TEA News

TEA National Programs

Registering Now! Picturing Modernization: Teaching Late 19th-Century Japan in the World with MIT’s Visualizing Cultures. October 27, 2015-January 16, 2016. NCTA at Teaching East Asia plans this late fall 2015 online seminar focusing on three of the MIT Visualizing Cultures modules. The course will explore Japan’s modernization and interaction with the world from the opening of the Yokohama treaty port through the Russo-Japanese War, with an emphasis on strategies for using the MIT resources to develop historical thinking and visual literacy skills. Teachers who have used Visualizing Cultures materials in their classrooms and those new to this resource are welcome to join the course. Information and application here.

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National Opportunities

Learning and Leadership Grants. Application deadline: Thursday, October 15. The NEA Foundation provides $2000 grants to support public school teachers who wish to participate in high quality professional development programs. It also provides $5000 grants to support collegial study through study groups, mentoring programs, action research, or collaborative lesson development. For application information, visit the NEA Foundation website.

2016 Reischauer Scholars Program Now Accepting Applications. Application deadline: Friday, October 16. The Stanford Program on International and Cross-Cultural Education (SPICE) offers this online course on Japan for high school students. The course runs from February to June 2016 and presents a broad overview of Japanese history, literature, religion, art, politics, economics, and contemporary society, with a special focus on U.S.-Japan relations. For more information and an application, visit the SPICE website.

U.S. State Department Accepting Applications for the National Security Language Initiative for Youth (NSLI-Y). Application deadline: Thursday, October 29. The NSLI-Y program provides opportunities for high school students to study foreign languages in Korea, China, or India, among other nations. School year (2016-2017) and summer (2016) programs are available. More information and application forms are available on the program website. Note that applicants must be U.S. citizens.

Nominations Being Accepted for Franklin Buchanan Prize. Application deadline: Saturday, November 1. The Association for Asian Studies annually awards the Franklin Buchanan Prize in recognition of an outstanding curriculum publication on Asia. Print, CD, video, and online materials at any level, K-16, which were published after January 1, 2014, are eligible for the 2016 award. Materials submitted for consideration should reflect
current scholarship, employ innovative teaching strategies, and have a significant effect on
the intended audience. For more information and an application, contact Brenda Jordan.

Asia at the National Council for the Social Studies (NCSS) Annual Conference. November 13-15, 2015, New Orleans. Plan now to attend a memorable NCSS annual conference. In addition to a special strand on the 70th anniversary of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, the NCSS conference will feature a number of sessions on topics in Asian studies. For a full listing of Asia-related sessions at NCSS, visit the FCCEAS website. Highlights of the special strand on Hiroshima and Nagasaki were detailed in the September TEA enews. While you are at the conference, be sure to stop by the NCTA booth (1017).

Enrichment Grants for Teachers Who Encourage Study Abroad. Application deadline: Tuesday, December 1, 2015. Through its Generation Study Abroad program, the Institute of International Education (IIE) is encouraging educators to take action to motivate more U.S. students to study abroad. To that end, the program is offering $1000 grants to secondary teachers who are advocates for study abroad. For more information, visit the Generation Study Abroad website.

Elgin Heinz Outstanding Teacher Award. Application deadline: Tuesday, February 2, 2016. The United States-Japan Foundation established the Elgin Heinz Award to honor precollegiate teachers whose work advances mutual understanding between the United States and Japan. Two awards are given, one in the humanities, the other in Japanese language. For more information, visit the award page on the Foundation’s website.

Previously Announced National Opportunities

FCCEAS Webinar: Stories of Global Trade: Asia and the Americas. Wednesday, October 14, 7-8 pm EDT. Willamarie Moore from the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, will present this webinar focusing on objects from a Museum exhibit that examines Asian influence on the arts in colonial America. Sponsored by the Five College Center for East Asian Studies, the webinar is suitable for teachers of art, U.S. history, and world history. Reserve your seat here.

Applications Available for 2016-2017 Fulbright Distinguished Awards in Teaching. Application deadline: Wednesday, November 4. Sponsored by the U.S. Department of State and administered by the Institute of International Education, this program allows teachers to go abroad for three to six months to take classes at an international university, observe classes, offer seminars in local schools, and complete a project of their own design. Areas in Asia to which U.S. teachers may travel include India, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan, and Vietnam. More information is available from IIE.

Colorado Programs

Songs of East Asia. Friday, October 23, 1:00-3:00 pm. This free lecture-recital features Dr. Jung Woo Kim (baritone) and Dr. Mutsumi Moteki (piano). The event, sponsored by the College of Music and Center for Asian Studies at CU-Boulder, will be held in the Chamber Hall (C199) in the College of Music on the CU-Boulder campus.

Middle East Outreach Council Educators’ Workshop: Dimensions of Diversity in the Middle East. Saturday, November 21, 2015, 8:30 am-3:30 pm. This workshop to be held in conjunction with the Middle East Studies Association (MESA) annual meeting will feature scholarly presentations on religion, diversity, and minorities in the Middle
East, plus a hands-on curriculum session complete with teaching resources. Workshop participants will be able to attend sessions at MESA, including the FilmFest, featuring films particularly useful for the classroom. The workshop will be held at the University of Denver, Anderson Academic Commons, room 340. For more information, email Betsey Coleman; registration ($15 fee) is available here.

Lecture on Charles Lang Freer and Japanese Ceramics. Thursday, January 14, 2016, 5:30-8:00 pm. The Japan American Society of Colorado and Asian Art Association of the Denver Art Museum are sponsoring this lecture by Louise Cort, curator of ceramics at the Smithsonian’s Freer Gallery of Art and Arthur M. Sackler Gallery. The lecture will be followed by a reception. Tickets are $10; register at the JASC website.

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China Town Hall. Monday, October 5, 5:00 pm. The Center for Asian Studies (CAS) at CU will be a venue for the ninth annual China Town Hall. The Town Hall will feature a nationally webcast panel discussion among Robert Rubin, Secretary of the Treasury under President Bill Clinton; Sheldon Day, Mayor, Thomasville, Alabama; Daniel Rosen, Founding Partner, Rhodium Group; and Stephen Orlins, President, National Committee on U.S.-China Relations. Following the webcast, William Hurst of Northwestern University will discuss “Consultative Authoritarianism vs. Political Decay.” The program will be in Eaton Humanities 250 on the CU-Boulder campus. For more details, see the CAS website.

NCTA State and Local Opportunities

2015-2016 NCTA Seminars from the Five College Center for East Asian Studies. FCCEAS is currently recruiting teachers for seminars in Hadley, MA, and Rutland, VT. The Hadley seminar will be held at the Pioneer Valley Chinese Immersion Charter School; it will be held on Saturdays from 9 am to 3 pm, beginning January 30 and concluding March 12. Contact seminar leader Arlene Kowal for more information; application is available here. Information on the Rutland seminar will be available on the FCCEAS website soon.

Featured Resource

Common Core: Korea, Lessons and Resources for K-12 Classrooms. Mary Connor, a retired U.S. history and Asian studies high school teacher, has pulled together lessons, document-based questions, book and film reviews, and essays for teaching about Korea in history, social studies, literature, art, and religion/philosophy. For more information, email Mary Connor or Sung Kim.

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