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Northern Virginia/DC Area Teachers: Register Now for Workshop on Buddhism in East Asia

NCTA-TEA Workshop: *Teaching Buddhism through Art, Architecture, and Symbolism*. March 9, 2019. 9 am – 3:45 pm. This workshop will focus on teaching about Buddhism through material culture. Sessions will include an overview of Buddhist teaching; exploration of the Buddha's life depicted in art; Chinese, Japanese, and Korean forms of Buddhism as reflected in artwork; and resources on Buddhist architecture and symbolism. The workshop is open to secondary social studies teachers and other secondary educators responsible for curriculum that includes East Asia or global competencies. The workshop will be held at the Madeira School in McLean, VA. **Flyer and registration.**

Applications Open for NCTA-TEA Summer Institute

NCTA-TEA 2019 Summer Institute: *East Asia in the Early Modern World*. July 7-11, 2019. Application deadline: March 18, 2019. What do sources from and about merchants, pirates, diplomats, missionaries, soldiers, and artists tell us about early modern East Asia? Examining various transborder institutions, practices, and people that contributed to the formation of the interconnected East Asian world (1272-1842), this four-day institute will offer secondary teachers an opportunity to work with scholars and specialists to consider East Asia as a system that included but transcended the collective national histories of China, Japan, and Korea. Teachers will gain an understanding of the political, economic, and cultural systems of the early modern East Asian world and reconsider narratives of encounters and conflicts with European imperialist powers. The institute will be held on the CU Boulder campus. **Application.**

National Opportunities

Asia for Educators-NCTA Online Book Groups. The NCTA national coordinating site at Columbia University is continuing its online book groups this winter and spring. Upcoming groups, all in the graphic novels series, include the following:

- *Showa 1926-1939: A History of Japan*. February 6 – April 9, 2019.
- *Little White Duck: A Childhood in China*. April 3-30, 2019.
- *The Color of Earth and the Color of Heaven*. May 8 – July 2, 2019.

For more information and to register, visit the Asia for Educators [website](#).

NCTA Webinars from FCCEAS. NCTA at the Five College Center for East Asian Studies is offering the following webinars:

- ***From Beirut to Jerusalem . . . to Hiroshima? The Middle East, Peace Building, and Japan's "City of Peace."* February 13, 2019. 7 pm EST.** Ray Matsumiya, an expert in diplomacy and peace-building, will discuss the Oleander Initiative, which brings teachers from the United States and the Middle East to Hiroshima to design peace education projects. [Registration](#).
- ***Taiwan and the World.* March 5, 2019. 7 pm EST.** Join Professor James Lin of the University of Washington as he discusses Taiwan's place in the world today. [Registration](#).
- ***J-Boys: Kazuo's World, Tokyo, 1965.* April 2, 2019. 7 pm EDT.** Author Shogo Oketani and translator Avery Fischer Udagwa will discuss this bittersweet novel portraying a year in a boy's life. Conducted in collaboration with the NCTA national coordinating site at the University of Colorado. [Registration](#).
- ***Middle Grades Freeman Book Award Winner Grenade.* April 11, 2018. 7 pm EDT.** Author Alan Gratz will discuss his award-winning novel, which focuses on Hideki and Ray, young soldiers fighting on opposite sides in the battle for Okinawa. [Registration](#).

NCTA-EASC South Korean Study Tour. June 12-29, 2019 (tentative dates).

Application deadline: February 28, 2019. The East Asian Studies Center at Indiana University is offering this opportunity for NCTA program alums who teach about Korea as part of their teaching assignment. Visit the EASC [website](#) for more information and to apply.

Korean History and Culture Seminar. June 24-28, 2019. Application deadline: March 15, 2019. National Korean Studies and the Korean Cultural Center LA present this free seminar for K-16 educators in the United States. Participants will learn from prominent scholars; become familiar with Korean literature, including *sijo* (poetry); receive resources; and enjoy Korean cultural experiences. For more information and to register, visit the seminar [website](#).

NCTA Teaching East Asian Literature Workshop. July 7-12, 2019. Application deadline: March 29, 2019. The East Asian Studies Center at Indiana University presents this weeklong workshop. Each day professors will lecture and facilitate discussions on traditional and modern history and literature of China, Japan, and Korea, followed by strategy sessions on how to teach the works at the high school level. Daily cultural activities and film screenings will also be featured. For more information, visit the EASC [website](#).

NCTA Summer Institute: *Tradition, Exchange, and Innovation in Art.* July 15-19, 2019. Open to K-12 teachers nationally, this institute presented by the East Asia Resource Center at the University of Washington will focus on the production of such art forms as scrolls, woodblock prints, ceramics, and architectural forms as episodes in exchange and innovation. For more information, visit the EARC [website](#).

Mongolia Field School. July 29 – August 16, 2019. Priority application deadline: February 15, 2019; final deadline: April 30, 2019. The American Center for Mongolian Studies offers this field research program for people interested in Mongolia's unique history, culture, and contemporary issues. Participants can concentrate on one of three topics: public archeology, migration studies, and renewable energy. Costs are \$2900

tuition plus travel to and from Ulaanbaatar. Scholarships are available. For more information, visit the ACMS [website](#).

Previously Announced National Opportunities

Fulbright-Hays Seminars Abroad. This program provides short-term seminars abroad for U.S. educators in the social sciences and humanities to improve their understanding and knowledge of the peoples and cultures of other countries. Educational lectures and activities are designed specifically for each seminar group, including visits to local schools and organizations, meetings with educators and students, and visits to cultural sites. Programs in 2019 will include Taiwan. Applications are expected to be open in February. For more information, contact Maria Chang at maria.chang@ed.gov.

South Korean Research Trip. July 6-16, 2019. Application deadline: February 15, 2019. The World History Digital Education Foundation offers this program for social studies teachers, staff developers, and supervisors. Participants will learn about the history, culture, and economics that have shaped the Korean peninsula, including examining the outcomes of the Korean War. [Application](#).

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Talk: *The Evolving Japan-U.S. Alliance*. February 7, 2019. 12-1:30 pm or 4-5:30 pm. Kunihiro Miyake, President of the Canon Institute for Global Studies, and David Shear, former Assistant Secretary of Defense for Asian and Pacific Security Affairs, will discuss the challenges facing the U.S.-Japan alliance in 2019. The free program is sponsored by the Japan-America Society of Colorado. The **noon event** will be held on the University of Denver campus, the **late afternoon event** at the University of Colorado Denver Business School.

Day of Remembrance Events. February 15-17, 2019. The Mile High Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League, in collaboration with History Colorado and the Japanese American Research Center of Colorado, is holding a series of events to mark the anniversary of Executive Order 9066, which allowed Japanese Americans to be incarcerated during World War II. Events include an exhibit of art and artifacts from the camps; screening of the documentary *Children of the Camps* and a short feature film *Seppuku*; and a talk about women's experiences in the camps. All events will be held at History Colorado. More information [here](#).

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Northwest Indiana NCTA Seminar: *Teaching about Asia*. March 2 – May 4, 2019. Registration deadline: February 8, 2019. This NCTA seminar will provide a broad overview of the history, society, and culture of China, Japan, and Korea. The seminar will combine four in-class and four online sessions, plus a field trip to the Art Institute of Chicago's Asian collection. All sessions will be on Saturday morning, with in-class sessions held in Gary. [Details and registration.](#)

Southern California NCTA Seminar: *East Asia: Origins to 1800*. March 2 – April 27, 2019. Application deadline: February 20, 2019. This seminar offered by the USC U.S.-China Institute will meet on selected Saturdays and Monday evenings. The seminar will focus on the history and culture of the region and aid K-12 educators in incorporating what they learn into their curricula. More information is available [here](#).

Minnesota NCTA Seminar: *Teaching Asia in Minnesota Classrooms*. March 11 – May 6, 2019. Registration deadline: March 1, 2019. This seminar, with nine Monday evening sessions and one Thursday evening visit to the Minneapolis Institute of Arts, is designed as an introduction to the cultures of China, Japan, and Korea. The course will encourage and facilitate K-12 teaching and learning about East Asia in world history, geography, social studies, art, and world literature. Sessions will be held at Como Park High School in St. Paul. [Details and registration.](#)

Featured Resources

The National Consortium for Teaching about Asia (NCTA), in collaboration with the Committee on Teaching about Asia of the Association for Asian Studies and Asia for Educators at Columbia University, recently announced the 2018 winners of the *Freeman Book Awards*. The Freeman Book Awards recognize quality works for children and young adults that contribute to an understanding of East and Southeast Asia.

In the Children's Literature category, the winner was *Moth and Wasp, Soil and Ocean: Remembering Chinese Scientist Pu Zhelong's Work for Sustainable Farming*, by Sigrid Schmalzer, illustrated by Melanie Linden Chan. In the Young Adult/Middle School category, the winner was *Grenade*, by Alan Gratz. For more information on these books or to learn about books receiving honorable mention or "of note" citations, visit the NCTA [website](#).