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## 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.**

**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. Application deadline: Friday, April 27, 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 **here**. Contact Jon Zeljo at [Jon.Zeljo@colorado.edu](mailto:Jon.Zeljo@colorado.edu) for more information.

## 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**.

**Summer Institute: *Discovering Korea's Past: Interdisciplinary Connections*. June 25-27, 2018. Application deadline: Friday, May 11, 2018.** The Freer Gallery of Art and

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](mailto:iloveteachingchinese@gmail.com) or John Lin at [ylin8@mail.moe.gov.tw](mailto: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:

- ***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.

**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 Zhelong'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.
- ***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.

**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

[website](#).

**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.