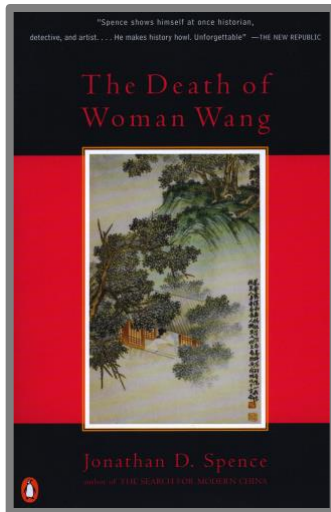


THE NATIONAL CONSORTIUM FOR TEACHING ABOUT ASIA
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UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO BOULDER

Winter 2023 Online Course

A Professional Development Course for Secondary Teachers

**Book Group: *The Death of Woman Wang*
January 19 – March 8, 2023**



This book group engages secondary teachers with historian Jonathan Spence's book *The Death of Woman Wang*. Explore the lives of the non-elite in 17th-century China's Qing Dynasty as they face climatic catastrophes, famine, banditry, taxation and a complex legal system. Through the lens of the peasantry and the illiterate, learn about the daily struggles of those history often forgets, with a special focus on women. This book interweaves Spence's historical writing and tales from the 17th-century writer Pu Songling. The course is offered in memory of Jonathan Spence (1936-2021), in honor of his significant contribution to our understanding of Chinese history.

Course Format and Expectations: The course will be conducted online through five asynchronous week-long modules, each consisting of readings of *The Death of Woman Wang*. The course will include resources and participant discussion forums on content and pedagogy. The course begins January 19, 2023 with online introductions. The first module will begin January 26 and the final module will conclude on March 8, 2023. There will be a one-week break for February vacations. A short Curriculum Implementation Plan (CIP) and evaluation will be due March 28, 2023.

Eligibility and Selection: Teachers nationwide are invited to apply. Admission is selective, and priority will be given to social studies, literature and humanities contract teachers whose required curriculum includes modern China and to teachers who are not enrolling in another winter NCTA online seminar. Applications close January 10, 2023 or when course is full.

Participation is free. Participants will

- Purchase *The Death of Woman Wang* by Jonathan Spence;
- Receive access to resources online;
- Receive a completion award and certificate of completion for 15 hours;
- Receive \$75 upon completion of the CIP.

"The Death of Woman Wang is extraordinary for numerous reasons. It brings to light the life of a poor woman, a rarity among history books even today. To do that, it makes ingenious use of indirect sources, literary accounts, and deep context. The book is wide-ranging and thorough, but also concise — just 139 pages of text in its most recent edition."

James Carter, Professor of Chinese History, Saint Joseph's University

Apply online at <https://www.colorado.edu/ptea/content/death-woman-wang>
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