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NCTA Alumni and Associates,

Happy 2018 from all of us at the NCTA University of Pittsburgh National Coordinating Site! We wanted to let you know about a lot of upcoming opportunities for teacher professional development, such as study tours, summer institutes, online seminars, and book discussion groups. Please let us know if you participate in any of these opportunities.

As always, if you have anything you would like us to distribute, please let us know.

All the best,

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Study Tours & Summer Institutes

Asian Links: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow, an NCTA Study Tour To China and Taiwan

This summer the NCTA site at the University of Southern California is leading a study tour to **China and Taiwan** for NCTA alumni, from **June 27-July 13, 2018**. In addition to examining historical connections within and beyond Asia, the trip will examine China's belt and road ambitions and Taiwan's efforts to strengthen ties to Southeast Asia. Teachers who have successfully completed a minimum of 30 hours of NCTA-sponsored professional

development programs are eligible to apply. Teachers who have previously participated in a NCTA-sponsored study tour are not eligible. Application deadline is **March 15, 2018**. For more information, click [Here](#).

Teaching East Asian Literature Summer Workshop

From **July 8-13, 2018** the NCTA at Indiana University Bloomington is hosting its annual week-long, intensive summer workshop for K-12 English and world literature teachers who are interested in incorporating Chinese, Japanese, and Korean literature into their curriculum. Priority admission is reserved for high school educators. Click [Here](#) for more information.

Uneasy Neighbors: Legacies and Challenges in 21st-Century East Asia

The NCTA at the U. of Colorado Boulder and the Program for Teaching East Asia (TEA) are hosting a week-long summer institute in Boulder, Colorado **July 8-14, 2018**. This institute for secondary teachers, "Uneasy Neighbors: Legacies and Challenges in 21st Century East Asia," will focus on regional tensions and conflict and will examine the recent past, present, and future of East Asian regional relations, considering China, Japan, Taiwan, and the Koreas. Application deadline is March 18, 2018. For more information and an application, click [Here](#):

Keizai Koho Center Study Tour to Japan

The Keizai Koho Center (KKC), in cooperation with the National Association of Japan-America Societies (NAJAS), will offer "KKC Study Tour to Japan 2018" for U.S. and Canadian social studies teachers **June 25-July 2, 2018**. Application deadline is February 1, 2018. Click [Here](#) for more information.

National Council for Social Studies (NCSS) Tour: Education in China

NCSS is sponsoring a 10-day (July 9-18, 2018) exploration for NCSS members to China. Gain a deeper understanding of the

largest education system in the world on this Professional Learning tour. Join NCSS as we learn about the educational practices in China during visits to local schools, and see many of China's cultural and historical sites, such as the Great Wall. For more information, click [Here](#).

Fulbright-Hays Seminar Abroad Program

The Fulbright-Hays Seminar Abroad program is now accepting application for its short-term seminars for U.S. educators in the social sciences and humanities. This summer's programs will be to Ecuador, India, and Poland. The registration deadline is February 2, 2018. For more information, click [Here](#).

Webinars & Book Discussion Groups

Japan: Past, Place, and People. An Online Seminar

Between January 26-April 12, 2018 the NCTA at the U. of Colorado Boulder and the Program for Teaching Asia (TEA) are offering "Japan: Past, Place and People" a 20-hour online course that offers an introduction to Japan's history, geography, and cultural norms and beliefs to support elementary teachers who teach or would like to learn more about Japan. Participants will consider cross-curricular ideas that integrate literacy and social studies strategies. Click [Here](#) for more information:

NCTA FCCEAS Webinars

Our NCTA colleagues at the Five College Center for East Asian Studies (FCCEAS) are holding a series of webinars in the next few months:

Monstrous Archipelago: An Introduction to Japanese Yōkai, with Dr. Mindy Landeck, Austin College

Jan. 18, 2018, 7-8pm. Click [Here](#) for more information.

Mapping our Connections: Ties That Bind the US and Asia

Jan. 30, 2018, 7-8pm. The Ties That Bind: US and Asia is an innovative collaborative digital mapping project that provides opportunities for users to learn about historical and contemporary people, places, and events which connect the US and China, Japan and Korea. Join us to learn not only how to use this project in your classroom and but also how to contribute to it. Click [Here](#) for more information.

Jingdezhen Ceramics: Past, Present and Future of the Art, Techonolgy and Commerce, with Stephen Powers

Feb 27, 2018, 7-8pm. Click [Here](#) for more information.

What Do They Teach? Textbooks in East Asia and the U.S., with Nayun Eom

March 7, 2018, 7-8pm. Click [Here](#) for more information

Book Discussion Groups

The Good Earth, by Pearl Buck, Graphic adaptation by Nick Bertozzi. January 31-February 27, 2018. Click [Here](#) for more information.

Streets of Eternal Happiness, by Rob Schmitz. January 19-March 15, 2018.

In this 2016 publication, NPR journalist Rob Schmitz tells the stories of ordinary people in the Shanghai neighborhood he has called home, providing layers of complexity, individuality, and humanity to our understanding of 21st-century China. Click [Here](#) for more information.

The Bridegroom: Stories, by Ha Jin. January 19-March 12, 2018. Ha Jin, winner of the National Book Award, offers a collection of comical and moving tales of contemporary China at the turn of the 21st century. Click [Here](#) for more information.

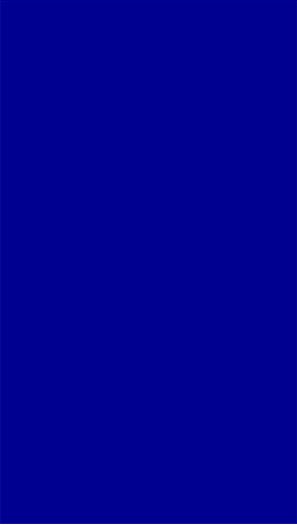
If you have any information about any upcoming Asia-related workshops, study tours, or seminars that you would like us to publicize, please let us know.

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