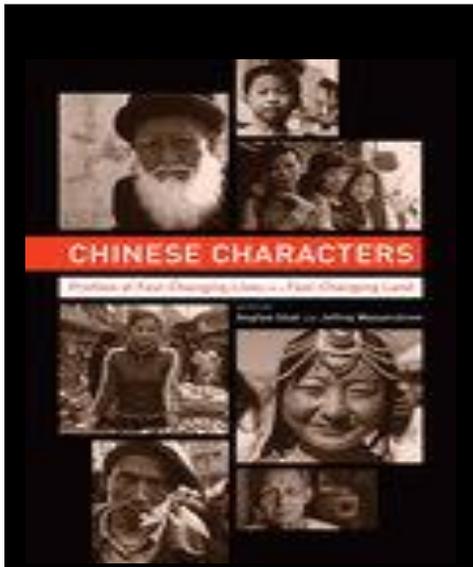


THE NATIONAL CONSORTIUM FOR TEACHING ABOUT ASIA
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UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO BOULDER

FALL 2014 ONLINE BOOK GROUP FOR HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS

**CHINESE CHARACTERS:
PROFILES OF FAST-CHANGING LIVES IN A FAST-CHANGING LAND**

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The National Consortium for Teaching about Asia (NCTA) at the Program for Teaching East Asia, University of Colorado Boulder, announces a fall 2014 online book group focusing on the book, ***Chinese Characters: Profiles of Fast-Changing Lives in a Fast-Changing Land***, edited by Angilee Shah and Jeffrey Wasserstrom. This volume of essays by leading observers of contemporary China offers case studies illustrating life in China today. Among the people profiled are a Xi'an migrant worker making a living recycling trash in the city dumps, an entrepreneur hoping to strike it rich in the rental car business, and an old woman about to lose her home in Beijing. These case studies challenge oversimplified views of China and, in so doing, help educators present a more multifaceted portrait of a country undergoing extraordinary transformations.

Online Format: Through a book group format, participants will read and discuss profiles in the book, consider themes and issues raised through the profiles, and share ideas for using the highlighted

individuals and their stories in the classroom. The book group class consists of three online reading and curriculum discussion sessions over six weeks with 10 additional days to complete a short final assignment.

Participants will buy the book ***Chinese Characters*** in print or e-book format in advance of the book group start date. Participants who complete the class by contributing to all three session discussions and submitting a two- to four-page Classroom Implementation Plan (CIP) describing ways to use the book in their teaching will receive a \$25 book reimbursement and a \$50 stipend at the conclusion of the course.

Eligibility: Open to high school teachers nationwide who teach about contemporary China. Priority will be given to social studies teachers whose required curriculum includes contemporary China.

Book Group Dates: The book group opens for online introductions October 6. The first discussion module begins October 13. Each module will be open for participant discussion for 13 days; final module closes November 23, and Classroom Implementation Plans are due December 3.

Participation is free, with the following benefits and expectations:

- Full participation in the course: discussions, Classroom Implementation Plan, and evaluation.
- Certificate of Completion for 12 contact hours.
- \$25 book reimbursement plus \$50 stipend upon completion of the course.

Register online at <http://www.colorado.edu/cas/tea/ncta/registration-chinesecharacters.html>. Registration closes September 20 or when course fills. For more information, e-mail NCTA Coordinator Lynn Parisi at parisi@colorado.edu or book group coordinator Karla Loveall at karla.loveall@gmail.com.