

The Program for Teaching East Asia at the University of Colorado Boulder

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## TEA Programs

### Apply Now for NCTA-TEA Summer Institute!

**NCTA-TEA 2018 Summer Institute: *Uneasy Neighbors: Legacies and Challenges in 21st-Century East Asia*. July 8-14, 2018. Application deadline: Monday, March 19, 2018.** How and why are the nations of East Asia such uneasy neighbors? This institute will examine the recent past, present, and future of East Asian regional relations, considering China, Japan, Taiwan, and the Koreas. The program will lay the groundwork for current issues by deconstructing the region's "history problem"—the enduring legacies and hotly contested national narratives of 20th-century conflict. Participants will then focus on current topics—national strategies and their regional impact, territorial disputes, economic cooperation and rivalries, the environment, demographics—and prospects for the East Asian regional order of the future. The institute will be held on the CU Boulder campus. **Details and application.**

### Applications Open March 1 for TEA STARTALK Program

**TEA 2018 STARTALK Program: *Chinese Language Instruction in the Digital Age: A STARTALK Program on Incorporating Learner-Centered Technology Tools in the Chinese Language Curriculum*. June 25-July 3, 2018.** This residential program for middle and high school Chinese language teachers nationwide will provide an understanding of and practical experience with effective learning technologies appropriate for the 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. Application available on March 1, 2018. Contact Jon Zeljo at **[Jon.Zeljo@colorado.edu](mailto:Jon.Zeljo@colorado.edu)** for more information.

## National Opportunities

**NCTA Winter-Spring Online Book Groups.** Asia for Educators at Columbia University

is offering several spring online book groups in three categories: 2017 Freeman Book Award winners, graphic novels, and titles exploring East Asian literature. Registration for all the groups can be accessed through the AFE online professional development [page](#). Specific groups are:

- *Bronze and Sunflower*, by Cao Wenxuan (Freeman Award Winner). February 1-22, 2018. China/middle school.
- *Barefoot Gen (Vol. II)*, by Keiji Nakazawa (Graphic Novels). February 28-March 21, 2018.
- *The Forbidden Temptation of Baseball*, by Dori Jones Yang (Freeman Award Winner). March 1-22, 2018. China/high school.
- *Voices of East Asia: Korea*, Margaret Childs and Nancy Hope, eds. (East Asian Literature). March 1-April 11, 2018.
- *Chinese Literature: An Introduction*, by Ihor Pidhainy (East Asian Literature). March 28-May 2, 2018.
- *The Crane Girl*, by Curtis Manley, and *Chibi Samurai Wants a Pet*, by Sanae Ishida (Freeman Award Winner). March 28-April 24, 2018. Japan/elementary school.
- *Pyongyang*, by Guy Delisle (Graphic Novels). April 4-25, 2018.

**2018 Elgin Heinz Outstanding Teacher Award Competition. Application Deadline: Thursday, February 15, 2018.** The United States-Japan Foundation is currently taking applications for the Elgin Heinz Award, which recognizes exceptional teachers who further mutual understanding between Americans and Japanese. The award is presented annually to pre-college teachers in two categories: humanities and Japanese language. It is named in honor of Elgin Heinz, whose commitment to educating students about Asia inspired many. For more information and to apply or nominate someone, contact David Janes at [djanes@us-jf.org](mailto:djanes@us-jf.org).

**NCTA Webinars.** The Five College Center for East Asian Studies (FCCEAS) has finalized its spring slate of webinars:

- *Jingdezhen Ceramics: Past, Present and Future of the Art, Technology and Commerce*. Tuesday, February 27, 2018, 7-8 pm EST. Stephen Powers, artist and businessman. Register [here](#).
- *What Do They Teach? Textbooks in East Asia and the U.S.* Wednesday, March 7, 2018, 7-8 pm EST. Nayun Eom, high school student. Register [here](#).
- *The Story of Nagasaki Hibakusha (A-bomb Survivor) Mr. Katsura Shigeyuki*. Wednesday, March 14, 2018, 7-8 pm EDT. Yoko Fujimoto, researcher. Register [here](#).
- *Shaping the Future Emperor through English Language Lessons: Elizabeth Vining and Crown Prince Akihito*. Wednesday, April 25, 2018, 7-8 pm EDT. Cynthia Daugherty, Seinan Gakuin University, Fukuoka, Japan. Register [here](#).
- *Moth and Wasp, Soil and Ocean: Remembering Chinese Scientist Pu Zhelong's Work for Sustainable Farming*. Wednesday, May 2, 2018, 7-8 pm EDT. Sigrid Schmalzer, UMass Amherst and picture book author. Register [here](#).

**Immersion Experience in Japanese History, Politics, Foreign Relations, Economics, and Culture. June 21-July 5, 2018. Application deadline: Thursday, March 1, 2018.**

This program sponsored by the Foreign Policy Research Institute and Center for East Asian Studies at the University of Pennsylvania will focus on three themes in Japan's history and culture: political and social stability, maintaining cultural values while seeking change, and cultural borrowing. Middle and high school social studies and humanities teachers selected to participate will receive online training before traveling to Japan. To

apply, visit the FPRI [website](#).

**University of Washington Summer Institutes. Priority application deadline: Sunday, March 11, 2018.** The East Asia Resource Center at the University of Washington is offering two summer institutes for teachers. More information is available [here](#).

- *Art and Politics: Episodes in East Asian History*, July 16-20, 2018. Open to teachers of all grade levels.
- *Meet the Masters: Discover How to Find and Evaluate Books on East Asia for Your Classroom*. July 23-27, 2018. Open to teachers of grades 2-8.

**Korean History and Culture Annual Seminar. June 25-29, 2018. Application deadline: Thursday, March 15, 2018.** This free five-day seminar sponsored by the Korean Cultural Center Los Angeles and National Korean Studies offers selected educators the opportunity to explore Korean art, history, language, literature, martial arts, music, religion, and philosophy. All participants will receive extensive resources for K-16 teachers of all disciplines. Three units of professional development credit are available from the University of Southern California. The fellowship does not include airfare. For more information, visit the seminar [website](#).

**National Chinese Language Conference, 2018. Thursday, May 17-Saturday, May 19, 2018.** This annual conference offers K-16 teachers of Chinese the opportunity to share best practices in the field of Chinese language education. The 2018 conference will be in Salt Lake City. For more information, visit the conference [website](#).

#### *Previously Announced National Opportunities*

**Study Tour: Keizai Koho Center Teacher Fellowship. June 25-July 2, 2018. Application deadline: Monday, February 19, 2018.** The Keizai Koho Center, in cooperation with the National Association of Japan-America Societies, offers this study tour for U.S. and Canadian secondary social studies teachers. The study tour will be focused primarily in Tokyo and include school visits, meetings with scholars, visits to major Japanese companies, and a home stay. For more information, visit the program [website](#).

**Fulbright Teachers for Global Classrooms. Application deadline: Tuesday, March 13, 2018.** The U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs and IREX sponsor this year-long professional development fellowship for elementary, middle, and high school teachers. The program includes an online course, symposium in Washington, DC, and international field experience. For more information and to apply, visit the IREX [website](#).

**NCTA Study Tour: Asian Links: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow. June 27-July 13, 2018 (tentative dates). Application deadline: Thursday, March 15, 2018.** NCTA is offering a 16-day study tour to China and Taiwan. The program will examine historical connections within and beyond Asia, China's belt and road ambitions, and Taiwan's efforts to strengthen ties to Southeast Asia. Teachers who have successfully completed 30 hours of NCTA-sponsored professional development programs and have not previously participated in an NCTA-sponsored study tour are eligible. This study tour is sponsored by the NCTA National Coordinating Site at the University of Southern California. [Full details and application packet](#).

**NCTA Teaching East Asian Literature Workshop. July 8-13, 2018. Application deadline: Friday, March 16, 2018.** Now in its 20th year, this residential workshop sponsored by the East Asian Studies Center at Indiana University offers lectures and

discussions on the literatures and histories of China, Japan, and Korea led by professors and other experts. Also provided are strategy sessions on how to teach the works at the high school level. Priority is given to high school teachers, but K-8 teachers may also apply. For more details, visit the EASC [website](#).

**Study Tour: Morocco Spring Break Tour. March 10-17, 2018.** This trip sponsored by the University of Texas Center for Middle Eastern Studies and GEEQ will explore the history and geography of Morocco. To register, visit the GEEQ [website](#). For information about funding available to help defray the \$1449 cost, email Kathryn Aslan at [kaslan@austin.utexas.edu](mailto:kaslan@austin.utexas.edu).

**Study Tour: Education in China. July 9-18, 2018. Application deadline: Tuesday, April 17, 2018.** With EF Educational Tours, the National Council for the Social Studies is offering this 10-day study tour to China, designed to give participants a deeper understanding of the largest educational system in the world. You must be an NCSS member to apply. For more information, visit the NCSS [website](#).

## Colorado Programs

**Day of Remembrance 2018. Sunday, February 18, 1-3 pm.** This event at the History Colorado Center (1200 Broadway, Denver) will commemorate the 30th anniversary of the passing of the 1988 Civil Liberties Act and will feature a keynote address by Peggy Nagae, lead attorney in the case of *Yasui v. United States*. For more information, email [dor@milehighjacl.org](mailto:dor@milehighjacl.org).

## Featured Resources

The 2017 Freeman Book Awards honoring East and Southeast Asian titles for children and young adults were recently awarded by the National Consortium for Teaching about Asia, Committee on Teaching about Asia, and Asia for Educators. Winner for children's literature was *The Crane Girl*, by Curtis Manley, illustrated by Lin Wang. Winner for young adult/middle school literature was *Bronze and Sunflower*, by Cao Wenxuan, illustrated by Meilo So. For more information about the winners and an impressive list of books receiving honorable mention awards, visit the NCTA [website](#).

A new version of the *Japanese children's literature in translation database* is now available. The database is searchable by setting, subject matter, format, and genre, as well as by author, illustrator, and translator. The database is now operated by the Global Literature in Libraries Initiative, which is working on developing collections related to children's literature from Korea and China as well. For more information, visit GLLI's [website](#).

*New York Times* columnist Nicholas Kristof has recently written a piece titled "**What to Read If You Want to Know More about North Korea**," which he also discussed in the *Times Book Review* podcast. Find the column [here](#) and the podcast [here](#).

