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## TEA Programs

### Registration Closes Soon for TEA-NCTA National Online Fall Offerings

A few spaces remain in two of TEA-NCTA's fall online book groups. Both are open to teachers nationwide, with particular groups designed for teachers of specific grade levels. Check descriptions below for registration deadlines.

- **NEW—Online Book Group: *China's Millennials: The Want Generation with Author Eric Fish. September 22 – December 11, 2017. Application deadline: Monday, September 11.*** Take advantage of a rare opportunity to explore the lives and challenges of China's "millennials" with author Eric Fish. Fish, a millennial himself, will guide participants through a first-hand look at young Chinese, termed "the want generation," their impact on society, and society's impact on them. (16 contact hours.) **Details and application.**
- **NEW—Online Book Group: *Stories from China's Post-Mao Reform Era. September 29 – November 20, 2017. Application deadline: Tuesday, September 12.*** Acclaimed writer Liao Yiwu captures the impact of the Deng Xiaoping reform era of the 1980s and '90s through vivid interviews with a range of Chinese citizens, capturing the impact of a new government's new directions and goals on Chinese society and individuals. (16 contact hours.) Class limit: 20. **Details and application.**

### TEA Launches New Elementary Program, *Olympic Friendships*

TEA is now accepting applications from U.S. elementary educators and their schools who wish to establish and sustain a sister-school relationship with an elementary school in Tokyo. Through exchange activities and professional development, participating U.S. teachers will lead their school communities in enhancing study of Japan and developing students' global skills, knowledge, and dispositions. Educators from participating U.S. schools will coordinate virtual and material exchange activities and take part in an introductory webinar in Fall 2017; an online orientation course in spring 2018; travel to Tokyo in summer 2018; and preparation of teaching resources during the following school year. For more information, consult the project [webpage](#) or email **Catherine Ishida**.

### TEA September Workshops

***Integrating the Social Studies Across World History with the Silk Road. Saturday, September 9, 2017, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.*** Using the Silk Road as a common topic, this one-day workshop is designed to aid Colorado teachers in pulling the core concepts and tools from history, geography, civics, and economics emphasized in Colorado's seventh-

grade social studies standards into their world history curriculum. Presentations from the Program for Teaching East Asia, Colorado Geographic Alliance, and Colorado Council for Economic Education will help teachers integrate all the social studies disciplines into instruction. Registration is \$25; 0.5 graduate credit will be available for an additional fee. Register [here](#).

***Teaching Korea in the Globalizing World. Saturday, September 23, 2017, 8:30 a.m. – 4:15 p.m.*** Examine strategies for developing critical thinking and media literacy skills through study of contemporary North and South Korea. Through presentations by Korea studies professors and curriculum sessions with TEA staff, participants will consider how to engage students in exploring political ideology, economic development, and national identity on the Korean peninsula. [Flyer and registration](#).

## National Opportunities

**Online Book Groups: *Graphic Novel Series* and *Freeman Book Award Series*.** **September 13, 2017 – February 27, 2018** (groups focused on specific titles have different starting and ending dates within that range). Asia for Educators and NCTA at Columbia University are launching two book group series. One series will focus on the graphic novel. It will include five groups focusing on the following works: *Boxers and Saints*; *The Family*; *Nanjing: The Burning City*; *Such a Lovely Little War: Saigon 1961-63* and *The Best We Could Do*; and the graphic adaptation of *The Good Earth*. The second series will focus on winners of the Freeman Book Award. It will include three groups discussing *Every Falling Star: The True Story of How I Survived and Escaped North Korea*; *Somewhere Among* and *The Night Parade*; 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](#).

**NCTA Webinars from Five College Center for East Asian Studies (FCCEAS).** NCTA at FCCEAS will be offering three webinars this fall:

- Tuesday, September 19, 2017: *North Korea: A Predictable Unpredictability*, with Jacques Fuqua, Texas A&M Commerce. 7-8 p.m. EDT. Register [here](#).
- Wednesday, September 27, 2017: *The Forbidden Temptation of Baseball*, with author Dori Jones Yang. 7-8 p.m. EDT. Register [here](#).
- Tuesday, December 5, 2017: *Falling into the Dragon's Mouth*, with author Holly Thompson. Co-sponsored by TEA. 7-8 p.m. EDT. Register [here](#).

**Japanese Language Proficiency Test. Sunday, December 3, 2017. Registration deadline: Friday, September 29, 2017.** The 2017 Japanese Language Proficiency Test (Nihongo Noryoku Shiken) will be offered at 17 locations across the United States. The JLPT is a way for students and others to measure their Japanese skills against learners worldwide. Information on the test and a link to online registration is available [here](#).

**2018 Reischauer Scholars Program (RSP). Application deadline: Monday, October 2, 2017.** RSP is an online course for high school students from the Stanford Program on International and Cross-Cultural Education. The course engages students with scholars and diplomats as they explore Japanese history, literature, religion, art, politics, economics, and contemporary society, with a special focus on the U.S. Japan relationship. The application is available [here](#).

**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](#).

### *Previously Announced National Opportunities*

**Study Tour: Education in China. July 9-18, 2018.** The National Council for the Social Studies, in collaboration with Education First Tours, is offering this 10-day study tour of Beijing, Shanghai, and Xi'an, including cultural and historic sites. A primary focus of the tour will be gaining a deeper understanding of the largest education system in the world. For more information, including costs, visit the NCSS [website](#).

## Colorado Programs

**North Korea. Wednesday, September 20, 2017, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.** Kongdan Oh, senior Asia specialist at the Institute for Defense Analyses, will be the speaker at this World Denver luncheon. Oh's research focuses on regional security, inter-regional politics, and U.S. security and foreign policy on Asia. The program will be held at the University Club in Denver (1673 Sherman St.). Visit the World Denver [website](#) to buy tickets.

***The Long Christmas Ride Home. Wednesday-Sunday, October 18-22, 2017, 7:30 p.m.*** performances Wednesday-Saturday, 2:00 p.m. matinees Saturday-Sunday. This play about a family disaster on the way home from a Christmas celebration will be presented using traditional Japanese puppetry. Performances will be in the Loft Theater on the CU Boulder campus. For more information, consult the CU Presents [website](#).

### *Previously Announced Colorado Programs*

***New Perspectives on North Korea: Building the Socialist Future in the Cold War Era. Friday, September 22, 2017, 4:00-6:00 p.m.*** The Center for Asian Studies and CU Boulder History Department host Professors Suzy Kim, Rutgers University, and Dafna Zur, Stanford University, for an academic colloquium featuring new perspectives on North Korean society and culture during the Cold War era. Open to the public. This free event will take place in Room 102 of the ATLAS Building on the CU Boulder campus. For more information, visit the CAS [website](#).

***From the Fire. Exhibition at the Denver Art Museum through Friday, November 17, 2017.*** This exhibition features 65 examples of contemporary Japanese ceramic arts, created by 35 Japanese artists, from the collection of Robert and Lisa Kessler. The works include pieces made by master ceramists who were designated as Living National Treasures in Japan, as well as by emerging artists. For more information, visit the DAM [website](#).

## NCTA State and Local Opportunities

**Shepherdstown, WV: NCTA Seminar. September 30 – November 18, 2017.**

**Application deadline: Wednesday, September 16, 2017.** This seminar will feature Saturday meetings every other week. The 36-hour seminar, open to K-12 teachers and librarians, will explore the history, geography, literature, and cultures of China, Japan, and Korea. More information and registration [here](#).

**Rochester, NY: NCTA Seminar. October 21, 2017 – February 17, 2018. Application deadline: Monday, September 25, 2017.** This seminar, to be held at Nazarene College, will meet one Saturday per month. Enrollment is limited to 20 participants. For more information and to apply, visit the Five College Center for East Asian Studies (FCCEAS) [website](#).

**Schenectady, NY: NCTA Seminar. October 14, 2017 – February 3, 2018. Application deadline: Friday, September 29, 2017.** This seminar will be held at Clarkson University. The 20 participants will meet once monthly on Saturdays. For more information and to apply, visit the FCCEAS [website](#).

## Featured Resources

The Carolina Asia Center has released a new high school lesson based on the Japanese anime film, *My Neighbor Totoro*. The lesson involves students in constructing a timeline of modern Japanese history, as well as analyzing visual and literary sources. The lesson is available [here](#). This is just one of many lesson plans available from the Center, which also maintains a data base of K-12 books related to Asia. Check out the Center [website](#) to learn more.