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Program Associate Position Open at TEA

The Program for Teaching East Asia (TEA) has an opening for a part-time Program Associate. This professional research position will contribute to current TEA K-12 education programs on China, Japan, and Korea. For a complete description of this position and application information, visit the University of Colorado job [posting](#).

Mark Your Calendars—Registration for These Upcoming Winter-Spring Online Courses from NCTA at TEA Opens December 1, 2017

The NCTA program at TEA is pleased to offer two online seminars and two online book groups for winter-spring 2018:

- **Secondary Book Group:** *Streets of Eternal Happiness*, by Rob Schmitz, January 19 – March 15, 2018.
- **Secondary Book Group:** *The Bridegroom: Stories*, by Ha Jin, January 19 – March 12, 2017.
- **Secondary Seminar:** *Chinese History Through Its Dynasties*, January 17 – April 30, 2018.
- **Elementary Seminar:** *Japan: Past, Place, and People*, January 26 – April 12, 2018.

National Opportunities

Online Course for Students: SPICE China Scholars Program. Late January – early June 2018. Application deadline: Wednesday, November 15, 2017. SPICE's China Scholars Program is an interactive, synchronous online course for high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors who engage in an intensive study of key issues in contemporary China. Students will interact with scholars and other experts from Stanford University and other institutions. Learn more [here](#).

National Council for the Social Studies (NCSS) Annual Conference. November 16-19, 2017. San Francisco, CA. Educators attending the NCSS conference will be able to attend a variety of Asia-related speakers, events, and meetings. Some examples are listed below; a complete list is available [here](#).

- Korea in Context of 21st-Century Global History. Friday, November 17, 8:45-9:45 a.m. Dahee Kim, Academy of Korean Studies; Jay Harmon, Houston Christian High School; and Patrick Whelan, St. Stephen's School.
- Dive into Online Asian Art to Discover History Lesson Treasures. Friday, November 17, 2:15-3:15 p.m. Mary Bernson, University of Washington, and Lynn Parisi, TEA.
 - Teaching Multiple Perspectives: The Future of the Divided Korean Peninsula. Friday, November 17, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Catherine Ishida, TEA; Jenna Martin, Henry World Legacy School, Denver, CO; and Ariana Dumpis, Crocker Middle School, Hillsborough, CA.
 - Teaching About Asia in the Digital Age. Friday, November 17, 5:00-6:00 p.m. Caren Gutierrez, Asian Art Museum, San Francisco, and Robin Martin, Asia for Educators and NCTA.
 - Reception at the Asian Art Museum. Friday, November 17, 6:30-8:30 p.m. (\$15).

China Administrator Tour. April 12-22, 2018. Application deadline: Friday, December 1, 2017. Primary Source and Alpha Exchange are offering this study tour specifically designed for school administrators. Participants will learn about China's education system, consider the benefits of student exchange, and share ideas about global learning. They will visit schools and key historic and cultural sites in Beijing, Guangzhou, and Chengdu and take part in a U.S.-China Exchange Summit. Cost to participants is \$2500. For more information or to register, visit the Primary Source [website](#).

NCTA Webinars. The Five College Center for East Asian Studies (FCCEAS) is offering two December webinars, including a newly announced webinar on Korea.

- ***Falling into the Dragon's Mouth.* Tuesday, December 5, 2017, 7-8 p.m. EST.** The Five College Center for East Asian Studies and TEA offer this webinar with author Holly Thompson. Register [here](#).
- ***Games of Strategy: Modeling Conflict and Cooperation in Korea.* Tuesday, December 12, 2017, 7-8 p.m. EST.** Lauren McKee, Berea College. Register [here](#).

NCTA Online Seminar: *War and Peace: Voices from Japan.* January 22 – April 16, 2018. Participants in this course will consider the experiences of the people of Okinawa, Hiroshima, and Nagasaki in war time 1945 and in post-1945 peace time. The objective of the course is not to debate who was/is "right" or "wrong," but to consider carefully the experiences and voices of the people in Japan affected by the events of the time. For more information or to register, go to the Five College Center for East Asian Studies (FCCEAS) [website](#). Applications are being accepted on a rolling admissions basis until the class is filled.

Study Tour: *China: Traditions, Trends, and Transformations.* June 15-26, 2018. **Application deadline: Friday, January 12, 2018.** University of North Carolina World View is sponsoring this study tour, which will focus on China's history, diversity, and complexity, as well as its educational system. Educators will take part in a preparatory workshop March 21-22, 2018, as well as a follow-up workshop in September. Cost to participants is \$5,400 plus \$250 for educators outside North Carolina. For more information or to register, visit World View's [website](#).

SABEH Teacher Exchange. July-August 2018. The Sino-American Bridge for Education and Health offers an opportunity for U.S. educators to teach English in China for three or four weeks during the summer, plus enjoy one week of travel within the country. The program emphasizes dynamic and creative approaches to teaching English as a foreign language. More information and application are available [here](#).

Previously Announced National Opportunities

Online Book Groups: *Graphic Novel Series* and *Freeman Book Award Series*. **November 29, 2017 – February 27, 2018** (groups focused on specific titles have different starting and ending dates). Asia for Educators and NCTA at Columbia University are running two book group series, one focused on the graphic novel, one on Freeman Book Award winners. Teachers can still register for groups focusing on the following works: *Nanjing: The Burning City*; *Such a Lovely Little War: Saigon 1961-63* and *The Best We Could Do*; the graphic adaptation of *The Good Earth*; and *A Night in the Planetarium: A True Story about a Child, a Play and the Art of Resistance*. For more information and to register, visit the AFE [website](#).

Japan ICU Foundation Global Scholarship. Application deadline: Friday, December 1, 2017. This initiative will provide full-tuition support for four years of undergraduate study at International Christian University in Tokyo, Japan. Starting in 2018, two incoming first-year students who are U.S. citizens and graduates of U.S. high schools will receive the scholarship annually. For more information, visit the Japan ICU Foundation [website](#).

Colorado Programs

Film: *The Road*. Thursday, November 9, 2017, 7:30 p.m. The University of Colorado Center for Asian Studies (CAS) and the CU International Film Series present this documentary by Chinese filmmaker Zhang Zhanbo, which details the construction of a massive highway through a rural district in Hunan Province. Zhang has suggested that the title may not refer just to the Xu-Huai Highway, but also to the road taken by China. The film, to be introduced by CAS Director Tim Oakes, will be screened at Muenzinger Auditorium on the CU Boulder campus. For more information, visit the CAS [website](#).

Exhibition: *Circle of Animals/Zodiac Heads*. Through October 2018 (date in October E-news was incorrect). This installation of 12 sculptures by noted Chinese artist Ai Weiwei is on display at the north end of Denver's Civic Center Park (between Bannock and Broadway) through next October. Each bronze statue represents a different zodiac animal, reinterpreting an 18th-century water clock-fountain designed by European Jesuits in China and later stolen by French and British troops. Weiwei's work calls attention to ideas of fake versus original art, as well as the issues of looting and repatriation.

NCTA State and Local Opportunities

Northern Virginia NCTA Workshops. NCTA programs are returning to Virginia with a series of three Saturday workshops this coming winter-spring. Teachers may attend one, two, or all three workshops and will receive materials and a stipend for full participation at all three programs. Workshops will focus on contemporary China (February 10), contemporary Japan (March 3), and Teaching the East Asian Region with East Asian Art (April 13 at the Freer-Sackler Galleries). Look for registration and full details in the TEA December E-news.

NCTA Teaching About Asia Seminar, New Albany, IN. Wednesdays, 5:30-8:30 p.m., January 10 – March 14, 2018.

NCTA Teaching About Asia Seminar, Berea, KY. Saturdays, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., February – March 2018 (dates TBA).

These 30-hour seminars will introduce K-12 educators to the histories and cultures of China, Japan, and Korea and include discussion of classroom resources and teaching strategies. Participation includes stipends, classroom enrichment grants, texts and materials, and a certificate of completion. Priority will be given to middle and high school teachers. For more information about either seminar, visit the [website](#) of the East Asian Studies Center at Indiana University. **Application deadline: Friday, December 15, 2017.**