

The Center for Asian Studies at the University of Colorado at Boulder TEA News March 2012



Upcoming Colorado Programs

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CO Programs **Friday, April 13, 2012. 4:00 p.m. Aftershock: Japan One Year After the Tohoku Earthquake.** The Center for Asian Studies will host a panel of CU faculty offering multiple perspectives on the aftermath of the March 2011 earthquake, tsunami, and nuclear disaster and explore recovery efforts on the ground in Japan. This event will take place in Eaton Humanities 150 at CU-Boulder. For more information, visit <http://cas.colorado.edu/index.php/events-list>.

National Opportunities

NCTA Seminars

Program Highlights **Monday, April 16 – Wednesday, May 2, 2012. Denver Botanic Gardens; Kizuna Exhibit Installation Volunteers Needed.** The Denver Botanic Gardens needs 40 to 60 volunteers daily to help with the installation of new bamboo sculptures; volunteers will work with the crews of two internationally acclaimed artists. Required training will take place Wednesday, April 11, from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. For more information, click [here](#).

Resources

Thursday, April 19, 2012. 12:00 p.m. Objects of Worship in Chinese Traditional Religions. Dr. Peng Fengling, a visiting scholar at the Center for Asian Studies, will discuss the general differences between the monotheistic Christian tradition and Chinese traditional religions. The event will take place at the Center for Asian Studies, 1424 Broadway, Boulder, CO 80309. For more information, visit <http://cas.colorado.edu/index.php/events-list>.

Deadline. Friday, April 27, 2012. STARTALK: Jai Ho Hindi-Urdu Student Language Program. The Center for Asian Studies is conducting its first STARTALK language program for Hindi and Urdu languages. This intensive language program for high school students in the Colorado Front Range area and will take place June 4 – July 6, 2012. The first three weeks will take place at the University of Colorado and the final two weeks will be online. All major expenses, including meals and travel, will be covered by the project. For more information, click [here](#) or visit <http://cas.colorado.edu/index.php/ssewa/startalk>.

Deadline. Friday, May 4, 2012. What is the Middle East? Myths and Realities. The SSEWA Outreach Program at the CU Center for Asian Studies and the Boulder-Nablus Sister City Project will offer this workshop. The workshop is designed for middle and high school teachers, but is also open to the public. A pre-workshop evening event will be held on Friday, May 11. For more information, contact Kunga.Lama@colorado.edu or check back at <http://cas.colorado.edu/index.php/ssewa/workshops>.

Deadline. Wednesday, May 9, 2012. Free Educator Open House. On May 16, 2012, the History Colorado Center will welcome educators for a behind-the-scenes tour of the new building. One of the exhibits is a replication of Amache, the Japanese internment camp in Colorado. For more information, click [here](#).

Previously Mentioned Upcoming Colorado Programs

Summer Host Families Needed. For the past 32 years, the Jumonji Exchange Program has brought Japanese high school girls to Boulder. This year, between July 23 and August 12, approximately 35 host families are needed for girls ages 13-17. For more information, visit the [flier](#) and [host family information](#) page.

Japan Exhibit Field Trips to The Denver Art Museum. The Denver Art Museum is offering a Hands-On Japan field trip for grades K-3 and an Exploring Japan field trip for grades 4-8. Reservations for field trips need to be made at least three weeks in advance. For more information, visit www.denverartmuseum.org/learn_and_play/schools_and_teachers/subject_tours#japan.

National Opportunities

TEA National Opportunities

Deadline. Friday, May 11, 2012. NCTA “Special Topic” Seminar: Dust Days, Sweat Days: Teaching the Legacy of Japanese-American Wartime Incarceration through Art and Memoir. This seminar, offered by the Program for Teaching East Asia, is held from July 23-26, 2012, on the University of Colorado-Boulder campus. It is open to middle and high school teachers of social studies, history, literature, and art in the eight-state region served by the NCTA National Coordinating Site at the University of Colorado: Arizona, Colorado, Iowa, Missouri, Nebraska, Utah, Virginia, and Wyoming. Alumni of previous Program for Teaching East Asia summer institutes are welcome to apply. The seminar will explore how the experiences of wartime incarceration have been understood and recorded by successive generations of Japanese Americans through art and memoir and, in turn, how this record has contributed to the narrative of contemporary American history. For more information, visit the [seminar flyer](#) and [application packet](#).

Other National Opportunities

Tuesday, March 27, 2012. 4:00 – 5:15 p.m. EST. Japanese Culture: From Animism to Anime. In this webinar, offered by Primary Source, Professor Charles Inouye of Tufts University will introduce animism as manifest in Japan, discuss the history of changes (particularly in relationship to Shinto and Zen Buddhism), and show how it has survived and is thriving through examples from traditional and modern Japanese culture. To register, visit www1.gotomeeting.com/register/900405032.

Thursday, March 29, Saturday, March 31, and Saturday, April 14, 2012. 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Cherry Blossoms as Living Symbols of Friendship. The Library of Congress is holding a one-day teacher workshop three times centering on the Library’s exhibition of the same name. The exhibition offers an opportunity to deepen understanding of Japanese cultural, intellectual, and social life. For more information and to register, visit <http://myloc.gov/Exhibitions/cherry-blossoms/Pages/LearnMore.aspx>.

Deadline. Tuesday, April 10th, 2012. Summer School Program in Karuizawa, Japan. The International School of Asia in Karuizawa, Japan, will host students with classes in English from July 20-30, 2012. Students must be in grades 7-9 (as of September 2012). For more information, visit <http://isak.jp/en/summerschool/summerschool.html>.

Thursday, April 12, 2012. 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. EST. Teaching Japan: New Online Resources from Primary Source. In this webinar, Primary Source staff will highlight several new online resources for K-12 educators, including free resource and curriculum guides. To

register, visit www1.gotomeeting.com/register/527121153.

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Spring 2012. Online Classes Now Available. Asia for Educators, in collaboration with NCTA National Coordinating Site at Columbia University, is hosting a series of spring simulcasts for teachers. These are free sessions held in the evenings and on Saturdays. Each class provides visual resources and PowerPoint. Background materials and classroom units are also available online to download and share. To view the times and sessions available, visit http://afe.easia.columbia.edu/online_course/.

Thursday, April 5, 2012. 7:00 p.m. EDT. Webinar: Sakura in Japanese Culture. Anne Prescott, Director of the Five College Center for East Asian Studies, will discuss the significance of cherry blossoms in Japanese culture. To register, visit <https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/644849990>.

Deadline. Monday, April 16, 2012. Mandarin for Future Mandarin Teachers (MFMT). This partnership between China Institute and East China Normal University (ECNU) provides scholarships for a select group of pre-service and in-service Chinese language teachers to take professional development courses taught by distinguished ECNU professors. Accommodation and tuition are free. Early-bird registration ends February 29, 2012. For more information, click [here](#).

NCTA Seminars and Opportunities

NCTA Teacher Portal. The NCTA national coordinating site at University of Pittsburgh has announced that their Teacher Portal is open to teachers nationwide. You can search the Teaching Materials Database, download the lesson plans and culture notes, read the study tour blogs, and view and/or download photos in the Photo Gallery. You do not have to create an account in order to access the resources. However, if you wish to contribute to the site, you will need to request an account. For more information, visit <http://noborders.ucis.pitt.edu/nctalib/>.

Program Highlights

Rice in China: From Traditions to Toxins

This TEA-sponsored workshop, which took place on March 3, 2012, engaged participating teachers in learning about rice in Chinese culture, past and present. The morning provided a general overview of the historical and cultural context of rice by CU Chinese Language Instructor, Jin Chen, followed by an in-depth study of food security and safety by TEA staff, Amy Zader. In the afternoon, a panel of Chinese graduate students at CU spoke on eating habits typical to their region of China, and then TEA staff led a curriculum session using SPICE material focused on rice in Asia.

Resources

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