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Northern Virginia and DC Area Teachers: Last Chance to Register for February-March Workshops!

Join NCTA for these winter-spring 2020 workshops:

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Flyer and registration.

Applications Open for NCTA-TEA Summer Institute!

TEA-NCTA 2020 Summer Institute: *Considering Early Modern East Asia through Maritime History.* July 5-9, 2020. Application deadline: Monday, March 16, 2020.

From the 14th to the 19th centuries, the sea closely linked countries of East Asia as they engaged in rich economic, diplomatic, and cultural exchange and war. Using the lens of maritime history, this institute offers secondary social studies teachers an opportunity to work with scholars and specialists to re-center historical studies of early modern East Asia from national histories of China, Japan, and Korea to narratives focusing on the sea-based, transborder people, institutions, and practices that connected the region. In this four-day institute, teachers will gain an understanding of the political, economic, and cultural systems of the early modern East Asian world and reconsider narratives of encounters and conflicts with European imperialist powers. The institute will be held on the CU Boulder campus. **Application.**

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Summer Study Tour for Students: Japan Society Junior Fellows Leadership Program. June 30 – July 20, 2020. Application deadline: February 14, 2020.

Following an orientation in New York City, ten U.S. high school students will travel to Japan to meet with industry leaders, experience daily life with a host family, and travel to historical sites. The program connects Junior Fellows with present leaders and establishes a network of alumni with a global worldview and close bonds with Japan. Open to students nationwide; needs-based scholarships available. **More information and application.**

NCTA Webinars. NCTA at the Five College Center for East Asian Studies is now registering for five webinars:

- *Democracy in Taiwan*, with Sara Newland, Smith College. February 19, 2020, 7 pm EST. **Registration.**
- *Taiwanese Identity*, with Catherine Chou, Grinnell College. February 26, 2020, 7 pm EST. **Registration.**
- *Teaching Taiwan*, with James Lin, University of Washington. March 11, 2020, 7 pm EDT. **Registration.**
- *Magic Ramen: The Story of Momofuku Ando*, with Author Andrea Wang. April 7, 2020, 7 pm EDT. Cosponsored by NCTA at the Program for Teaching East Asia. **Registration.**
- *China's Three Teachings: Buddhism, Daoism, and Confucianism*, with Jeffrey Richey, Berea College. March 25, 2020, 7 pm EDT. **Registration.**

Summer Institute: Korean History and Culture Seminar for K-16 Educators in the United States. June 22-26, 2020. Application deadline: March 1, 2020. The National Korean Studies Seminar and the Korean Cultural Center Los Angeles are offering fellowships to attend the 16th annual free seminar on Korean history and culture. Participants will learn about Korean art, history, language, literature, music, philosophy, and religion from prominent scholars and receive copies of *Teaching East Asia: Korea*. The seminar will take place at the Korean Cultural Center Los Angeles. USC continuing education units are available. Access more information **here** or email **MaryConnor@sbcglobal.net**.

Fulbright Teacher Exchanges. 2020-2021 School Year. The Fulbright Teacher Exchanges are currently recruiting for two programs. The Distinguished Awards in Teaching Short-Term Program sends expert K-12 educators from the United States to participating countries and territories to support and work in schools, teacher training colleges, government ministries, or educational nongovernmental organizations. Eligible countries include Korea, the Philippines, and Vietnam. The Teachers for Global Classrooms Program prepares U.S. K-12 educators to bring an international perspective to their schools. This yearlong professional learning opportunity features an intensive online course, a symposium in Washington, DC, and a short international exchange. Eligible countries include Indonesia and the Philippines. **More information.**

Summer Teachers in Residence at the Freer and Sackler Galleries. Application deadline: March 31, 2020. The Freer|Sackler, Smithsonian's national museum of Asian art, seeks Summer Teachers in Residence to advise and expand K-12 student and teacher initiatives at the Freer and Sackler Galleries. Participants will develop content for K-12 students, network with Smithsonian staff, and receive behind-the-scenes access to Smithsonian resources. For more information, contact **AsiaTeachers@si.edu**.

Elgin Heinz Outstanding Teacher Awards. Application deadline: May 15, 2020. Nomination/application materials for the 2020 Elgin Heinz Outstanding Teacher Award are now available. This award is designed to honor exceptional K-12 classroom teachers in the United States who further mutual understanding between Americans and Japanese.

This year's award will be focused on teachers of Japanese language. **Application.**

Previously Announced National Opportunities

Columbia NCTA Online Book Group: *A Chinese Life*. February 19 – April 14, 2020. The NCTA national coordinating site at Columbia's Weatherhead Institute is wrapping up its series on China with this book group on a graphic novel. More information is available **here**. A new series, *Graphic Novels on Japan and Korea*, will launch this spring; more information in our next E-news.

NCTA Workshop: *Modern/Contemporary East Asian Film Workshop*. April 25-26, 2020. Application deadline: March 6, 2020. NCTA at Indiana University presents this 1.5-day workshop introducing middle and high school teachers to a selection of modern/contemporary Chinese, Japanese, and Korean film classics, with special focus on analyzing depictions of family structures in East Asia. Travel support is available. **Information and application.**

NCTA Summer Workshop: *Teaching East Asian Literature*. July 19-24, 2020. Application deadline: March 27, 2020. Participants in this workshop presented by NCTA at Indiana University will engage in in-depth discussion and analysis of classical and modern literary selections from China, Japan, and Korea. Participants will also receive instruction on classroom implementation strategies. Priority is given to high school educators. **Information and application.**

USS Midway Museum 2020 Summer Institutes. Application deadline: March 8, 2020. The USS Midway Museum in San Diego is hosting two summer institutes in 2020:

- *The Cold War, Korea and Vietnam*. June 28 – July 11, 2020.
- *World War II in the Pacific: Clash of Nations and Perspectives*. July 12-18, 2020.

For more information, visit the Museum **website**.

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Film Screening: *A Thousand Paper Cranes: How Denver's Japanese American Community Emerged from Internment*. February 18, 2020, 6 pm. I am Denver Community Cinema is hosting this free screening of its documentary film. A reception will precede the film, and a community discussion will follow. The event will be at the Sie Film Center (2510 E. Colfax, Denver). **More information.**

Film Festival: Colorado Dragon Film Festival. February 20-23, 2020. This festival will feature films from Korea, China, Japan, and the Philippines, with topics ranging from baseball to cooking with natural ingredients having medicinal properties and Chinese opera. The festival takes place at the Sie Film Center (2510 E. Colfax, Denver), with panels hosted next door at the Tattered Cover. **Schedule and tickets.**

Study Tour for Students: Japan Cultural Experience and History Program. June 3-11, 2020. Application deadline: February 20, 2020. Aurora Sister Cities International and Pacific Rim Cultural Exchange offer this opportunity for high school students to travel to Hiroshima, Japan. Students will visit world heritage sites, experience cultural activities, and take part in Japanese language and culture/history classes. Cost is \$3,500,

which includes airfare. Partial scholarships may be available. For more information, contact jbclark@auroragov.org.

Denver-Takayama Sister Cities Tour: *Introduction to Japan*. October 3-15, 2020. **Application deadline: June 12, 2020.** This trip will feature visits to Kyoto, Takayama, and Tokyo, with a pre-trip excursion to Hiroshima available as well. Cost of the trip is \$3950 plus airfare. **More information and registration.**

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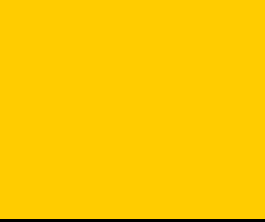
Registration for the February and March workshops closes February 15. **Flyer and registration.**

NCTA New York (Ithaca) Seminar: *China, Korea, Japan*. February 29 – May 16, 2020. Participants in this seminar will meet monthly on Saturdays and take part in six webinars as they learn about East Asia and how to incorporate it into their curriculum. **Information and registration.**

NCTA California (Los Angeles) Seminar: *East Asia: Origins to 1800*. March 7 – May 2, 2020. Application deadline: February 23, 2020. This seminar offering in-depth introductions to the history and culture of the region will consist of five Saturday sessions on the University of Southern California campus. **Information and registration.**

Featured Resources

The National Consortium for Teaching about Asia, the Committee on Teaching about Asia of the Association for Asian Studies, and Asia for Educators at Columbia University recently announced the 2019 winners of the **Freeman Book Awards** for new young adult and children's literature. The awards recognize quality books for children and young adults that contribute meaningfully to an understanding of East and Southeast Asia. Awards are given in three categories: Children's, Young Adult/Middle School, and Young Adult/High School. The winner in the Children's category was *The Phone Booth in Mr. Hirota's Garden*, by Heather Smith, illustrated by Rachel Wada. Winners in the two Young Adult categories were *All the Ways Home*, by Elsie Chapman (middle school), and *The Weight of Our Sky*, by Hanna Alkaf (high school). Honorable Mention citations were



also awarded in each category. Learn more about the honored books on the NCTA [website](#).

The University of Westminster has made available online a **Chinese Poster Collection**, spanning the years from 1949 to 2015. Access the posters [here](#).

