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From the Director

Dear Friends,

On July 1, 1989, my five-year term as director of the Southeast Asia Program came to an end. Those five years have been hectic, but thanks to the energy, cooperativeness, high morale, and creativity of the program faculty and students—as well as strong support from Cornell University—I believe we have successfully managed the task of recruiting a fine group of replacements for the program’s eminent retiring founders. I am particularly pleased that in September we were joined by Huynh Kim Khanh, who succeeded George McT. Kahin in the Department of Government, and Keith Taylor, who has assumed responsibility for the new subject area of Vietnamese civilization and letters in the core Department of Asian Studies. They offer the program the opportunity to give national leadership to what I foresee as an exhilarating revival, and a deepening, of the scholarly study of the peoples of Indochina. Already there are more program graduate students intending to specialize on Vietnam than on any other Southeast Asian country except Indonesia. The welcome presence in our midst of Professors Li Thi Nham Tuyet and Ho Ton Trinh and Mr. Damrong Tayanin as Rockefeller fellows in the humanities, the superb Indochina holdings of the John M. Echols Collection, and the probability of rapid normalization of relations between the United States and the governments of Vietnam and Cambodia promise to make the 1990s at Cornell a new era in the study of mainland Southeast Asia.

In that context, I express our collective thanks to Christine White, who over the past three years has done so much to lay the groundwork for this revival, and to congratulate her on her appointment as professor of Southeast Asian studies at the University of Hawaii. It is also very encouraging to note the upsurge of student interest in the Philippines and Burma, and the fact that as of September the program for the first time in its history includes Khmer students at the graduate and undergraduate level. We are now poised, I think, to be a Southeast Asia program in the fullest sense of the word.

There is one special piece of good news to report. In recognition of George Kahin’s extraordinary services to Cornell and to scholarship on Southeast Asia, the university has agreed to give the program a permanent building of its own (the current structure at 102 West Avenue is, alas, scheduled finally for demolition) and to name it the George McT. Kahin Center for Research on Southeast Asia. Furthermore, we have been allowed to plant a scarlet oak on the Arts Quad in George’s honor, in recognition of his lifelong love of trees as well as of Southeast Asia.

Finally, let me note with pride the remarkable achievements of program graduate students over the past five years. They have won no less than 57 percent of all Social Science Research Council Fellowships (for which the competition is worldwide) during that period. It is an especially happy sign of Cornell’s unique tradition of international comradeliness that those awards have gone to as many students from Asia as from the United States.

My place as director has been taken by Randolph Barker, whose distinguished record as scholar and administrator, wide experience in many parts of Asia, and concern for the applied and policy aspects of Southeast Asian studies will certainly make it possible for us to move rapidly in new and exciting directions. I wish him the very best of luck.

Benedict R. Anderson
Professor of government and Asian studies
Professor George McT. Kahin

On June 30, 1988, George McT. Kahin, the Aaron L. Binenkorb Professor of International Studies Emeritus, retired after thirty-six years of teaching at Cornell. His outstanding roles as scholar on the politics of Southeast Asia, as executive director and then director of the Southeast Asia Program from 1951 to 1969, as president of the Association of Asian Studies, and as contributor to public debate on American policy in Asia since World War II are too well known to need commemoration here. What is perhaps less well known is George’s role as a teacher of graduate and undergraduate students. Yet it is in that regard that he has exercised the most enduring influence on the shaping of our understanding of modern Southeast Asia. In 1981 Cornell University conferred on him a John M. and Emily B. Clark Teaching Award for outstanding teaching of undergraduates, in particular for the celebrated course “The United States in Asia,” which enrolled hundreds upon hundreds of students in the many years he taught it. But his exceptional contributions to graduate education have not yet been systematically recognized. Therefore, to record his devoted service as a teacher of succeeding generations of graduate students, particularly those specializing on Southeast Asia, we are proud to present the following list of all the graduate students at Cornell on whose committees he served. (Needless to say, there have been many other graduate students whom he taught or whom he advised informally, but to include all of them would burst the format of the Bulletin.) The list has been arranged “generationally,” to show more clearly the historic contours of George’s leadership in shaping the scholarly tradition of the Southeast Asia Program.

Professor Kahin’s Graduate Students

An asterisk (*) indicates students whose committees Professor Kahin chaired. Students are listed under the year in which they began their graduate program.

SEAP Students

1947
De Gamboa, Jose Maria (government). M.A. 1952—“The Biscayan Tradition and Its Place in Western Political Theory.”

1948

1951
Carr, William K. (anthropology).
Sellers, Mary H. (anthropology).
Siew Nim Chee (industrial and labor relations—special).

*Van der Veur, Paul (government). Ph.D. 1955—“Introduction to a Sociopolitical Study of the Eurasians of Indonesia.”
Wilcox (Palmer), Andrea (anthropology).
Willmott, Donald E. (sociology). Ph.D. 1958—


1952

Amin, Mohammad (history). M.A. 1954—“The Boxer Uprising with Special Reference to the ‘Hundred Days of Reform,’ the Coup d’Etat, and the Role Played by the Empress Dowager.”


1953

*Hoang Luong Dinh (government).

*Ratna, Nani Suminar (special).


*Stannard, Raymond E., Jr. (government). M.A. 1957—“The Role of American Aid in Indonesian-American Relations.”

1954


*Gregory, Gene A. (government).

*Ngo Ton Dat (government). Ph.D. 1963—“The Geneva Partition of Vietnam and the Question of Reunification during the First Two Years (August 1954 to July 1956).”


1955


1956


*Klein, Wells Campbell (anthropology).

*Lord (Smail), Laura (history). M.A. 1959—“The Uses of History in Contemporary Indonesia.”

1957

*Freeman, James B. (special).
*Lloyd, John III (special).
*Reed, John (special).
*Wright, William Marshall (special).

1958

1959
*Crockett, Jeffrey R. D. (special).
*Mozingo, David P. (special).
Simatupang (Ihromi) Tapiomas (anthropology). M.A. 1963—“The Toba Batak Kinship System—A Preliminary Description.”

1960
*Badgley, John H. (special).

1961
*Levtonova, Julia Petrovna (special).
*McCue, Robert B. (special).

1962

1963
*Borg, Parker Webb (business and public administration). M.A. 1965—“Savings in a Developing State: The Lewis Model in the Philippine Case.”

1964
*Altman, Dennis Patkin (government). M.A. 1966—“The Politics of Australian Foreign Policy.”
*Kurlander, Robert (government).

1965
*Reed, John (special).

1966
*Altman, Dennis Patkin (government). M.A. 1966—“The Politics of Australian Foreign Policy.”
*Kurlander, Robert (government).

1967

1968

1969
*Badgley, John H. (special).

1970
*Reed, John (special).

1971

1972
1965
* Chan Heng-chee (government). M.A. 1967—
  "Singapore out of Malaysia: The Politics of Survival."
  (Singapore: Oxford University Press, 1971).
Kismadi, Gomer (anthropology). M.A. 1967—
  "The Separation of Singapore from Malaysia.
  Became The Separation of Singapore from Malaysia
  (Ithaca, N.Y.: Southeast Asia Program, Data Paper
  No. 73, 1969).
* McHenry (Fletcher), Nancy (government). M.A.
  (Singapore: Oxford University Press, 1971).
Ricklefs, Merle Calvin (history). Ph.D. 1973—
  "Jogjakarta under Sultan Mangkubumi, 1749–1792:
  A History of the Division of Java." Became Jogjakarta
  under Sultan Mangkubumi, 1749–1792: A History of
  the Division of Java (London: Oxford University Press,
  1974).
  "The Uses of Foreign Policy in Indonesia.
  Became Indonesian Foreign Policy and the Dilemmas
  of Dependence (Ithaca, N.Y.: Cornell University Press,
  1976).
1966
* Werner, Jayne S. (government). Ph.D. 1976—"The
  Cao Dai: The Politics of a Vietnamese Syneretic
  Religious Movement." Became Peasant Politics and
  Religious Sectarianism (New Haven, Ct.: Yale
  University, Southeast Asian Studies, 1981).
* White, Christine Pelzer (government). Ph.D. 1981—
  "Agrarian Reform and National Liberation in the
  Vietnamese Revolution, 1920–1957."
1967
  "Upheaval in Sumatra: From Dewan Banteng to the
  PRRI Rebellion."
* Bedlington, Stanley (government). Ph.D. 1974—
  "The Singapore Malay Community: The Politics of
  State Integration."
* Gokhale (Turner), Jayashree B. (government). M.A.
  1971.
  Hauswedell, Peter Christian (government). Ph.D.
  1976—"The Anti-Imperialist International United
  Front in Chinese and Indonesian Foreign Policy,
  1963–1965."
* Matsumoto Hiroshi (government). M.A. 1977—
  "From the Fall of Diem to the Rise of Khanh."
* Plotkin, Judith Susan (government).
1968
* Bruns, Eugene Benson (government).
* Dion, Jerrold Mark (government).
  "Revolutionary Reintegration: A Comparison of the
  Foundation of Post-Liberation Political Systems in
  North Vietnam and China."
1969
Howell, Llewellyn D., Jr. (special).
* Mrazek, Rudolf (special).
* Nabias, Christine (government). M.A. 1971—
  "Neutralism in Indochina: A Comparative Study of
  Neutralism in Cambodia, Laos, and Vietnam,
  1954–1965."
  "The Relationship between Burmese Social Classes
  and British-Indian Policy on the Behavior of the
  Burmese Political Elite, 1937–1942."
1970
1971
  "Islam and Politics in Aceh: A Study of Center-
  Periphery Relations in Indonesia."
1972
Scherer, Savitri Prastiti (history). M.A. 1975—
  "Harmony and Dissonance: Early Nationalist Thought
  in Java."
1973
Catania, Francis Vincent (rural sociology). M.A.
  1978—"Resettlement and the Formation of New
  Communities: A Comparative Study."
* Desker, Barry (special).
1974
  Henkel, David S., Jr. (rural sociology).
* Kenney, David T. (special).
  Loh, Francis (Kok-wah) (government). Ph.D. 1980—
  "Beyond the Tin Mines: The Political Economy of
  Chinese Squatter Farmers in the Kinta New Villages,
  Malaysia." Became Beyond the Tin Mines (Singapore:
  Oxford University Press, 1988).
* Magenda, Burhan (government). Ph.D. 1989—"The
  Surviving Aristocracies of Indonesia: Politics in Three
  Provinces of the Outer Islands."

Sternberg, Ernest (rural sociology). M.S. 1979—“Agricultural Decision-Making and Village Consensus: A Study of Malay Padi Farmers in the Krian Irrigation Scheme of Perak, Malaysia.”

1975

1976
*Meinheit, Harold E. (special).

1977

1978
Ackman, Lauress (city and regional planning).
Dennis, John V. (rural sociology). M.A. 1982—“The Role of the Thai Student Movement in Rural Conflict.”
Sodhy, Pamela (history). Ph.D. 1982—“Passage of Empire: United States-Malayan Relations to 1966.”

1979
*Nach, James (special).

1980
*Christy, Gene B. (special).

1981
*Lehn, Alfred M. (special).

1982

1983

1984

1985
*Anucha Chansuriya (government).
*Saz, Efren B. (rural sociology).

1986
*Loane, Shannon Smith (government).

1987

Non-SEAP Students

1957
Muller, Steven (government). Ph.D. 1962—“The Canadian Parliament.”

1954
*Retzlaff, Ralph (government). Ph.D. 1960—“The Constituent Assembly of India and the Problem of Indian Unity.”

1956

1961

1981

1984

1985
Rattakul Chansuriya (history).

1986
Boudreau, Vincent (government).
From the Center to the Periphery in the Study of Southeast Asia

Nancy Lietz

I came to Cornell as a postdoctoral Mellon fellow the fall after completing my Ph.D. degree program in anthropology in 1986 at the University of California, Berkeley, and teaching for a year at Bowdoin College in Maine. When I was an undergraduate and a graduate student at Berkeley, Cornell was always held up to me as the best program in the United States for the study of Southeast Asia. That was not surprising, as the people on my committee—Herbert Phillips, Gerald Berreman, and John Gumperz—either had degrees from Cornell or had spent time at Cornell. Most of the scholars whose work I read and admired as a student—George Kahin, Oliver Wolters, Ruth McVey, Benedict Anderson, and Daniel Lev, to name only the ones whose work most influenced me—also were Cornell scholars. Therefore, I feel that I have come to Cornell and am participating in the Southeast Asia Program as a grandchild of the original SEAP lineage, making a pilgrimage, as it were, from one of the branch programs to the center.

Being at the center of Southeast Asian studies, however, I am also struck by the weight of the program’s own traditions. Southeast Asian scholarship, perhaps particularly as influenced by Cornell, has been predominantly focused on state capitals and court traditions; it is only recently that scholarly attention has turned to regional cultural traditions.

Nevertheless, inspiration for one of the most interesting and important directions for future Southeast Asian scholarship has also come from Cornell, from Oliver Wolters’s stimulating essays in *History, Culture, and Region in Southeast Asian Perspectives* (Singapore: Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, 1982) and more recently from the volume edited by Audrey Kahin, *Regional Dynamics of the Indonesian Revolution* (Honolulu: University of Hawaii Press, 1985). Not only do the essays in those volumes shift our perspectives as scholars from Southeast Asia’s centers to its peripheries, but also they provide us with the impetus for exciting, productive discussions among anthropologists, political scientists, and historians.

Such discussions are especially needed, given the general decline of interest in regional area study programs today. Despite assertions of “blurred genres” in contemporary academia, a tendency toward overspecialization within particular disciplines has often led to introspection and involution, and the detaching of specific interpretive analyses from the broader contexts of history and political economy. Although I cannot speak for other disciplines, an example from anthropology can perhaps provide an illustration.

As an undergraduate majoring in music at Berkeley in the last years of the Vietnam War, I took an anthropology course on Southeast Asia, primarily to understand the war. Compelled by the historic richness of Southeast Asia, I switched my major to anthropology and wrote an undergraduate honors thesis on etiquette and language in Thailand. Drawn by the writings of Clifford Geertz, as a graduate student I then moved eastward to Indonesia, interested first in the performance traditions of Bali, and then, moving yet farther east, in the ritual-language traditions of Eastern Flores.

But a year’s fieldwork on the island of Adonara (just east of the island of Flores) made me extremely aware of the interpretive constraints of my geographical and theoretical journey east. As I had moved eastward in Indonesia, I found, I had increasingly left the integrated realm of Southeast Asian area studies, and had entered a rather mystical world where anthropological theory determined action, and cosmology organized social life. Though those formulations had been entrancing to me as a graduate student, when I had valued theory above empiricism, they were of little help to me in understanding the political and economic realities of Adonara in the 1980s.

That awareness was further heightened as I wrote my dissertation and searched through the literature on Southeast Asia. For the eastern Indonesian cultures of Nusa Tenggara Timur (the Lesser Sundas), the most recent ethnographic work dealing with contemporary political and economic conditions more than in passing had been published in 1959! Virtually no data were available on thirty years of change in eastern Indonesia,
because of changing paradigms in anthropological theory and real or perceived constraints on fieldwork in the outer islands. As my own thoughts and ideas developed, therefore, I tried to sketch in the outlines of village-state interrelations in Adonara. I was also interested in the political and symbolic strategies by which the Indonesian state legitimized itself in peripheral areas, and in the ways in which those legitimating strategies were interpreted by Adonarce villagers at the local level. An exploratory first attempt to examine those issues in my dissertation sent me back to Adonara for more research in the summer of 1985, and then to Cornell to examine transformations in the Indonesian state’s views of eastern Indonesia (both of Nusa Tenggara Timur, where those views are often implicit, and of East Timor, where state legitimatory views are only too explicit) and to begin to explore the impact of colonial and national policies and their local-level transformations in East Timor and Eastern Flores.

Addressing the gaps in the broader scholarly literature, however, brings us back to the issue of peripheral perspectives in Southeast Asia. It is still true of much of contemporary Southeast Asian scholarship that the focus of integrated area programs (i.e., the programs that include, among other fields, history, anthropology, and political science) focus on Southeast Asia’s centers and give short shrift to its peripheries. Although I would not necessarily advocate a complete shift in focus from center to periphery (although it might be very interesting to see what such a radical shift in focus could produce!), I would at least urge the articulation of the study of Southeast Asia’s centers with its peripheries. History and political science, for example, both could push eastward in Indonesia and into the study of more remote mainland and insular hill areas, and anthropology could link its contemporary field data with colonial and national history and with the dynamics and transformations of historical and contemporary political economy.

Such extensions of effort, I admit, would be no small task, and would demand that scholars push beyond their own regional specialties (whether from centers out to peripheries, or from peripheries in to centers) and often beyond their own disciplinary boundaries as well. Yet the rewards, I believe, would be well worth it. Precedents for exciting work as a result of such shifts in focus exist—Oliver Wolters’s aforementioned essay, for example, or James Scott’s work on peasant resistance. Attention to the voices and dynamics of Southeast Asia’s peripheries, moreover, could also draw on the experiences and perspectives of Southeast Asia’s own “peripheral” scholars, and would give both richness and complementarity to the study of Southeast Asia.
search on Vietnam’s neglected southern novelists.
Robert S. Wicks of Miami University in Ohio worked
on a manuscript entitled “Money, Markets and Trade in
Early Southeast Asia.”

Applications are welcome for the Luce Junior Fac-
ulty Fellowships. Luce residencies are open to junior
faculty members at liberal arts colleges in the United
States and Canada. Luce fellows are required to be in
full-time residence at Cornell University during the
period of their award. They normally receive a stipend
of $1,775 a month for a three-month period. Those in
residence for lesser periods receive prorated stipends.
The deadline for application each year is October 15.
For further information and application forms, write to
the Director, Southeast Asia Program, Cornell Univer-
sity, 120 Uris Hall, Ithaca, New York 14853-7601
(telephone: 607 255-2378).

NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR
THE HUMANITIES

The National Endowment for the Humanities transla-
tions category welcomes applications to do scholarly
translations into English of works providing insight into
the history, literature, philosophy, and artistic achieve-
ments of other cultures, from ancient times to the pres-
cent. Awards usually range from $3,500 to $70,000, de-
pending on the size of the project. The deadline each
year is June 1.

For application materials and further information,
write to or call Texts/Translations, Room 318, Division
of Research Programs, National Endowment for the
Humanities, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Wash-
ington, DC 20506 (telephone: 202 786-0207).

INDONESIA

Issues 46 and 47 of the multidisciplinary journal Indo-
nesia appeared during 1988-89. The October issue fo-
cused mainly on development and included articles on
the “development” of development by Ariel Heryanto,
translated by Nancy Lutz; on marine fisheries by Con-
ner Bailey; on sawah cultivation and irrigation in West
Sumatra by John Ambler; and on Javanese transmi-
grants in East Kalimantan by W. Claus, H. D. Evers,
and S. Gerke. The issue also included an article on a
solar eclipse by Ward Keeler and a note on archaeologi-
cal remains in Aceh by E. Edwards McKinnon. The
April issue was concerned with legal issues and with
culture. It included articles on adat communities and
village law by Tsuyoshi Kato and on religious principles
and legal issues in the post Priok trials by Peter Burns, a
translation of Pramoddyja Ananta Toer’s short story
“Times” by Daniel Sicular, and a study of a popular
song by Philip Yampolsky. There was also an article by
Bryan Evans III on the influence of the United States
Army on the development of the Indonesian army. Both
issues included other shorter articles and reviews.

The editor of the journal is Audrey R. Kahin. Sub-
scriptions are available at $18 per year (plus $5 postage
outside the United States). Many back issues are still
available. The journal can be ordered from Southeast
Asia Program Publications, Cornell University, East Hill

ACCESSIONS LIST
OF THE ECHOLS COLLECTION

The monthly Accessions List contains information on
books and serials in Chinese, Japanese, Western, and
Southeast Asian languages. The list is currently prepared
by Ben Abel, together with the staff of the John M.
Echols Collection on Southeast Asia and its curator,
John Badgley. Subscriptions are $20 per year and are
available from Southeast Asia Program Publications,
issues from volume 20 (January 1980) on are also
available.
**Southeast Asia Program Publications**

A number of new books were published in 1988 and 1989 in the two series put out by SEAP: Studies on Southeast Asia, and the Southeast Asia Program Series. The following books and other SEAP publications are available from our distribution office—Southeast Asia Program Publications, East Hill Plaza, Ithaca, New York 14850-2805.

**Studies on Southeast Asia**


A reinterpretation of the place of traditional oral histories, in particular the so-called Kedah Annals, in understanding the Malay past.


An indispensable reference for dates given in chronicles and inscriptions. It is applicable to Burma, Thailand, Laos, Cambodia, and the Tai portion of southwest China.

**Southeast Asia Program Series**


A history of Burma’s most important nationalist organization in the years immediately prior to World War II.


Twelve basic documents, in Burmese script, of the nationalist movement.


Evaluations of Burma’s first forty years of independence, with a review of the highlights of the student-led revolts of the past year. The book includes articles by Josef Silverstein, Michael Aung-Thwin, David Steinberg, Sarah Bekker, John Badgley, and Chao Tzang Yawnghwe.


A collection of articles by leading authorities that provides the background to a range of ongoing policy debates in Vietnam, including the role of plan and market in socialist economic policy and new attitudes to “capitalist” forms of economic organization.

**Language Publications**

Two of the Cambodian language books prepared by Franklin Huffman and published originally by Yale were reissued by the program:


*Beginning Indonesian through Self-Instruction*, by John U. Wolff, Dede Octomo, and Daniel Ficketkiewicz, was reissued in a new three-volume format in 1988. The set costs $27.

**Cornell Modern Indonesia Project**

The Cornell Modern Indonesia Project brought out the following new publications in its monograph series. These and all other CMIP publications are available from the Cornell Modern Indonesia Project, 102 West Avenue, Ithaca, New York 14850.


About Program People

Retirements
Professor George McT. Kahin, the Aaron L. Binenkorb Professor of International Studies Emeritus, retired in 1988 from the Department of Government. He remains active in research and writing and continues to advise students.

Dr. Ruchira Mendiones, lecturer in Thai in the Department of Modern Languages and Linguistics since 1967, retired in 1989. Achanta Ruchira taught a generation of scholars at Cornell to speak and read Thai. Dr. Mendiones was a major contributor to the Mary Haas Thai-English Dictionary and was co-author with Robert B. Jones of three texts of Thai readings. She was co-translator with Benedict Anderson of In the Mirror: Literature and Politics in Siam in the American Era, which appeared in 1985.

Thursday Luncheon Speakers
On almost every Thursday during the academic year, the Southeast Asia Program sponsors a brown-bag lunch featuring a talk on a Southeast Asian topic. Speakers may be visitors from other institutions or Cornell faculty members and graduate students reporting on their research. During the 1988–89 academic year the speakers included Benedict Anderson, David Wyatt, Takashi Shiraishi, Malden Nesheim, Alasdair Bowie, Lawrence Ashmun, Budi Susanto, Gretchen Weix, Razali Agus, Christoph Giebel, Saya Shiraishi, Blong Thao, Alex Inbal, P. M. Laksono, and Suzanne Brenner, Cornell University; Daw Khin Yi, Burmese scholar; Narusha Nakanohzono, Nippon University, Japan; Jennifer Cushanian, Australian National University; Ruijaya Alshakom, Thanet Aphiromsuvan, Chiang Mai University, Thailand; J. Norman Parmer, Trinity University; Rudolf Mazek, Oriental Institute, Prague; Chaiolina Ingavara, Ramkhamhaeng University, Thailand; David Banks, SUNY-Buffalo; Shamsul A. Bahraruddin, Universiti Kebangsaan, Malaysia; Sulak Sivaraksa, Thai writer; and Devan Nair, former president of Singapore.

Faculty and Staff Publications


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The Lauriston Sharp Prize
Nancy Lee Peluso (Ph.D., development sociology, 1988) was awarded the Lauriston Sharp Prize for 1987–88. The prize was created in 1974 to honor the founder and first director of the Southeast Asia Program. It is awarded annually to the outstanding graduate student in the program. Peluso’s thesis was entitled “Rich Forests, Poor People, and Development: Forest Access Control and Resistance in Java.”


Social Science Research Council Fellowships
The following Ph.D. candidates in the Southeast Asia Program won Doctoral Research Fellowships awarded by the Social Science Research Council in its worldwide competition for studies of Southeast Asian subjects.

1988–89
Filomeno V. Aguilar, Jr. (development sociology), to the Philippines for research on the historical transformation of relations between landlords, peasants, and the world market in the sugar economy of Negros.
Sunait Chutintaranond (history) to Thailand for research on kingship and traditional warfare in Siam and Burma.
Apinan Poshyananda (art history) to Thailand for research on contemporary Thai art.
Kasian Tejapira (government) to Thailand for research on the political, cultural, and social institutions of the Thai left in the post–World War II period.
Kamala Tiyavanich (history) to Thailand for research on center and periphery in the Thai Sangha.
Amrih Widodo (anthropology) to Indonesia for research on the Saminists, the longest-lived (1890s–present) of Java’s rural religious sects.

1989–90
Patricia Pelley (history) to Vietnam for research on Vietnam’s socialist historiography.
Jiraporn Witayasakpan (theater arts) to Thailand for research on the national cultural policy and theater arts in Thailand in the 1930s and 1940s, focusing on the transformation of aesthetic concepts.
Liren Zheng (history) to Malaysia and Singapore for research on overseas Chinese nationalism during the period 1898–1941.

Resident Faculty Members
Benedict R. Anderson, Aaron L. Binenkorb Professor of International Studies, director of Southeast Asia Program
Randolph Barker, professor of agricultural economics
Thak Chaloemtiarana, adjunct associate professor of Asian studies
E. Walter Coward, Jr., professor of rural sociology
Gary Fields, professor of industrial and labor relations, chairman of Department of Labor Economics
Martin F. Hatch, associate professor of music
George McT. Kahin, Aaron L. Binenkorb Professor of International Studies Emeritus, director of Cornell Modern Indonesia Project
A. Thomas Kirsch, professor of anthropology
Stanley O’Connor, professor of history of art
Takashi Shiraiishi, assistant professor of history
James T. Siegel, professor of anthropology
John U. Wolff, professor of modern languages and linguistics
David K. Wyatt, professor of Southeast Asian history, chairman of Department of History

Faculty Members Emeriti
Milton L. Barnett, professor of rural sociology
Frank H. Golay, professor of economics
Robert B. Jones, professor of modern languages and linguistics
Lauriston Sharp, Goldwin Smith Professor of Anthropology
Oliver W. Wolters, Goldwin Smith Professor of Southeast Asian History

Visiting Faculty Members
Jennifer Cushman, Australian National University, was a visiting professor of Asian studies during fall 1988. She taught a seminar on the overseas Chinese in Southeast Asia.
Susanna Cumming was a visiting professor in linguistics during fall 1987. She supervised the teaching of Indonesian and Tagalog.
Carolina Hernandez, University of the Philippines, was a visiting professor in Asian studies during spring 1988. She taught an interdisciplinary course on the Philippines.
J. Norman Parmer, Trinity University, was a visiting professor of Asian Studies during spring 1989. He taught an interdisciplinary seminar on Malaysia.
Christine P. White was a visiting associate professor of Asian studies during 1987–89. She taught courses on the governments and politics of Southeast Asia; women, revolution, and socialism; and the Vietnam War.

Visiting Fellows
Chaichana Ingavata, assistant professor of political science, Ramkhamhaeng University, Thailand; research on a comparative study of Thai-American grass-roots democracy.
Poonsin Ingavata, associate professor of economics, Ramkhamhaeng University, Thailand; research on privatization and deregulation in ASEAN.
Anthony C. Kevin, assistant secretary, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Canberra, Australia; research on political and social change in the Asia-Pacific region.
Emmanuel C. Lallana, assistant professor of political science, University of the Philippines; research on the modern state and modern power in the Philippines.

Devan Nair, former president, Republic of Singapore, to write his memoirs.

Priscilla Patano-Lagasto, assistant professor of English and comparative literature, University of the Philippines; research on people's theater during an era of authoritarianism, 1973–88.

Tessel Pohlmann, reporter-editor, Vrij Nederland; research on Eurasian power in Indonesia.

Li Yanling, lecturer, Institute of Indo-China, Guangxi Academy of Social Sciences; research on international relations between Vietnam and China.

Graduate Students in Residence, Spring 1989

Patricio Abinales, government (Philippines)
David Ablin, special (Cambodia)
George Aditjondro, education (Indonesia)
Filomeno Aguilar, development sociology (Philippines)
Mohd Razali Agus, city and regional planning (Malaysia, Singapore, Brunei)
Keiko Arina, government (Philippines)
Jill Belsky, development sociology (Philippines/Indonesia)
Avron Boretz, anthropology (Thailand/Malaysia/Singapore)
Michael L. Bosler, art history (Indonesia)
Suzanne Brenner, anthropology (Indonesia)
Mary P. Callahan, government (Burma)
Richard Carlson, Southeast Asian history (Burma)
Caverlee Cary, art history (Thailand)
Arturo G. Corpuz, city and regional planning (Philippines)
Rene Desiderio, population and development (Philippines/Vietnam)
Gerard Finin, city and regional planning (Philippines)
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