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## TEA National Programs

### Now Enrolling for Two Winter-Spring Online Courses

**Winter 2015 NCTA Online Seminar: *China under Mao: Modernization, Mobilization, and Mass Campaigns*. January 26 – April 27, 2015.** Open to secondary classroom teachers who teach about modern China, this four-module online seminar examines the social, cultural, political, and economic changes in China under the leadership of Mao Zedong by looking at two of his most far-reaching and impactful mass campaigns: the Great Leap Forward and the Cultural Revolution. The seminar will provide essential background, contemporary scholarship, and primary sources to better understand and more effectively teach the causes and effects of these campaigns. **Details and registration.**

**Winter 2015 NCTA/TEA Online Seminar: *Japan in the World: Cultural Encounters, 16th – 19th Centuries*. January 29 – April 2, 2015.** Open to teachers of world history nationwide, this 20-hour, four-module online course will explore Japan's often-overlooked international relations with Asia and its encounters with the West before, during, and after the Tokugawa era (1600-1868). Participants will investigate teacher-developed lessons and primary sources to use in their middle and high school world history classrooms. Offered by NCTA and J-OPP at the University of Colorado and a grant from the United States-Japan Foundation. Applications will be accepted on a rolling admissions basis. **Details and registration.**

### Applications Now Available for NCTA 2015 Summer Institutes for Secondary Social Studies Teachers on University of Colorado Campus

The Program for Teaching East Asia announces two NCTA-sponsored summer institutes. Participants will receive travel allowance, room and board, materials, and stipend:

- ***Citizens, Society & the State: Adaptation and Transformation in Contemporary China*. July 27-31, 2015. Application deadline: March 18, 2015.** This four-day residential program will examine the rapidly changing social and political dynamics of contemporary China, with special attention to the emerging roles of citizens, including ways in which individuals and groups respond to and enable social and political change through protests, political participation, and self-organization. See complete details and application. Click **here** for detailed flyer and application.

- ***Korea's Journey into the 21st Century: Historical Contexts, Contemporary Issues*. July 13-17, 2015. Application deadline: March 13, 2015.** In this four-day residential summer institute, secondary teachers will consider modern and contemporary South Korea's distinct history, geography, intra-peninsular and international relations, and transnational cultural transmissions (e.g., K-pop, film, and design). Participants will work with specialists to learn about the Korean peninsula beyond the media coverage, drawing on Korean narratives and texts to enrich their teaching about contemporary South Korea in the classroom. Click **here** for detailed flyer and application.

## National Opportunities

**2015 NCTA Alumni National Study Tour to Japan: *Extending the Message of Peace Education from Japan to the United States*. Tentative dates: June 24-July 7, 2015.**

**Application deadline: February 2, 2015.** This study tour is sponsored by the NCTA National Coordinating Site at the Five College Center for East Asian Studies (FCCEAS). Alumni—from any state—of the National Consortium for Teaching about Asia (NCTA) program who have successfully completed a 30-hour NCTA course in any format (classic seminar, online seminar, summer institute) are eligible. Ten K-12 educators will be selected for the program. The goal of this study tour is to learn about peace education in Japan and to use the knowledge acquired to develop implementation strategies for use in U.S. schools. Participants will visit Hiroshima, Nagasaki, and Kyoto and will visit museums dedicated to peace and peace education, meet with Japanese teachers and students, and learn from scholars and others involved in peace efforts in Japan. For detailed information on the study tour and an application, click [here](#). If you have questions, [email](#) or call Five College Center for East Asian Studies, 413-585-3751.

**NCTA Summer 2015 Study Tours to China and Japan. Application deadline: February 6, 2015.** Open to teachers who have completed a 30-hour NCTA class, either online, in a classroom, or in a summer institute setting. Two study tours are offered: Study Tour #1: June 13 – July 1; Study Tour #2: July 4 – July 22. Program cost: \$1500. Each program is designed to provide practical experience in both China and Japan to help NCTA alums strengthen curriculum on East Asia in their school districts. These study tours are sponsored by the NCTA National Coordinating Site at Asia for Educators (AFE), Columbia University. Selection is competitive. Please see full details and application instructions at the AFE [website](#).

**Webinar: *Cultural Encounters: Teaching Japan in World History*. Thursday, January 15, 2015. 7:00-8:00 pm EDT.** The Five College Center for East Asian Studies presents this webinar featuring Catherine Mein, Ballard High School, and Catherine Ishida, Program for Teaching East Asia, contributors to a new online curriculum. Mein and Ishida will introduce three lessons that explore Japanese encounters with and approaches and responses to the global developments of Buddhism along the Silk Roads, the Mongol empire, and modernity. To register, click [here](#).

***Tomodachi Japan Society Junior Fellows Leadership Program. July 6-27, 2015.***

**Application deadline: January 16, 2015.** The Junior Fellows Leadership Program is a culturally immersive learning and leadership experience that takes place primarily in Japan. Students stay with a host family in the Tokyo area while going to school and visiting historical sites around Japan. Students currently in grades 9-11 and who possess strong leadership skills are eligible to apply. Program cost: \$3500. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

**J-LEAP, the Japanese Language Education Assistant Program, Is Now Accepting Applications for Lead (Host) Teachers for 2015-2017. Application Deadline: January 21, 2015.** The Japan Foundation of Los Angeles provides opportunities for native Japanese language speakers to serve as assistant teachers in K-12 U.S. schools. Teachers can serve for up to two years, helping U.S. schools strengthen their Japanese language programs. J-LEAP is jointly administrated by The Japan Foundation and The Laurasian Institution. For more information about how to apply to host one of the assistant teachers, visit the project [website](#).

**Primary Source Is Offering Three Asia-Related Courses This Winter.** From January 21 –

March 24, 2015, Primary Source will be offering an online credit-bearing course, *Japan and the World: Historical and Cultural Developments (5th Century – Present)*. A second credit-bearing online course, *The Enduring Legacy of Ancient China*, will run the same dates. Both are open to all K-12 educators; cost is \$450 per course (plus fee for graduate credit) for teachers whose schools are not Primary Source partners. On February 3, 2015, the organization is presenting a webinar from 7-8 pm EST, focusing on *Medieval Japan and Medieval Europe: Compare and Contrast*. Free and open to all educators. For more information, visit the Primary Source Programs for Educators [page](#).

**The USS Midway Institute for Teachers. June 29 – July 10, 2015.** The USS Midway Museum's 2015 Midway Institute for Teachers will offer two weeks of professional development on teaching about the Cold War era, including its origins and effects, the Korean War and its aftermath, and the Vietnam War. Thirty teacher/scholars from across the country will be selected to participate in this ten-day seminar held aboard the *USS Midway* on the waterfront in downtown San Diego. Click [here](#) for more details.

### *Previously Announced National Opportunities*

**Applications Are Now Available for the Elgin Heinz Outstanding Teacher Award 2015. Application deadline: February 5, 2015.** The Elgin Heinz Outstanding Teacher Award recognizes exceptional pre-college teachers who further mutual understanding between Americans and Japanese. Two awards are given annually—one for humanities teachers and one for Japanese language teachers. The awards are named in honor of a pioneering educator in the effort to help Americans understand Asia. Educators may apply on their own or be nominated by someone else; it is recommended that nominations be submitted by early December. For more information, visit the United States-Japan Foundation's [website](#) or contact David Janes at [djanes@us-jf.org](mailto:djanes@us-jf.org).

**University of Pittsburgh NCTA Site and Global Exploration for Educators Organization Sponsor Joint China Study Tour. July 15 – August 4, 2015.** Dr. David Kenley will lead this three-week study tour open to all NCTA alumni. Highlights of the tour include The Great Wall and Forbidden City; Terracotta Warriors; Giant Pandas; a hike on a sacred Buddhist mountain; Tiger Leaping Gorge on the Yangtze River; Hong Kong; and more. The tour will include an online orientation and follow-up. Space is limited and applications will be accepted in order of receipt. Cost, not including airfare, is \$2,849; participants are allowed to bring a "guest." For more information, visit the tour's [website](#).

**U.S. State Department Offers Opportunities for Students to Study Abroad.** The YES Program provides scholarships for students aged 15-18.5 to study abroad during the academic year. Asian countries included in the program are India, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, and Thailand. The application deadline is January 7, 2015. For more detailed information, click [here](#).

**Explore Korean History, Culture, Contemporary Issues, and Korean Americans at the USC-KAFE Summer Seminar for K-12 Teachers. July 12-17, 2015.** This collaborative program of the Korea Academy for Educators (KAFE) and USC Korean Studies Institute is sponsored by the Korea Foundation and held on the USC Campus. Successful applicants will demonstrate interest in learning about Korean history and culture and the ability to create lessons based on what they learn. Fellowships will cover travel expenses, hotel, and some meals. For more information, visit the KAFE [website](#) or email [daniel@koreaacademy.org](mailto:daniel@koreaacademy.org).

### **Colorado Programs**

**The Choices Program, in Collaboration with TEA and NCTA, Is Offering a Workshop on *Engaging Students in International Issues: The Choices Approach*. Saturday, February 15, 2015, 8:30 am – 3:30 pm.** This workshop, presented by Choices Teaching Fellows Michelle Van Sickle and Rebekah Nesbitt, will engage teachers in learning the Choices approach to teaching about contested international issues through work with two Choices units: *China on the World Stage: Weighing the U.S. Response* and *U.S. Immigration Policy in an Unsettled World*. Cost for the program is \$145; a limited number of scholarships are available for preservice teachers. Enrollment is limited. Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

**Denver Museum of Nature and Science Hosts *Traveling the Silk Road* Exhibit. Through May 3, 2015.** This upcoming exhibit, organized by a multi-national group of museums spearheaded by the American Museum of Natural History in New York, will feature artifacts from the 5,700-mile trade route that stretched from China to the Middle East and Roman Empire. For more information about the exhibit, visit the DMNS [site](#).

## NCTA State and Local Opportunities

**East Asian Studies Center at Indiana University Announces Three NCTA Seminars.** During winter-spring 2015, the NCTA National Coordinating Site at the East Asian Studies Center at Indiana University will host face-to-face seminars in Chicago, IL; Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN; and New Albany, IN. For more information, click [here](#).

See listing for [2015 NCTA Alumni National Study Tour to Japan](#) and [NCTA Summer 2015 Study Tours to China-Japan](#) under National Opportunities for additional NCTA programs currently accepting applications.

**FCCEAS Announces Four NCTA 2015 Seminars.** The Five College Center for East Asian Studies is sponsoring four NCTA seminars in winter-spring 2015. The seminars will be held in Buffalo, NY; Burlington, VT; Southbury, CT, and Marion, MA. For more information or to register, click [here](#).

## Featured Resource

***News and Reviews: Educating about Asia Through Film*** is a quarterly electronic newsletter that provides film reviews, articles on multimedia resources, interviews, and event announcements. Published by the Asian Educational Media Service at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, a recent issue of the newsletter featured reviews of films as diverse as *Pictures from a Hiroshima Schoolyard*, *Afghan Chronicles*, and *Buddhism after the Tsunami*. AEMS also provides educators with the ***Digital Asia*** website, which provides free access to scholar-made documentary films on contemporary East Asia. Learn more about both resources at the AEMS [website](#).

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