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TEA Programs

Reminder: The Program for Teaching East Asia has a new, more accessible website: <http://www.colorado.edu/ptea>. Please update your bookmarks.

Limited Spaces Remain in TEA-NCTA National Online Courses

Online book groups and seminars are free to participating teachers thanks to funding from the Freeman Foundation to the National Consortium for Teaching about Asia. See individual group/seminar application information for details of requirements and benefits.

- **Book Group: *Street of Eternal Happiness*. January 14 – March 8, 2017. Registration deadline: Tuesday, January 10, 2017.** In *Street of Eternal Happiness* (2016), Rob Schmitz—China correspondent for American Public Media’s *Marketplace*—tells the stories of ordinary people in his own Shanghai neighborhood, providing layers of complexity and individuality to our understanding of 21st-century China. Secondary literature and social studies teachers may register for this 16-hour book group. More information and registration are available [here](#).
- **Book Group: *Connections and Disconnection: Japanese Short Stories for High School*. January 14 – March 6, 2017. Registration deadline: Tuesday, January 10.** This 16-hour book group for high school teachers of world literature, world history, and Asian studies will examine selected short stories from the late 19th century to today, exploring themes of cultural tradition, change and modernity, conventionality and non-conformity, and war. More information and registration are available [here](#).
- **Book Group: *Reading Mo Yan: Nobel Prize Literature in the Classroom*. January 21 – March 31, 2017. Registration deadline: Thursday, January 12, 2017, or when group fills.** This 18-hour book group for high school literature and social studies teachers will do close reading and discussion of stories by the author Mo Yan, winner of the 2012 Nobel Prize in Literature. His writing about China’s challenges pushes readers to consider how basic humanity is challenged by political and social pressures. More information and registration are available [here](#).
- **Seminar: *Korea in the Modern World*. January 26 – April 5, 2017. Registration deadline: Thursday, January 12, 2017, or when course fills.** Examining primary and secondary sources, participating secondary teachers will consider the impacts of imperialism and independence, political-

economic and nationalist ideologies, and globalization on the development of the Koreas, 1895 to the present. More information and registration are available [here](#).

- **Book Group: *Somewhere Among: Japan through Children's Literature*. February 3 – April 16, 2017. Registration deadline: Thursday, January 12, 2017, or when group fills.** Through this story of six months in the life of Ema, a bicultural fifth-grader living in Japan in 2001, participants will explore topics and themes related to everyday life in Japan. The 15-hour book group, which is open to intermediate- and middle-level teachers, will end with a webinar with author Annie Donwerth-Chikamatsu. More information and registration are available [here](#).

Applications for TEA-NCTA Summer Institute Now Available

***Critical Issues in Contemporary China*. July 10 – 14, 2017. Application deadline: Friday, March 17, 2017.** As China continues its emergence as a global power, the complexities of governing and living in China remain immense. This five-day residential institute, to be held on the University of Colorado Boulder campus, will explore some of the most critical issues facing China's leaders and people today, from political reform to environmental issues to foreign policy. Participants will work with China specialists to develop a well-rounded understanding of contemporary China and gain exemplary resources to use in the classroom. More information and registration are available [here](#).

National Opportunities

Winter Webinar Series. The Five College Center for East Asian Studies has added two new programs to its winter 2017 webinar slate; two previously announced programs are upcoming as well:

- ***The Last Cherry Blossom***, author Kathleen Burkinshaw. Wednesday, January 18, 2017, 7-8 pm ET. **Registration.**
- ***Sake, Sushi and Soft Power***, Professor Lauren McKee, Berea College. Tuesday, February 28, 2017, 7-8 pm ET. **Registration.**
- ***The Nuclear Family***, author Ari Beser. Tuesday, March 21, 7-8 pm ET. **Registration.**
- ***Somewhere Among***, author Annie Donwerth-Chikamatsu. Date and time: TBA. Registration available soon.

NCTA Study Tour to South Korea. July 21 – August 6, 2017 (tentative dates). **Application deadline: Sunday, February 5, 2017.** The East Asian Studies Center (EASC) at Indiana University offers this study tour for K-12 teachers who are alumni of NCTA programs. It will include a Seoul City tour, a trip to the DMZ, a temple stay, and school visits. Pre- and post-tour activities will be held in Bloomington, IN. For more information and an application, visit the EASC [website](#).

Keizai Koho Teacher Fellowship Study Tour to Japan. June 26 – July 5, 2017 (tentative dates). Application deadline: Monday, February 13, 2017. Secondary teachers in U.S. and Canadian schools are eligible for this study tour sponsored by the Keizai Koho Center and the National Association of Japan-America Societies. Applicants must be willing to develop lesson plans based on the study tour experience, which will include school visits, home stays, work with scholars, cultural activities, and visits to Japanese companies. For more information and an application, visit the program [website](#).

Previously Announced National Opportunities

Sino-American Bridge for Education and Health: Teaching Opportunities in China. July – August 2017. Application deadline: Sunday, January 15, 2017. SABEH coordinates opportunities for U.S. teachers to teach in China—in Fuzhou, Fujian Province or Hangzhou, Zhejiang Province—for two to three weeks, with an additional week of travel in-country. Expenses are divided between teachers and Chinese hosts. For more information, visit the SABEH [website](#).

Fund for Teachers Grants for Self-Designed Professional Development. Deadline: Thursday, January 31, 2017. Individual teachers can apply for grants of up to \$5000, teams up to \$10,000, for professional learning that they design themselves. Plans can include travel, so self-designed study in Asia is a possibility. Visit the [website](#) of Fund for Teachers for more information and to apply.

NCTA-Asia for Educators Summer Study Tour to China and Vietnam. July 3 – 21, 2017. Application deadline: Friday, February 3, 2017. Asia for Educators at Columbia University and NCTA offer this study tour to NCTA teacher alumni nationwide. The study tour is open to teachers who have already completed 30 hours of NCTA-sponsored professional development offered by any of the NCTA national sites, through summer, online, or face-to-face NCTA seminars. The study tour will travel to Beijing, Xian, Shanghai, Suzhou, Kunming, Yuanyang, Sa Pa, Hanoi, Hue, and Ho Chi Minh City. More information and an application are available [here](#).

Sejong Writing Competition. Deadline: Tuesday, February 28, 2017. The Sejong Cultural Society is now accepting entries in this competition on Korean literature and culture for students and young adults. Two categories—essay and *sijo* (a traditional Korean poetic form)—are available. The essay category includes adult (25 and younger), senior (grade 12 and younger), and junior (grade 8 and younger) divisions; the *sijo* category has only one division, open to students in grade 12 and younger. For more information, visit the Sejong Cultural Society [website](#).

USS Midway Institute Programs for Teachers: *The Cold War, Korea, and Vietnam*, June 25 – July 8, and *WWII in the Pacific: Clash of Nations and Perspectives*, July 9 – 15, 2017. Application deadline: Sunday, March 12, 2017. The USS Midway Institute presents two summer programs featuring notable

historians, field trips, ship tours, and more. In addition, participating teachers receive instructional materials, a stipend, and travel support. For more information, visit the institute's [website](#).

Colorado Programs

Film Screening: *Persona Non Grata*. Thursday, February 16, 2017. 7:45 pm. *Persona Non Grata*, a biopic of Japanese diplomat Chiune Sugihara, will be screened at the Denver Jewish Film Festival. As Japan's consul in Lithuania, Sugihara risked his career and family to assist more than 6,000 Jews. The film will be shown at the Elaine Wolf Theater (350 S. Dahlia St., Denver). Sponsored by the Sakura Foundation and the Japanese American Resource Center of Colorado. For more information or to order tickets, visit the Mizel Arts and Culture Center [website](#).

NCTA State and Local Opportunities

NCTA Enrichment: Teaching Korea Through Pop Culture. Saturday, March 25, 2017. Application deadline: Friday, January 27, 2017. K-12 teachers and administrators are invited to apply for this program on the Indiana University campus in Bloomington. The day will feature a panel of educators who use Korean pop culture in their teaching; a talk from Professor John Lie, who has written a book on K-Pop; and an opportunity to take part in a campus-wide celebration of Korean culture. Partial support is available for out-of-town participants. For more information, see the [program flyer](#).

NCTA Middletown, CT. January 21 – March 4, 2017. This 30-hour seminar, *Human Landscapes of East Asia*, will be held on Saturdays at Wesleyan University. More information and registration are available [here](#).

Featured Resource

Martin Scorsese's film *Silence*, based on Shusaku Endo's 1966 novel, was released in December. The film and novel tell the story of two Christian missionaries who face the ultimate test of faith when they travel to Japan in search of their missing mentor at a time when Christianity was outlawed and their presence forbidden.