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Free Class Sets of Two Classic Novels for High School World or Asian Literature

TEA has class sets (up to 25) of *The River Ki*, by Sawako Ariyoshi, and *Chronicle of a Blood Merchant*, by Yu Hua. Front Range (CO) teachers can pick up or TEA will ship free to teachers over 50 miles from Boulder. Send an email to parisi@colorado.edu telling us what course you will use the novel in and how many copies (up to 25) you need. First come, first served.

TEA-NCTA National Online Offerings for Fall Now Registering!

The NCTA National Coordinating Site at TEA is offering both seminars and book groups beginning in September. All offerings are open to teachers nationwide, with particular courses designed for teachers of specific grade levels. Registration for these courses is open now.

- **NEW—Online Book Group: *China's Millennials: The Want Generation with Author Eric Fish*. September 22 – December 11, 2017. Application deadline: Monday, September 11 or when course fills.** Take advantage of a rare opportunity to explore the lives and challenges of China's "millennials" with author Eric Fish. Fish, a millennial himself, will guide participants through a first-hand look at young Chinese, termed "the want generation," their impact on society, and society's impact on them. (16 contact hours.) **Details and application.**
- **Online Seminar: *Issues in Contemporary China*. September 26 – December 11, 2017. Application deadline: Monday, September 11 or when course fills.** In this online seminar, participating secondary teachers will investigate some of the key issues that are making headlines and demonstrate China's changing nature. Topics include President Xi Jinping's recentralization of power, territorial disputes with Taiwan and about the South China Sea, foreign policy strategy in the context of China's rise, demographic changes, and environmental impacts. (20 contact hours.) **Details and application.**
- **Seminar: *Japan in the World: Cultural Encounters, 16th – 19th Centuries*. September 28 – December 11, 2017. Application deadline: Monday, September 18 or when course fills.** This 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. (24 contact hours.) Class limit: 20. **Details and application.**
- **NEW—Online Book Group: *Stories from China's Post-Mao Reform Era*.**

September 29 – November 20, 2017. Application deadline: Tuesday, September 12 or when course fills. Acclaimed writer Liao Yiwu captures the impact of the Deng Xiaoping reform era of the 1980s and '90s through vivid interviews with a range of Chinese citizens, capturing the impact of a new government's new directions and goals on Chinese society and individuals. (16 contact hours.) Class limit: 20. **Details and application.**

- **NEW—Online Book Group: *Japan through Children's Literature: Kamakura, A Seaside Town.* October 6 – Early December 2017. Application deadline: Monday, September 25 or when course fills.** The city of Kamakura offers an engaging window into Japan, past and present. In this book group, participants will consider two Kamakura-based books by author Holly Thompson—*The Wakame Gatherers* and *Falling into the Dragon's Mouth*—to explore history, geography, traditional and contemporary culture, and the lives of children today. Open to elementary and middle school teachers. Features a live webinar with the author. (15 contact hours.) Class limit: 20. **Details and application.**

TEA September Workshops

***Integrating the Social Studies Across World History with the Silk Road.* Saturday, September 9, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.** Using the Silk Road as a common topic, this one-day workshop is designed to aid Colorado teachers in pulling the core concepts and tools from history, geography, civics, and economics emphasized in Colorado's seventh-grade social studies standards into their world history curriculum. Presentations from the Program for Teaching East Asia, Colorado Geographic Alliance, and Colorado Council for Economic Education will help teachers integrate all the social studies disciplines into instruction. Registration is \$25; 0.5 graduate credit will be available for an additional fee. Register **here**.

***Teaching Korea in the Globalizing World.* Saturday, September 23, 2017, 8:30 a.m. – 4:15 p.m.** Examine strategies for developing critical thinking and media literacy skills through study of contemporary North and South Korea. Through presentations by Korea studies professors and curriculum sessions with TEA staff, participants will consider how to engage students in exploring political ideology, economic development, and national identity on the Korean peninsula. **Flyer and registration.**

National Opportunities

Study Tour: *Education in China.* July 9-18, 2018. The National Council for the Social Studies, in collaboration with Education First Tours, is offering this 10-day study tour of Beijing, Shanghai, and Xi'an, including cultural and historic sites. A primary focus of the tour will be gaining a deeper understanding of the largest education system in the world. For more information, including costs, visit the NCSS **website**.

Colorado Programs

***New Perspectives on North Korea: Building the Socialist Future in the Cold War Era.* Friday, September 22, 2017.** The Center for Asian Studies and CU Boulder History

Department host Professors Suzy Kim, Rutgers University, and Dafna Zur, Stanford University, for an academic colloquium featuring new perspectives on North Korean society and culture during the Cold War era. Open to the public. Time and campus location will be noted in next month's *TEA News* and on the CAS website.

From the Fire. Exhibition at the Denver Art Museum through Friday, November 17, 2017. This exhibition features 65 examples of contemporary Japanese ceramic arts, created by 35 Japanese artists, from the collection of Robert and Lisa Kessler. The works include pieces made by master ceramists who were designated as Living National Treasures in Japan, as well as by emerging artists. For more information, visit the DAM [website](#).

NCTA State and Local Opportunities

East Asia: A Seminar for Teachers. September 30 – November 18, 2017. Application deadline: Wednesday, September 16. This seminar will take place in Shepherdstown, WV, with Saturday meetings every other week. The 36-hour seminar, open to K-12 teachers and librarians, will explore the history, geography, literature, and cultures of China, Japan, and Korea. More information and registration [here](#).

Featured Resources

TEA Announces Three New NCTA Class Apps on Contemporary China for Teacher and Classroom Use. Click [here](#) to access these new Class Apps:

- ***American China Fantasies.*** As Xi Jinping looks to expand China's role in the world, historian Jeff Wasserstrom explores the evolution of U.S. attitudes towards China, how they have changed over time, and how they correlate with U.S. images of other countries—including Japan—in modern history.
- ***Xi Jinping: (Re)Centralization of Power.*** Chinese President Xi Jinping's attempts to consolidate power have garnered considerable attention inside and outside of China. As Xi's institutional changes and anti-corruption campaign have targeted officials and potential critics, China scholars outside of China are trying to determine whether Xi wants to save the Chinese Communist Party through his campaigns or is attempting to gain power for personal gain. Political scientist Jessica Teets discusses both theories and the implications of Xi's (re)centralization of power.
- ***Migration and Urbanization in China.*** China is experiencing a feverish rate of urbanization—the largest migration in history—as 250 million Chinese from rural areas defy tradition and law to move to urban areas for better lives. Political scientist Jessica Teets discusses the challenges, costs, benefits, and unintended developments of this massive migration and urbanization, as well as some solutions.

The National Korean Studies Seminar has recently published ***Teaching East Asia: Korea***, a supplementary program for K-12 educators, in ebook format. The resource includes articles and lessons on art, economics, history, language, literature, political development, and more. The ebook is available free on the NKSS [website](#).

