



Dear Friends, Colleagues, and Alumni,

As we prepare for our incoming class of students, we reflect on the extraordinary success and exciting transitions that marked AY 2012-13. Fourteen outstanding Southeast Asia Studies scholars graduated in May. High achievers from their arrival at SAIS, they have already begun to contribute their talents and skills in Washington and throughout Southeast Asia.

We bid farewell to retiring **Professor Frederick Z. Brown**, whose dedication to promoting U.S.-Vietnam friendship leaves a resounding legacy for future generations. In addition to his tireless efforts in creating the Tran Thi Quynh Hoa Fellowship, he has generously gifted to the program hundreds of books from his personal collection.

We are delighted to welcome **David I. Steinberg** as visiting scholar and **Meredith**



SAIS Commencement, May 2013 (L-R): Dean Vali Nasr, Karl Jackson, and Dr. Giovanna Maria Dora Dore.

L. Weiss as visiting associate professor. With the former a preeminent scholar in Burma/Myanmar and Korean studies, and the latter an expert in political development in Singapore, Indonesia, and Malaysia, we anticipate an exciting and productive new year.

With best wishes,

Karl *Bill*
Karl Jackson Bill Wise

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SOUTHEAST ASIA STUDENT STANDOUTS

We proudly announce the SEA Class of 2013

Jatuchatra Chommai , M.A.	Jennifer Schuch-Page , M.A.
Alexis Collatos , M.A.	Amanda Stek , M.A.
Giovanna Maria Dora Dore , Ph.D.	Adrian Stover , M.A.
Kui-Tsung (Patrick) Lai , M.A.	Annie Su , M.A.
Young Lim Lee , M.I.P.P.	Elizabeth Vish , M.A.
Nicola Lwin , M.A.	Andrew Wasuwongse , M.A.
Nancy Ngo , M.A.	Kai Jiun Wong , M.I.P.P.

M.A. Awards and Honors

We are thrilled to recognize the high academic accomplishments of our talented graduates, particularly **Elizabeth Vish**, **Andrew Wasuwongse**, and **Amanda Stek** whose records merit special mention. Elizabeth was awarded the M.A. degree with SAIS-wide honors. The degree with honors is awarded to students who graduate in the top 10 percent of their class and perform exceptionally well in the M.A. oral exams. Andrew earned an M.A. with high merit, based on an exceptional performance on the capstone oral exam. Amanda was awarded the prestigious Phi Beta Kappa.

The Wolfowitz Fellowship Prize

Ambassador Paul D. Wolfowitz, former dean of SAIS, and **Mr. Bruce Schulman** (SAIS '99) joined the faculty and stu-



Tabard Inn, 4.9.13 (L-R): Jacqueline Ganem, Karl Jackson, Amb. Paul Wolfowitz, Elizabeth Vish, Nathan Vish, Bruce Schulman, Bill Wise, and Amanda Stek.

dents to recognize **Elizabeth Vish** as the winner of the 2013 Wolfowitz Fellowship Prize. The award, established by Mr. Schulman, honors the Southeast Asia M.A. Student with the highest GPA at the end of the third term.

Our students are also standing out as leaders on the broader SAIS campus, particularly **Anne Gillman** who was elected Student Government Association President for AY 2013-14. *Congratulations to all our students!*

MYANMAR PRESIDENT U THEIN SEIN SPEAKS AT SAIS



Karl Jackson and **Dean Vali Nasr** were honored to welcome **Myanmar President U Thein Sein** to SAIS on May 20 during the first official trip to the United States by a Myanmar head of state in 47 years. President U Thein Sein spoke frankly on Myanmar's aspirations on becoming an open, liberal democracy. He welcomed political competition, vibrant civil society, and peace between Myanmar's diverse ethnic and religious population. He acknowledged the special relationship between SAIS and Myanmar, including the Hopkins Rangoon Center which was established in 1954 as a leading educational and research institution in Asia, and welcomed continued ties between SAIS and his country.

MEREDITH L. WEISS

Meredith L. Weiss joins the faculty as visiting associate professor for AY 2013-14. Professor Weiss comes to SAIS from the University at Albany, SUNY, where she has been a member of the Department of Political Science since 2008. Her research focuses on political development and mobilization in Singapore, Indonesia, and Malaysia. She explores issues of social mobilization, political coalitions and networks, and their impact on political development in the region. Her publications include *Student Activism in Malaysia: Crucible, Mirror, Sideshow* (2012), *Protest and Possibilities: Civil Society and Coalitions for Political Change in Malaysia* (2006), five edited volumes, and numerous articles and book chapters. She received an M.A. and Ph.D. from Yale University. At SAIS, she will teach "Contentious Politics in Southeast Asia," "Democracy and Democratization in Southeast Asia" (fall 2013), "The Political Economy of Development in Southeast Asia," and "Political Parties and Elections" (spring 2014).



President U Thein Sein's choice to speak before an audience of primarily SAIS students reflects the flourishing ties between SAIS and Myanmar. This summer under the directorship of Karl Jackson, SAIS faculty began teaching at the International Center of Excellence (ICOE). Initiated in January 2013 by SAIS and Chung Ang University, the ICOE offers courses in international relations to junior faculty and graduate students from Yangon University. The goal is to resuscitate and expand the curriculum in the fields of international relations and political science and to bring applicable aspects of these knowledge areas to the government, legislature, and civil society beyond the confines of the university.

DAVID I. STEINBERG

We are pleased to welcome **David I. Steinberg** as visiting scholar at SAIS. Professor Steinberg is a well-known specialist on Burma/Myanmar, the Korean Peninsula, Southeast Asia and U.S. policy on Asia. Most recently he was distinguished professor emeritus and director of Asian Studies at Georgetown University. He is the author of 14 books and monographs, including *Modern China-Myanmar Relations: Dilemmas of Mutual Dependence* (2012, with Fan Hongwei); *Burma/Myanmar: What Everyone Needs to Know* (2010, 2nd edition 2013); *Stone Mirror: Reflections on Contemporary Korea* (2002), and more than 100 articles. He was educated at Dartmouth College, Lingnan University (Canton, China), Harvard University, and the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London.



SAIS, 5.20.2013: Myanmar President U Thein Sein and David Steinberg.

THAI CLUB HOSTS EXPERTS ON SOUTHERN INSURGENCY

The SAIS Thai Club worked hard to raise awareness of Thai culture and political issues. Among numerous events was an outstanding panel discussion on "Thailand's Southern Insurgency: Breaking the Cycle of Violence" with international experts **Zachary Abuza**, professor, Simmons College, **Kira Kay**, correspondent, PBS NewsHour, and **Duncan McCargo**, professor, University of Leeds. The discussion brought together a diverse audience to discuss political and cultural causes for the protracted conflict in southern Thailand and opportunities for reconciliation. Keep an eye out for more compelling programs this fall!

GRAND PRIZE WINNER!



Alexis Collatos (right) won first place in the annual "Show your SAIS Pride" photo contest for "SAISers at Bronco Billy's Dive Site in the British Virgin Islands."

WEDNESDAY LUNCH SEMINAR SERIES: SPRING 2013

A cornerstone of SAIS Southeast Asia Studies is the weekly Wednesday lunch seminar series, which draws student concentrators, professors, visiting scholars, and alumni together with Southeast Asian policymakers, activists, and experts from Washington and the region. The spring term featured an exceptionally outstanding series on issues such as U.S.-ASEAN relations, democracy and political participation, maritime security, and trends in economic trade relations between Southeast Asia and the rest of the world.

Highlights from the Wednesday Lunch Seminar Series

H.E. Nguyen Quoc Cuong, ambassador of Vietnam to the United States, spoke on U.S.-Vietnam relations.

H.E. Dr. Dino Djajal, ambassador of Indonesia to the United States, discussed Indonesia's youth and its political future.

H.E. Ashok Kumar Mirpuri, ambassador of Singapore to the United States, explored regional themes of political development and democracy in Southeast Asia.

Ernest Z. Bower, senior advisor and Sumitro Chair for Southeast Asia Studies, Center for Strategic and International Studies, who examined the private sector's role in the region.

Zin Mar Aung, former Burmese political prisoner, provided insights on challenges facing Myanmar's civil society.

Jacob Young, risk management specialist at the Asian Development Bank and SAIS SEA alumnus, discussed the role of the bank and his experiences working at ADB.

George P. Kent, director, Office of Europe and Asia Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement, on "Thailand in Transition."

Bui Hong Hanh, Tran Thi Quynh Hoa Fellow, on U.S.-Vietnam ties in the context of U.S.-ASEAN relations.



SAIS, 2.20.13: **Bill Wise** regales Myanmar activist and 2012 State Department "International Women in Courage" recipient **Zin Mar Aung** with a prized SAIS mug in appreciation for sharing her insights on Myanmar's civil society development.

STANLEY KARNOW'S SOUTHEAST ASIA

On May 1 the SAIS Philippines Roundtable and the U.S.-Philippines Society hosted a remembrance for the late journalist and historian **Stanley Abram Karnow** (1925–2013). Among numerous achievements, his book *In Our Image: America's Empire in the Philippines* won the 1990 Pulitzer Prize for history, and his widely viewed 1983 PBS series, *Vietnam: A Television History*, is considered a landmark in American broadcast journalism. How journalists covered and influenced events in Vietnam and the Philippines was among the topics discussed during the evening. Moderated by **William Wise**, the panel comprised **Ambassador John D. Negroponte**, **Ambassador Frank G. Wisner**, **Ambassador John F. Maisto**, **L. Desaix Anderson**, **Rufus Phillips**, and reporters **Marvin Kalb** and **James Mann**.



SAIS, 5.1.13: **Michael Karnow** offers welcoming remarks and anecdotes on his father Stanley Karnow.

POLICY OUTREACH ROUNDTABLES

The SAIS Burma Study Group, generously funded by **Chevron Corporation** and chaired by **William Wise** and **David Steinberg**, met for discussions with **W. Patrick Murphy**, senior advisor for Burma at the U.S. Department of State, on U.S. policy towards Burma, and **Tomicah Tillemann**, senior advisor to the secretary of state for civil society and emerging democracies, on the development of democracy and civil society in the country.



SAIS, 4.11.13: **Andrew Wells-Dang**, SAIS visiting scholar and team leader for Oxfam's Advocacy Coalition Support Program, led a discussion on constitution and land law in Vietnam.

The SAIS Indochina Roundtable, chaired by **Fred Brown**, held robust discussions led by **Frank Jannuzi**, deputy executive director of advocacy, policy, and research, Amnesty International, on Vietnam's political trajectory from Amnesty's first visit to Vietnam in 24 years; **Andrew Wells-Dang**, SAIS visiting scholar, on Vietnam's constitutional and land reform movements; and **Hong-Phong Pho**, desk officer for Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia, U.S. Department of Commerce, on U.S. trade and commercial relations with Cambodia, Laos, and Vietnam.

The SAIS Philippines Roundtable, chaired by **William Wise**, hosted the **Honorable Rogelio L. Singson**, the Philippines secretary of public works and highways, on infrastructure and corruption in the country; **Amando M. Tetangco, Jr.**, governor of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, on the Philippines monetary policy and economic growth, and St. John Fisher College professor **Sharon Delmendo** and filmmaker **Sonny Izon** on the "Holocaust Haven in the Philippines." (co-sponsor US-Philippines Society)



WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

PREM FELLOWS

The Prem Fellowship for Thai Studies, based on a private endowment, provides tuition support to students from Thailand. As our most recent Prem Fellows **Kittithev Devahastin Na Ayuthai** and **Wanlapa Komkai** return for their second year of study, we sought to find out where a few of their predecessors are now.

After spending “two wonderful years at SAIS,” **JATUCHATRA CHOMMAI** (’13) serves as a Myanmar desk officer at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand. In response to our query on his work, he noted the daily opportunities to apply what he learned at SAIS, stating “SAIS education has equipped me with knowledge and skills that allow me to strive for the best in professional goals.”

NOPPON SAGNANERT

(B.C.’11, D.C.’12) is International Economic Associate in the Emerging Markets and International Affairs group at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. As the lead analyst covering Southeast Asia, Pon is responsible for gathering and evaluating information about macro-economic, financial, and political developments in the region, with a view toward informing policy makers and supporting Federal Reserve policy. Pon lives in New York and spends a lot of time thinking about traveling.



Pon Sagnanert in his office at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.



Pavis Devahasadin na Ayutaya

At the IMF’s Media Relations Division, **PAVIS DEVAHASADIN NA AYUTAYA** (’09), utilizes his interests in global affairs and media to help the Fund fulfill its mandate of safeguarding global economic stability. As a communications associate, Pavis primarily works on IMF Morning Press digests, a daily news digest delivered to IMF staff, global policy-makers, and economic journalists, keeping them informed on the relevant political and economic issues. He provides research and analysis of political and policy developments in Southeast Asia for Asia-Pacific Department and advises journalists on IMF data reporting. In his free time, apart from seeking out new and exciting travel destinations, Pavis studies and writes screenplays. As an accredited screen-writing student at Georgetown University, he traveled to Italy this summer to attend the 70th Venice International Film Festival.

DANNY MARKS (’09) is a first-year Ph.D. student at the University of the Sydney, having received a International Postgraduate Research Scholarship to fund his studies. He is enjoying studying the political economy of the 2011 floods in Bangkok, focusing on the role of the state and market institutions in creating and reducing vulnerabilities before, during, and after the floods. He will go to Bangkok at the end of this year to conduct his fieldwork.

Before beginning his Ph.D. and after graduating from SAIS, he spent a few years working in Thailand, Laos, and Cambodia, focusing on environmental governance issues. He worked for the Rockefeller Foundation, the World Bank’s East Asia and Pacific Governance Hub, and other organizations. In 2010, funded by the David L. Boren Fellowship, he conducted research at the Institute of Security and International Studies (ISIS) of Chulalongkorn University (under the kind tutelage of SAIS alumnus Thitinan Pongsudhirak) on Thailand’s climate change policy process.

He found his SAIS education very valuable, especially the courses on Southeast Asia taught by Dr. Jackson! It enabled him to significantly improved his knowledge of the region and his analytical, research, and writing skills and to make long-lasting connections with students and alumni. So he is very grateful to the Prem Fellowship for helping fund his studies at SAIS!

He is enjoying life in Sydney, rightly ranked one of the most "livable" cities in the world. He likes to go "bushwalking" (the Australian word for hiking), play ultimate frisbee, and bicycle around town. He is happy to meet any SAISers who come through town!



Danny Marks bushwalking in Oz.

How to Make a Contribution

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AY 2013-14 CAMPAIGN FOR SOUTHEAST ASIA STUDIES

Alumni and Friends,

In 2012 we asked you to help us take advantage of a one-time opportunity for a SAIS alumni challenge to fund two fellowships for the Southeast Asia Studies program. You responded with overwhelming generosity. We fully funded the two challenge matches and thanks to your timely assistance, **Anne Gillman**, the recipient of the *Nishaya Manklapruk and Khanh Pham Almon Fellowship*, and **Daniel Greenland**, the recipient of the *Southeast Asia Studies Alumni Fellowship*, are now beginning their second year of M.A. study at SAIS.

We now ask your help again to fund exceptional incoming students to Southeast Asia Studies. Our goal is to raise \$45,000 to fund three new \$15,000 fellowships for three new students to begin studies in the fall. Because we don't have assistance of challenge matches this year, we are more dependent than ever on your generosity. Tuition for these students will be almost \$40,000/year and the burden to raise fellowships is at the program level.

We are pleased to report that our program is in great shape. Our students, who come from the U.S. and various countries in East and Southeast Asia, continue to amaze us. In May, 60% of our concentrators sat for honors. In addition to our classes, we continue to manage a full program of extra-curricular activities, including the January inter-session language training. For the first time a team of our students studied Burmese in Yangon, including Anne and Daniel.

We are all proud of our closely connected SAIS Southeast Asia alumni network. The most important goal we have in recruiting each year's class is to continue to strengthen and nurture this network by providing a first class graduate education.

*Please give generously to the
AY 2013-14 Campaign
for Southeast Asia Studies!*



U.S. Embassy, Rangoon, January 2013 (L-R): Rob McDonald (SAIS alumnus), Cristina Garafola, Anne Gillman, Daniel Greenland, Ambassador Derek Mitchell, Andrew Wasuwongse (SAIS '13), John Gillman, Nicola Lwin (SAIS '13), Aichida Ul-Aflaha, Deputy Chief of Mission Virginia Murray.

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