Joshua Simonidis, M.A.  
Aichida Ul-Aflaha, M.A., Freeport McMoran Fellow  
Heru Yuda, M.A., Freeport McMoran Fellow  
and  
Jacob Funk Kirkegaard, Ph.D.

We are delighted to recognize the academic achievements of our graduates. Among those whose records merit special mention are Daniel Greenland, winner of the 2014 Wolfowitz Fellowship Prize for the highest GPA among SAIS Southeast Asia studies graduates, and Pongkwan Sawsadipakdi, who earned an M.A. with high merit based on an exceptional performance on the capstone oral exam.
To Fred: It is appropriate that SAIS alumni should gather in Hanoi to observe the 20th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the United States of America and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam and especially significant that you are present on this occasion. Your singular contributions to the development of U.S.-Vietnam relations are well known in both countries. As a Foreign Service Officer, a Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff member, an author and analyst, and a highly regarded professor of Southeast Asia Studies at SAIS, you have played an important role in bringing the U.S. and Vietnam closer together. Your guidance and assistance to a generation of Vietnamese students at SAIS demonstrated not only your dedication to our educational mission, but also your personal commitment to the well-being and success of each individual. The bonds you and our SAIS alumni have helped to create serve our two countries well.

—Vali Nasr
The heart of any first-rate graduate program is the new knowledge that it creates, the publishable papers of M.A. students, the Ph.D. dissertations, and the books written by the faculty. All of these require staggering investments of time and energy but their findings enliven the classroom and add to SAIS’ luster as the international studies program that continues to stress language and area studies as critical components of its international brand. — Karl D. Jackson

REGIONAL STUDIES BY FACULTY

Incomplete Democracies in the Asia-Pacific (Palgrave Macmillan 2014). Professor Karl D. Jackson, Dr. Giovanna Maria Dora Dore, Dr. Prinat Apirat, Dr. Jae H. Ku, and Mr. Marshall Kirby analyze the state of democracy in Indonesia, Korea, the Philippines and Thailand using the findings from two SAIS surveys, in 2000 and 2011, that interviewed 1,200 and 4,000 respondents. The book shows how mass attitudes and behaviors enable continued elite control, and that the chronic problem of these electoral democracies has been the lack of mobilized public demand for good governance.

Myanmar: The Dynamics of an Evolving Polity (Lynne Rienner Publishers, 2014). Professor David I. Steinberg and co-authors who include SAIS Ph.D. Candidate Yun Sun address how Myanmar is undergoing a socio-political and economic transformation that is as important as it is fragile. The sincerity of the reform process is evident, but its implementation and the capacities of state institutions, civil society, and the private sector are highly limited. The stampeded by foreigners to help change policies, however well intentioned, is likely to be undermined by the lack of sophisticated understanding of the dynamics of that complex society.

SUMMER 2014 INTERNSHIPS IN THE REGION!

Gian Michael Gozum
Alin Horj
Martin House
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Elizabeth Gaglia
Charles Gilbert

The Permanent Mission of Thailand to ASEAN (Jakarta)
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Social Impact (Jakarta)
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ACADEMIC YEAR 2014-15 SELECTED ACTIVITIES

Wednesday Lunch Seminar. Carla Freeman (SAIS ’99) executive director of the SAIS Foreign Policy Institute and associate director of SAIS China Studies, on teaching China in Myanmar; Bilahari Kausikan, ambassador-at-large, Singapore Ministry of Foreign Affairs, on Singapore foreign policy; Bill Hayton, BBC News reporter, on the South China Sea; Kim McQuay, the Asia Foundation’s country representative to Thailand, on the Thai political climate five months post-coup; Michael McDevitt, senior fellow at the CNA Corporation, on U.S. policy regarding the South China Sea; Amy Searight, U.S. deputy assistant secretary of defense for South and Southeast Asia, on defense engagement in Southeast Asia; Ted Osius (SAIS ’89), U.S. ambassador to Vietnam, on tales of a foreign service career; Yanghee Lee, United Nations special rapporteur, on human rights in Myanmar; Thitinan Pongsudhirak (SAIS ’92), associate professor at Chulalongkorn University, on Thailand’s crises, coups and constitutions, and John M. Harrington, Jr., associate dean for academic affairs, on a SAIS education.


Indonesia Corner @ SAIS. Joseph Chin-yong Liow, Lee Kuan Yew Chair in Southeast Asia Studies, Brookings Institution, on Indonesian foreign policy. With major support from the Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia.

SAIS Thai Club. Jeff M. Moore on his recent publication The Thai Way of Countersurgency (A Muir Analytics Book, 2013). With major support from the Royal Thai Embassy.