

NATIONAL CONSORTIUM FOR TEACHING ABOUT ASIA AT THE PROGRAM FOR TEACHING EAST ASIA

FALL 2017 ONLINE BOOK GROUP NOW REGISTERING

Stories from the Post-Mao Reform Era

A Professional Development Course for High School Teachers

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The National Consortium for Teaching about Asia (NCTA) at the **Program for Teaching East Asia, University of Colorado Boulder**, invites applications for this fall 2017 online book group.

Overview: Liao Yiwu is an internationally recognized chronicler of Chinese life and society. Through Liao's work, this book group will consider the reform era initiated by Deng Xiaoping in the decades of the 1980s and '90s. Through interviews conducted with a range of Chinese citizens, Liao offers first-hand accounts of the impact of a new government's directions and goals on Chinese society and individuals. Suitable for use in social studies, literature, and language classes, these real-life stories will provide insights into how late-20th-century China was experienced and understood at the time. Lynn Kalinauskas, University of Colorado Denver, is our book group moderator.

Online Format: The book group will be conducted entirely through four asynchronous online modules. Participants are responsible for buying *The Corpse Walker*, by Liao Yiwu (available in paperback and Kindle edition) in advance of the book group start date. Additional readings will be provided on the course site. Participants may take part in discussion only or choose to complete the book group with full participation for full benefits: a certificate of 16 contact hours and a materials stipend award. Teachers who wish to receive full benefits must participate completely in all four module discussions and submit a three- to four-page Classroom Implementation Plan (CIP) describing ways to use the book in their teaching and evaluation.

Eligibility and Selection: Open to high school literature, social studies, and Chinese language teachers. Admission is selective and priority will be given to grade 9-12 contract teachers whose required curriculum in one of these subject areas includes 20th-century China and who are not enrolling in another fall 2017 NCTA course through TEA.

Book Group Dates: The course begins with online introductions September 29-October 6, 2017. The four modules run October 7-13; 14-20; 21-27; and October 28-November 3. A short evaluation and the Curriculum Implementation Plan, due November 20, 2017, complete the course for those participants wishing to receive a certificate of contact hours and a completion award.

Participation is free, with the following benefits for full participation, as outlined above:

- Certificate of Completion for 16 contact hours;
- *Education About Asia* subscription and a completion award.

Register online at <http://www.colorado.edu/ptea/PostMaoReg>. Registration is limited to 20 eligible teachers and closes September 12 or when the course is full. For more information, e-mail lynn.parisi@colorado.edu or lynn.kalinauskas@nctasia.org.