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## TEA Programs

### Register Now for These November Programs in Colorado!

***Engaging Students in International Issues: The Choices Approach. Focus on China and the Environment. Saturday, November 5, 8:30 am – 3:00 pm.*** This workshop on the Metro State University campus in Denver will feature Timothy Oakes, University of Colorado Boulder Department of Geography and Director, Center for Asian Studies, and Choices Teaching Fellows Michelle Van Sickle, Jeffco Public Schools, and Rebekah Nesbitt, Denver Public Schools. Cost: \$145 per person, includes two Choices curriculum units (***China on the World Stage*** and ***Climate Change and Questions of Justice***), lunch, and certificate of 7 professional development hours. Partial scholarships are available for preservice teachers. The first ten registrants who are TEA or NCTA alums will receive a reduced rate. Co-sponsored by the Choices Program, Brown University, and TEA, University of Colorado. Register [here](#).

***Integrating the Social Studies Across World History. Saturday, November 12, 8:30 am – 4:00 pm.*** This workshop, to be held at Argosy University (7600 E. Eastman Avenue in Denver), is designed to enhance world history teachers' skill in teaching the core concepts and tools from history, geography, economics, and civics, using the Silk Road as a common topic. While seventh-grade teachers are the primary audience, high school teachers are also welcome. The workshop is cosponsored by TEA, the Colorado Geographic Alliance, the Colorado Council for Economic Education, and the Civic Canopy. Registration is \$25; 0.5 graduate credit will be available for an additional fee. Register [here](#).

## National Opportunities

**China Town Hall. Tuesday, October 18, 7:00 – 8:00 pm EST (national webcast).** The National Committee on U.S.–China Relations presents the tenth annual China Town Hall, featuring a national webcast with Dr. Henry Kissinger, architect of President Nixon's 1972 visit to China. The national webcast will be followed by local speakers and discussions in 80 locations around the United States. More information and a list of local venues is available [here](#).

**Webinar: *Indian Ocean Interactions in World History*. Monday, October 24, 7:00 – 8:15 pm EST.** Primary Source is hosting this free webinar, which will examine the importance of the Indian Ocean in world history,

both as a maritime space and an arena for trade and cultural exchange. Teaching resources will be shared. Register [here](#).

**Nominations Being Accepted for Franklin Buchanan Prize. Application deadline: Tuesday, November 1.** The Association for Asian Studies annually awards the Franklin Buchanan Prize in recognition of an outstanding curriculum publication on Asia. Print, CD, video, and online materials at any level, K–16, which were published after January 1, 2015, are eligible for the award. Materials submitted for consideration should reflect current scholarship, employ innovative teaching strategies, and have a significant effect on the intended audience. For more information and an application, contact Brenda Jordan, at [jordanb@pitt.edu](mailto:jordanb@pitt.edu).

**International Year of Global Understanding Story Maps Competition. Entry deadline: Saturday, December 31.** This competition for high school and college students asks them to create story maps to illustrate how humans both create and solve problems in our increasingly globalized world. For more information, visit the [website](#) of the sponsoring organization, ESRI.

**Fund for Teachers Grants for Self-Designed Professional Development. Deadline: Thursday, January 31, 2017.** Individual teachers can apply for grants of up to \$5000, teams up to \$10,000, for professional learning that they design themselves. Plans can include travel, so self-designed study in Asia is a possibility. Visit the [website](#) of Fund for Teachers for more information and to apply.

**Elgin Heinz Outstanding Teacher Award. Application deadline: Tuesday, February 1, 2017.** The United States–Japan Foundation established the Elgin Heinz Award to honor precollegiate teachers whose work advances mutual understanding between the United States and Japan. Two awards are given, one in the humanities, the other in Japanese language. For more information, visit the [award page](#) on the Foundation's website.

### *Previously Announced National Opportunities*

**Book Group Series: *China's Cultural Revolution*. October 5 – March 7 (different starting dates for different groups).** There's still time to sign up for three of the book groups in this fall/winter series from Asia for Educators at Columbia University. For more information, visit the AFE [website](#).

**Fall Webinar Series.** The Five College Center for East Asian Studies has announced its fall 2016 webinar slate:

- ***Connecting to the Sacred Realm Through Amulets***, Willamarie Moore, Museum of International Folk Art. Thursday, November 6–7 pm ET. [Registration](#).
- ***Touching Home in China***, Melissa Ludtke. Thursday, November 10, 7–8 pm ET. [Registration](#).
- ***Home and Community: Coming Together in Times of Disaster***,

author Leza Lowitz (co-sponsored by TEA). Wednesday, December 7, 7–8 pm ET. [Registration](#).

- ***Connecting to the Sacred Realm through Divide Communication***, Willamarie Moore, Museum of International Folk Art. Thursday, December 8, 6–7 pm ET. [Registration](#).

**National Online NCTA Seminar: *War and Peace: Voices from Japan*. January 16 – April 3, 2017.** The Five College Center for East Asian Studies is offering this 12-week NCTA seminar focusing on the experiences of the peoples of Nagasaki, Hiroshima, and Okinawa during World War II, as well as in the post-war period. For more information, visit the seminar [website](#).

## Colorado Programs

See the workshops listed under [TEA Programs](#) for two Colorado opportunities.

**World Denver Teacher Memberships.** World Denver is now offering a special membership rate for teachers—\$50/year, which entitles members to free attendance at receptions with international visitors and to discounted admission to World Affairs Council events, including lectures and panel discussions. To join at the teacher rate, contact Katy Anderson at [katy@worlddenver.org](mailto:katy@worlddenver.org).

### *Previously Announced Colorado Programs*

**Kodo Taiko Concert. Tuesday–Wednesday, February 14–15, 2017.** The renowned taiko group celebrates its 35th anniversary with a tour of North America featuring a new work by Artistic Director Tamasaburo Bando. Tickets are now on sale for this concert presented by the Newman Center and Sakura Foundation. For ticket information, visit the Newman Center [website](#).

## NCTA State and Local Opportunities

**NCTA Massachusetts Seminar. October 22 – November 5.** This 18-hour seminar will meet on three Saturdays at the Pioneer Valley Chinese Immersion Charter School in Hadley, Massachusetts. More information and registration are available [here](#).

**NCTA Vermont and New Hampshire Seminar. November 5 – December 3.** This face-to-face 18-hour seminar will be held in White River Junction, Vermont, on four Saturdays. More information is available on the Five College Center for East Asian Studies [website](#).

**NCTA Middletown, CT. January 21 – March 4, 2017.** This 30-hour seminar, *Human Landscapes of East Asia*, will be held on Saturdays at Wesleyan University. More information and registration are available [here](#).

## Featured Resource

The **Choices Program** at Brown University recently launched a new **website** housing more than 1,300 videos. The videos present professors, policy makers, journalists, activists, and artists talking about such topics as what life in China is like today, the history of China's relationship with Japan, and environmental concerns in China.

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