TEA National Programs

Last Call for NCTA-TEA 2015 Summer Institute on Korea’s Journey into the 21st Century: Historical Contexts, Contemporary Issues. July 13-17. Application deadline: April 30. In this four-day residential summer institute on the University of Colorado campus in Boulder, 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. Additional funding is provided by the Korea Foundation. Participants will receive travel allowance, room and board, materials, and stipend. A detailed flyer and application are available here. Selections are being made on a rolling admissions basis.

TEA Announces 2015 STARTALK Program: Chinese Language Instruction in the Digital Age: A STARTALK Program on Incorporating Learner-Centered Technology Tools in the Chinese Language Curriculum. June 23-July 1, 2015. Application deadline: June 1, 2015. 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.

National Opportunities

Five College Center for East Asian Studies (FCCEAS) Webinar on Background for the Bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki: A Chronology. Wednesday, May 13, 7 pm EDT. John Frank, Center Grove (IN) High School will present this webinar offered in conjunction with FCCEAS’s NCTA Peace Study Tour but open to all. To register, go to this website.

AFS Summer Program in China for High School Students. July 22 – August 5. Application deadline: May 22. This two-week program provides an opportunity for young people to explore Chinese culture while learning survival Mandarin and using their emerging language skills with their host families. The cost of the program is $5,793. For more information about this and other China programs from AFS, visit this site.

The Laurasian Institute and Program of Academic Exchange (PAX) Seek Host Families for Exchange Students. Each year, PAX places students from 70 countries, including countries in East Asia, throughout the United States. If you are interested in hosting an exchange student in 2015 or know a student who would be interested in
becoming an exchange student, contact Sabrina Hickey, 317-495-4024, or visit the PAX website.

Previously Announced National Opportunities

The East Asia Resource Center and NCTA Summer Institutes. Tokugawa Japan: Multiple Voices, Multiple Views. July 13-17. Find more information and an application here. Reading Spaces and Places: Exploring East Asian Cities through the Visual and Literary Arts. July 27-31. Find more information and an application here. Priority application deadline for both institutes, which will be held on the University of Washington Campus, is April 10.

East Asian Studies Center at Indiana University Webinar on Yokai: Monsters of Japanese Folklore. Monday, April 20, 7 pm EST. Presenter: Michael Dylan Foster, Associate Professor of Folklore and Ethnomusicology, IU Bloomington. No registration required; join the webinar here; type “FULLNAME/AFFILIATION” as your username and then click “Enter Room.”

The Five College Center for East Asian Studies Webinar on The Great Wave of Hokusai and the Great Wave of 3-11: Japanese Artists’ Responses to Nature. Wednesday, April 15, 7-8 pm EDT. This webinar will be presented by Willamarie Moore of the Museum of Fine Arts Boston. Registration is available here.

Colorado Programs

Center for Asian Studies Events of Interest to Teachers. CU’s Center for Asian Studies hosts a variety of Asia-related events each month. Below are listed two April events. More information about these and other events is available on the CAS website.

Asian Language Night. Wednesday, April 8, 5 pm. This evening will feature presentations from each of the six language programs offered through the department: Arabic, Chinese, Farsi, Hindi, Japanese, and Korean. Presentations will be held in Humanities 1B50. A reception will follow in the First Floor Lobby from 7:45-8:45 pm.

Screening of People’s Park. Tuesday, April 14, 7 pm. This documentary immerses viewers in an unbroken journey through a famous urban park in Chengdu, Sichuan Province, exploring the moods, rhythms, and pockets of performance coexisting in tight proximity within the park’s social space. A panel discussion will follow the screening of the 78-minute film. To be held in Atlas 102.

NCTA State and Local Opportunities

NCTA Seminar in Bridgewater, MA, Spring 2015. The Five College Center for East Asian Studies is sponsoring a spring NCTA seminar focused on Human Landscapes of East Asia. The seminar will run from April 8 – May 9 and be held on the campus of Bridgewater State University. More information is available here.

Featured Resources
A new NCTA Class App provides new resources and classroom strategies for teaching about Japan’s 3.11 Triple Tragedy. “Voices from Japan”: 3.11 through Tanka Poetry features Kathleen Krauth, a history teacher at the American School in Japan, talking about the development of the Voices from Japan: Perspectives on Disaster and Hope project, which captured and shares the extraordinary responses of Japanese individuals to this tragedy through a time-honored form of expression—tanka poetry. She shares personal stories of the poets as well as strategies for using these vivid, beautiful poems to teach about Japan, 3.11, and human response to disaster in social studies and literature classes. Kathy demonstrates how she involved her students with the poetry and offers multiple teaching ideas, along with a selection of the tanka poems. Access the Class App here.

Asia for Educators (AFE) at Columbia University has launched a new resource for teachers. The Top Ten video series begins with seven programs on the Top Ten Things to Know about East Asia in the 21st Century. Each video program is 40 to 60 minutes long and features area experts at Columbia University. Available this spring are: Korea Today, Japan in the 21st Century, China in the 21st Century, Vietnam Today, Tibetan Civilization, Tibet Today, and Japan’s Place in the World Today. Register with the AFE website to access Top Ten videos; check the website for exact dates of availability.

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