First International Conference on Lao Studies

The Center for Southeast Asian Studies of Northern Illinois University is pleased to announce the First International Conference on Lao Studies (ICLS) to be held on Friday-Sunday, May 20-22, 2005 in DeKalb, Illinois, USA. The main objective of this conference is to provide an international forum for scholars to present and discuss various aspects of Lao studies.

The 2005 conference will feature papers on any topic concerning Lao Studies. Topics include all ethnolinguistic groups of Laos (e.g. Mon-Khmer groups, Hmong-Mein groups, Lao-Tai groups, etc.), the Isan Lao (Northeasterners of Thailand) and other ethnic Lao-(Tai) groups in Thailand (e.g. Lao Song, Phuan, Phu Tai), cross-border ethnic groups in Thailand, Vietnam, China, Burma, and Cambodia (e.g. Akha, Hmong, Khmu, Mien, Lao Phuan, Tai Lue, Tai Dam, Tai Deang), and overseas Laotians (e.g. Lao-American, Hmong-American, Lao-French). The conference will also include a Film Festival, art displays by various artists, and a separate Lao Cultural Night organized by the Elgin Lao community.

Deadlines:
March 1, 2005—Abstracts Due
April 29, 2005—Last Day of Early Registration

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