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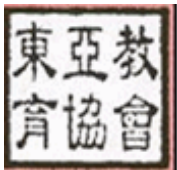
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Now Accepting Registrations. NCTA Fall 2013 Online Book Group: *Chinese Characters: Profiles of Fast-Changing Lives in a Fast-Changing Land*. Registration closes October 9 (or when course fills). Open to high school teachers nationwide, this book group will focus on the 2012 publication *Chinese Characters*, edited by Angilee Shah and Jeffrey Wasserstrom. The book presents 15 diverse profiles of Chinese citizens making their way in a nation on the move. These short biographies challenge oversimplified views of China and present a more multifaceted portrait of a country undergoing extraordinary transformations. Participants in this online book group will read and discuss case studies 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 consists of three online reading and discussion sessions running from October 20 – November 20, 2013, with an additional week to prepare and submit a teaching plan. See full details and course registration [here](#). Priority will be given to high school social studies teachers who teach about China.

Just Four Days Left to Register for TEA's Colorado Workshop: *Chinese Characters: Profiles of Fast-Changing Lives in a Fast-Changing Land*. September 28, 8:30 am – 2:30 pm, CU-Boulder campus. Join TEA staff and China specialist Jeffrey Wasserstrom for this workshop based on Wasserstrom's 2012 book, *Chinese Characters*. Participants will gain ideas for teaching about contemporary China by using case studies that illustrate life in China today: for example, Xi'an migrant workers who make a living recycling trash in the city dumps, an entrepreneur hoping to strike it rich in the rental car business, an old woman about to lose her home in Beijing, and a crusading legal scholar. Participants will receive a copy of the book and will have the opportunity to discuss strategies for using these case studies to address Common Core standards. Cost is \$30; download the [registration form](#) from the TEA website and register no later than **Friday, September 20**.

Other National Opportunities

Online Course, *Dynasties and Shoguns*, Offered through NCTA at Columbia University. This fall NCTA online offering from the NCTA Coordinating Site and Asia for Educators (AFE) at Columbia University offers five sessions on East Asian history. Session 1, focusing on the Mongols and the Ming, is currently underway, but teachers may still register (participants have until September 22 to complete Session 1). Topics of Sessions 2-5 are: Tokugawa Japan (September 23 – October 4), Late Imperial China Part I (October 7-18), Late Imperial China Part II (October 21 – November 1), and Korea, Vietnam, and Neo-Confucianism (November 4-15). Registration is free. Details of participation are available [here](#).

2014 Reischauer Scholars Program Is Currently Accepting Applications. The Reischauer Scholars Program is an online course for high school sophomores, juniors, and

seniors. Sponsored by the Stanford Program on International and Cross-Cultural Education (SPICE), the course engages 25-30 high school students from around the United States in intensive study of Japan. The course takes place from February – June 2014. The program is free and does not require Japanese language skills. Deadline for submission of applications, downloadable [here](#), is **October 18**.

Previously Mentioned National Opportunities

Webinar: *Out of the Shadows: The Ainu of Japan*. October 9, 7:00-8:00 pm EDT. Justin Hunter from the University of Hawaii will present this webinar, facilitated by Five College Center for East Asian Studies (FCCEAS) staff. Register [here](#) to reserve a virtual seat.

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Community Talk: *The Chinese Crisis of 1900: Drought, Insurrection, and Invasion in the Year of the Boxers*. September 26, 5:00 pm, CU-Boulder Campus. Jeffrey Wasserstrom of the University of California Irvine will present an illustrated talk on the Boxer Crisis of 1900, looking at how it has been understood as linked to “catastrophes” of different sorts. Among the themes Wasserstrom will address are the ways that these different catastrophic sides of the events of 1900 have been emphasized and downplayed in Chinese and Western textbook presentations, journalism, and various forms of popular media, from films and novels to performances by Buffalo Bill’s troupe and an episode of *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*. Also explored will be the way that memories of and stories about the Boxers have affected Chinese relations with the West up to the present. This free event, sponsored by CU’s Center for Asian Studies, will take place at Humanities 250 on the CU- Boulder campus.

99 Histories to Be Performed in Denver. October 2 – November 17. The Theatre Esprit Asia will present the play *99 Histories* this fall. Performances will be Friday – Sunday with the exception of opening night on Thursday. The play, by Julia Cho, focuses on a pregnant and unmarried Korean American woman who wants to mend her relationship with her more culturally Korean mother. Performances will be held at the Vintage Theater in Aurora. Click [here](#) for more information.

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NCTA Fall-Winter Seminar for Washington, DC, and Virginia/Maryland Suburbs. Register by September 14. This seminar for K-12 teachers is offered by the Georgetown University East Asia Resource Center and sponsored by the NCTA National Coordinating Sites at the University of Colorado and University of Pittsburgh. The seminar takes place on the Georgetown main campus and runs from September 28, 2013 – February 28, 2014, with 10 half-day meetings on Saturday mornings. Application is available [here](#). For more details on the syllabus and requirements, contact local seminar coordinator Kat Harrington at krh45@georgetown.edu or check the [NCTA seminar link](#) for Georgetown.

East Asia for Teachers NCTA Seminar to Be Offered in Schenectady, NY. This fall, the NCTA National Coordinating Site at the Five College Center for East Asian Studies is offering a 36-hour seminar at Union College Graduate School in Schenectady, NY. The seminar will consist of six Saturday sessions between October 5, 2013, and February 8, 2014. For more information, contact seminar leader Catherine Snyder at

snyderc@uniongraduatecollege.edu; an **application form** is available on the FCCEAS website.

***Human Landscapes of East Asia* Seminars to Be Offered in Three Sites in New England.** This fall, the NCTA National Coordinating Site at the Five College Center for East Asian Studies is offering 12-hour seminars in Litchfield, CT (October 26 and November 16) and Plymouth, NH (November 2 and December 7). FCCEAS will offer a 30-hour seminar on the same topic in Worcester, MA, during the winter (five Saturdays between January 26 and March 8, 2014). The seminars are open to teachers who desire to incorporate East Asia into their curricula. For more information, contact Arlene Kowal at arlene.kowal@gmail.com or find more information at the **FCCEAS website**. Deadline for applying for the 12-hour seminars is **October 12**; for the 30-hour seminar, the deadline is **December 20**, but early application is encouraged.

Featured Resource

New Resource on Teaching Japanese Popular Culture. The **latest issue** of the *electronic journal of contemporary japanese studies* features several articles that came out of a conference co-organized by former TEA staffer Chris McMorran at the National University of Singapore in fall 2012. The issue features articles by McMorran, William Tsutsui, Sabine Frühstück, Mark McLelland, and Deborah Shamoon.

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