East Asia: Ancient Cultures & Global Economies

A Seminar for Teachers of World Cultures, World History, Geography, Economics, Art, and Literature

This seminar will provide you with the necessary content and resources to implement the study of East Asia in your curriculum. No previous background in Asia is assumed. Teams of teachers are strongly encouraged to apply. Participant benefits include stipends and materials. This is a no-cost professional development opportunity open to all interested K-12 educators.

Apply online at [http://www.umbc.edu/che/ncta/apply.php](http://www.umbc.edu/che/ncta/apply.php)

Application deadline is December 19, 2009. Space is limited.

2010 Winter/Spring Program at UMBC

**When**  8 Saturday mornings from January 23 through April 24 (30 hours total) and 2 follow-up workshops in Fall 2010.

**Where** University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC). Seminar sessions will be held on Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. at UMBC (Room 711, Administration Building). A light breakfast will be provided. The session on February 20th will be held at the Walters Art Museum, Baltimore.

**Program Instructors**
- Dr. Charles Springer, NCTA Seminar Leader and Instructor, Community College of Baltimore County
- Dr. Robert Mintz, Curator of Asian Art, Walters Art Museum
- Dr. Constantine Vaporis, Professor of History, UMBC
- Dr. Ka-che Yip, Professor of History, UMBC

**The Seminars**
- January 30  *Introduction to the Geography, Early Civilizations, and Philosophical Underpinnings of East Asia* (Yip)
- February 6  *Western Expansion into East Asia: Qing Dynasty, Opium War, and Territoriality* (Springer)
- February 13  *Japan’s History through Meiji* (Vaporis)
- February 27  *Art in East Asia*. Walters Art Museum, Baltimore, from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. (Mintz)
- March 6  *East Asia, World Wars & Aftermath*
- March 27  *Mao and Post-Mao China* (Yip)
- April 10  *Recent History of Korea* (Springer)
- April 24  *East Asia and the Global Economy* (Springer)

“Best class I have taken since college! I gained a maximum amount of knowledge in an unbelievably short time. My school is not only benefitting from the knowledge I gained but also from the materials provided to us.”

“Resources, resources, resources...So many different resources that I could put to immediate use in the classroom.”
Participant Benefits

- $200 in instructional materials for each participant’s school.
- $100 in materials for the course (texts and subscription to *Education About Asia* magazine).
- $300 stipend upon completion of the seminar’s requirements.
- Eligibility to participate in Asia study tours in Summer 2011.

Participant Requirements

- Currently teaching or designing a course where adequate time can be devoted to instruction on East Asia.
- Obtain written support from your school administrator stating the school’s commitment to including East Asia in its curricular program.
- Completion of a questionnaire by a school administrator familiar with social studies programs, which indicates the school’s use of the teaching materials received through participation in the seminar and progress in teaching about East Asia.
- Commitment to attend all sessions, which comprise 36 contact hours (30 hours in Winter/Spring 2010 and 6 hours in Fall 2010). Participants are expected to come to class prepared to discuss the assigned materials. Each teacher will submit a short response paper on each session’s reading.
- Each participant will prepare a *Teacher Implementation Plan* for use in his or her respective school. The plan should include: An explanation of the opportunities for teaching about Asia in the coming school year (level, subject area, hours of instruction); a teaching unit covering approximately two weeks, which includes at least three lesson plans devoted specifically to an Asian topic; and a resource list with cited books, periodicals, videos and web sites that relate to the Asian lessons. More details regarding the implementation plan will be provided as the course progresses. Each participant will also attend the follow-up sessions in Fall 2010 and report on the implementation of their lesson plans and use of their teaching materials.

Candidates must complete and submit the entire program application (at [http://www.umbc.edu/che/ncta/apply.php](http://www.umbc.edu/che/ncta/apply.php)) by the deadline of December 19, 2009. Enrollment will be capped at 20 participants. A complete application will include the Application Form and a signed Letter of Support from an administrator in your school.

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