TEA Programs

Act Today—Apply for TEA Summer Programs

Final Call! 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.


National Opportunities

NCTA Online Book Group: Moth and Wasp, Soil and Ocean: Remembering Chinese Scientist Pu Zhelong’s Work for Sustainable Farming. April 28-May 2, 2018. This book group sponsored by NCTA at the Five College Center for East Asian Studies and the History Department at U-MASS Amherst will focus on Sigrid Schmalzer’s picture book on sustainable farming. The book is suitable for both lower and upper elementary school students. Includes a webinar on May 2. For more information, visit the FCCEAS website.

Arthur M. Sackler Gallery at the Smithsonian Institution will sponsor this program on Korean art and culture. Participants will hear from scholars, go behind the scenes with curators at the Smithsonian, and experiment with decorative techniques used in the Goryeo dynasty. Registration is available here.

**Summer Workshop for Teaching Professionals of Mandarin Chinese. June 4-15, 2018.** This two-week program at National Taiwan Normal University will provide teachers with pedagogical skills and cultural knowledge applicable to teaching Chinese. For more information, contact Ching-Hsuan Wu at iloveteachingchinese@gmail.com or John Lin at ylin8@mail.moe.gov.tw.

**Summer Seminar: Changing Lives in Modern China. Friday and Saturday, July 27-28, 2018.** Designed to help middle and high school teachers include modern China in their curriculum, this workshop presented by the 1990 Institute in San Mateo, California, will feature scholar presentations, as well as an opportunity to interact with Chinese citizens. More information is available here.

**Previously Announced 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. Groups still enrolling are:

- **Pyongyang**, by Guy Delisle (Graphic Novels). April 4-25, 2018.

**NCTA Webinars.** The Five College Center for East Asian Studies (FCCEAS) is offering these spring webinars:

- **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 Zhelon’s Work for Sustainable Farming.** Wednesday, May 2, 2018, 7-8 pm EDT. Sigrid Schmalzer, UMass Amherst and picture book author. Register here.

**University of Washington East Asia Resource Center Summer Institutes. Priority application deadline: Sunday, March 11, 2018.** More information on the institutes listed below is available here.

- **Art and Politics: Episodes in East Asian History**, July 16-20, 2018. Open to teachers of all grade levels.
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 K-12 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.

Korean History and Culture Annual Seminar. June 25-29, 2018. Application deadline: Thursday, March 15, 2018. This free 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 classes. 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.

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. 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: 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.

2018 National Chinese Language Conference. Thursday, May 17-Saturday, May 19, 2018. This annual conference offers K-16 Chinese teachers 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.

Colorado Programs

Exhibit: I Want the Wide American Earth. 10 am - 6 pm daily through Sunday, April 8. This exhibition at the Michener Library, University of Northern Colorado explores Asian Pacific American history. A program on Tuesday, March 20 (3:15-4:30 pm), will feature the stories of internment camp survivors. For more information, visit the library.
Speaker Series: *Natural Resources, Energy, and U.S.-Japan Relations.* Wednesday, May 2, 11:20 am - 1:30 pm. This program and luncheon are sponsored by the Japan America Society of Colorado and hosted at the History Colorado Center. The program will feature a keynote speaker and several responders. More information will be available soon at the JASC website.

**Featured Resources**

Blue Sky Publishing has recently released *No Compass Needed: Travel Tales from Asia and the Pacific.* This book by Earl Cooper, a photographer and author of children’s books, presents numerous color photographs and stories from the author’s travels in the region. It is available from Amazon and other booksellers.

New from author and illustrator Demi is *Confucius: Great Teacher of China.* Intended for students in grades 3-8, the book is a biography of the philosopher and teacher. It is available from the publisher (Lee and Low) and booksellers.