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Chinese Language Instruction in the Digital Age: A STARTALK Program on Incorporating Learner-Centered Technology Tools in the Chinese Language Curriculum, July 20-30, 2014. Application deadline: June 6, 2014. This residential program for secondary Chinese language teachers nationwide will provide a thorough understanding of and practical experience with effective learning technologies appropriate for the middle and high school Chinese language classroom. Program participants will work with language technology specialists, experienced Chinese language curriculum designers, and master teachers to gain competency in using a variety of technologies in effective and engaging lessons. See complete details and application on the **TEA website**. Contact Jon Zeljo at Jon.Zeljo@colorado.edu for more information.

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Webinar: *A Summary of Mongolian History and Culture*, April 17, 2014, 7:00-8:00 pm EDT. The Five College Center for East Asian Studies is presenting this webinar featuring presenter Richard Taupier from UMass Amherst. Reserve a seat [here](#).

Nisei Veterans' Heritage Essay and Creative Works Contest. Submission deadline: Wednesday, May 7, 2014. The Nisei Veterans' Heritage Foundation is sponsoring an essay and expressive works contest for youth (middle school, high school, and young adult to age 29) in the Rocky Mountain Region. The theme of the contest is "the influence of the World War II Nisei veterans' service and sacrifice on our lives today." Awards will be presented at the annual Community Memorial Day Service at the Nisei Veterans Memorial at Fairmont Cemetery in Denver. For more information and an application form, contact Cindy Kondo at 303-263-8211.

Customizable Group Programs to Asia. Educators can organize custom programs for student or educator groups through AFS, the well-known organizer of international youth exchanges. For groups departing in 2014, AFS is offering discounts and incentives for educators. For more information on how the program works, visit the **AFS website**. When contacting AFS, mention this TEA post to qualify for the discounts and incentives.

Previously Announced National Opportunities

Simulcast: *Japanese Popular Culture*, Tuesday, April 22, 7:00-9:00 pm EDT. Asia for Educators (AFE) at Columbia University presents this free program featuring Professor William Tsutsui of Southern Methodist University. Multimedia materials based on this live video presentation will be available to download afterwards. For information or to register, click [here](#).



Yokohama Yankee: A Conversation with Author Leslie Helm, Thursday, April 24, 7:00-8:00 pm EDT. Participants in this webinar sponsored by the Five College Center for East Asian Studies will learn about the history of Yokohama and Japan from the Meiji period to the present through the stories in Leslie Helm's book, *Yokohama Yankee: My Family's Five Generations as Outsiders in Japan* (Chin Music Press, 2013). Reserve a seat [here](#).

Webinar: Tatami and Hamburgers: Japanese Culture and Daily Life, Tuesday, April 29, 7:00-8:00 pm EDT. Primary Source presents this free webinar featuring Akemi Chayama, Boston Children's Museum. Participants can register on the Primary Source [website](#).

NCTA Summer Institute: Ties That Bind: Connecting New England and East Asia, July 14-18, 2014. Application deadline: May 12. This residential summer institute presented by the Five College Center for East Asian Studies will be held at Smith College in Northampton, MA. Teachers nationwide are invited to attend this NCTA-sponsored event, which will explore connections between the United States (with special emphasis on New England) and China, Japan, and Korea, from colonial times to the present. For more information and an application, visit the [FCCEAS website](#).

Webinar: Story of Study Abroad to East Asia, Thursday, June 19, 7:00-9:00 pm EST. Indiana University's East Asian Studies Center offers this webinar presented by social studies teacher John M. Frank. For more information, contact Hye-Seung (Theresa) Kang at kang43@indiana.edu or Yuhua Li at liyuh@indiana.edu.

Summer Professional Development Travel Programs from GEEEO. Application deadline: June 1, 2014. Global Exploration for Educators Organization (GEEEO) is offering a variety of Asia-related travel programs for summer 2014, including trips to India/Nepal, Vietnam, Thailand/Laos, Cambodia, China, and Russia/Mongolia/China. Teachers can earn graduate or professional development credit on these trips of 8 to 24 days. For detailed information about itineraries, costs, travel dates, and other program features, visit the [GEEEO website](#).

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Beliefs Envisioned: Understanding Hinduism and Buddhism through Art, Saturday, April 26, 2014. Sponsored by the South/Southeast/West Asia (SSEWA) Outreach program at CU Boulder, this daylong workshop for secondary social studies and art teachers will draw on the rich history of visual arts to share the basics of Hindu and Buddhist traditions—their origins, their interrelationships, their philosophies and beliefs. We will discuss major deities, historical figures, and ritual practices of different Hindu and Buddhist traditions in clear, accessible language. We'll also take a look at temple architecture in India, Burma, and Bhutan, to see how various traditions create, sustain, and understand their particular sacred space. For registration information, email Kunga Lama at Kunga.Lama@colorado.edu, or visit the [CAS website](#).

STARTALK: Hindi in the Rockies II, July 7-25, 2014. Application deadline: Friday, June 6, 2014. CU's South/Southeast/West Asia Outreach program announces its third annual STARTALK Hindi-Urdu language and South Asian culture program for high school students in the Colorado Front Range area. The program will be held on the CU-Boulder campus. Enrollment is open to high school students entering grades 9 through 12 and recent graduates; maximum number of participants is 20. The program offers two enrollment levels: Level 1 for students with no prior knowledge of Hindi-Urdu; Level 2

for students who have at least basic proficiency in spoken and/or written Hindi-Urdu. All major expenses, including meals and travel, will be covered by the project. For more information, please visit the [CAS website](#) or contact Kunga Lama at Kunga.Lama@colorado.edu.

Documentary Screening: *Hafu*, Thursday, April 17, 7:00 pm. This documentary follows five mixed-race Japanese people, exploring what it means to be multiracial and multicultural in Japan. An audience “talk-back” session will be held after the screening. For more information or to buy tickets (\$12.00), visit the Denver Film Society [website](#). The screening will take place at the Sie Film Center, 2510 E. Colfax in Denver.

***Tiananmen Retrospective: Reflections on Violence, Power and Protest in China and Beyond*, Wednesday, April 23, 4:00 pm.** Join the Center for Asian Studies at CU Boulder for a panel discussion in commemoration of the 25th anniversary of the Tiananmen Square protests and the subsequent crackdown on protesters in Beijing in early 1989. The panel will feature four CU specialists on China, including a visiting scholar who was a participant in the protests. The free event will be held in Humanities 1B80 on the CU Boulder campus.

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