

# TEA News

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**Baseball Diplomacy, Pirates, and Environmental Challenges. Register for New Summer Online Offerings from TEA-NCTA.**

**Webinar. *More Than A Game. A Look at US-Japan Relations through Baseball.* May 16, 7-8 pm ET.** US diplomatic historian Thomas Zeiler explores baseball as a window to teach about power, culture, and profits in US-Japanese/Asian relations, with a focus on the 20th century. **Register.**

**Seminar. *Reconsidering East Asia in the Early Modern World: Maritime Histories, 1350-1750.* June 13 – July 21.** Developing research in the field of maritime history offers new perspectives and understandings of diplomatic, economic, and cultural connections that intertwine the countries of East Asia from the 14th to 18th centuries. Through asynchronous and live sessions with leading scholars, participants will explore early modern geographies and mapping, Zheng He's tribute missions, and the contributions of pirates and family trade dynasties in linking the region. **Flyer and application.**

**Contemporary Issues Course. *China's Search for a Green Future: Clean Energy, Air, and Water.* July 9 – 31.** China has committed to becoming a leader in renewable energy technology. Still, air pollution, water scarcity, and overall environmental degradation continue to impact the health of local people and challenge China's continued economic growth. Through three week-long case studies, participants will examine how the Chinese government and citizen activist groups are responding to these challenges. Open to secondary teachers who teach about China. **Flyer and application.**

## National Opportunities

**Webinar: Ping Pong Diplomacy: US-China Exchange Then and Now. April 18, 8-9 pm ET.** Hosted by the National Committee on US-China Relations, speakers Pete Millwood and Jing Tsu reflect on the 50th anniversary of the historic ping pong event and highlight its continuing relevance to the US-China relationship. **Details**

**and registration.**

**Korean History and Culture Seminar for Educators. June 21 – 24.** Program for K-12 educators includes lectures, hands-on activities, and excursions. Korean Cultural Center Los Angeles: In person or Zoom. **Details and application.**

#### **Upcoming National Programs from our NCTA Colleagues**

- **Virtual Tour: The Hare with Amber Eyes Netsuke Exhibit. April 27, 7-8 pm ET.** Hosted by NCTA at the Five College Center for East Asian Studies and the Jewish Museum of NYC. **Registration.**
- **Webinar: *While I Was Away*. May 17, 7-8 pm ET.** Hosted by NCTA at the Five College Center for East Asian Studies, with author Waka T. Brown. This book is a 2021 Freeman Book Award Young Adult/Middle School Literature Honorable Mention. **Registration** and **book giveaway.**
- **Summer course: Walking the Tōkaidō: A Multi-Disciplinary Experience in History and Culture. May 23 – August 26.** Participate in the formal online seminar (for K-12) or self-guided program (for K-16). **Information on both options.**

#### **Previously Mentioned National Opportunities**

**Virtual Kyoto Garden Tour. April 11. 7-8:30 pm ET.** Limited to 10 participants per date. **Register.**

**Webinar: *Temple Alley Summer*. April 12, 7-8:15 pm ET.** Offered by NCTA at the Five College Center for East Asian Studies and TEA, the webinar features author Sachiko Kashiwaba and translator Avery Fischer Udagawa. This book is a 2021 Freeman Book Award Young Adult/Middle School Literature Honorable Mention. **Registration.**

**Annual National Chinese Language Conference. April 22 – 24.** This year's conference will be a virtual, three-day interactive event that takes an in-depth view of the Chinese language and culture field and envisions its future. **Registration.**

**Elgin Heinz Outstanding Teacher Award Competition Deadline Extended.** Administered by EngageAsia and open to current full-time K-12 classroom teachers, this award is offered in two categories, Humanities and Japanese Language, and honors top teachers who have dedicated their careers to furthering mutual understanding between Americans and Japanese. The application deadline for the 2021 award in the Humanities category is April 15, 2022. **Details and application.**

## **Colorado Programs**

**Washi Transformed: New Expressions in Japanese Paper. January 29 – May 15.** Exhibition of nine contemporary Japanese artists and their unexpected creations

using traditional Japanese paper. Longmont Museum. [Details and tickets.](#)

**Fantastic Brush: Twentieth-Century Chinese Ink Art from the Robert and Lisa Kessler Collection.** This 2021-2022 Denver Art Museum exhibit includes 23 ink paintings by some of the most important Chinese artists of the twentieth century. The collection tells the story of these Chinese traditional ink artists' encounters with varying global arts, politics, and socioeconomics across the 20th century. [More information.](#)

## NCTA State and Regional Programs

**Florida Seminar: East Asian Culture. May 14 – June 18.** Survey of traditional and modern society in East Asia offered by NCTA partner site Florida International University. [Details.](#)

### Regional Opportunities from NCTA at the University of Pittsburgh

- **Online Workshop: A Dance of Letters: How East Asian Writing Systems Work. May 14 and 21.** A six-contact-hour mini-course spread over two Saturday afternoons that examines the writing systems used by speakers of Chinese, Korean, and Japanese. [Details and registration.](#)
- **East Asia 101: Mapping Past and Present. July 11 – 22.** This introductory-level online seminar is hosted by the Ohio State University in cooperation with NCTA. [Details and application.](#)

Eligibility for the above courses is limited to teachers in Alabama, Delaware, Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia.

## Featured Resources

**World Without Borders Campus Korean Collection** features contemporary Korean stories, poems, and graphic literature in translation, along with multimedia educational resources to provide deeper context and teaching ideas based on Common Core English Language Arts/Literacy standards. [Unit website.](#)