



*NCTA University of Pittsburgh  
Fall 2024 Foundational Seminar  
Shattering Myths: Teaching About  
the Diversity of East Asia in the K-  
12 Classroom*

## **Class Schedule**

### **Monday, September 9: What is East Asia?**

**Presenters:** NCTA Team of Dr. Brenda G. Jordan, Dr. Patrick Hughes and Stephen Wludarski  
Tonight's class includes a visit to the University of Pittsburgh Nationality Rooms

### **Monday, September 16:**

#### **Chinese Thought Systems and the Chinese Writing System**

**Presenters:** Ms. Cindy McNulty, Oakland Catholic High School (retired) (NCTA master teacher);  
Dr. Haixia Wang, University of Pittsburgh (NCTA master teacher)  
Tonight's class include an activity: "Convince the Emperor"

### **Monday, September 30:**

#### **Buddhism for the Unenlightened and Dynasty Smackdown**

**Presenters:** Dr. Clark Chilson, University of Pittsburgh (Religious Studies); and Mr. Matthew Roberts, Pine Richland High School (Chair of the Social Studies Department and NCTA master teacher)

### **Monday, October 14:**

#### **The Shinto Faith; Kamishibai – Japan's Paper Theater**

**Presenters:** Dr. Clark Chilson, Religious Studies and Ms. Mimi Rice, Lehigh University NCTA seminar leader

### **Monday, October 28:**

#### **Religious Diversity on the Silk Roads; and the Joy of Tangrams**

**Presenters:** Dr. Margarita Delgado-Creamer, Religious Studies; and Mrs. Karen Gaul, Winchester Thurston School (5<sup>th</sup> grade, NCTA master teacher)  
Tonight's class includes an interactive lesson on Tai Chi.

**Monday, November 4:**

**Japanese Written Language and Women Authors**

**Presenters:** Dr. Brenda G. Jordan; Ms. Meg Taylor, managing editor of the translation journal *Monkey*

**Monday, November 18:**

**Cracking the Samurai Code**

**Presenters:** Dr. Ethan Segal, Michigan State University (History)

Note: this class will include a second speaker and an activity.

**Monday, December 2:**

**The Korean Language and Korean Popular Culture**

**Presenters:** Dr. Mi-Hyun Kim and Dr. Seung-hwan Shin, both in East Asian Languages and Literatures

**Monday, December 16:**

**East Asian Foodways**

**Presenters:** Mr. Steven Baleno (NCTA alum), Ms. Jennifer Moon-Chung (Hillman Library), Ms. Linda Lieu (Assistant Director, Asian Studies Center), Ian Davies (administrative assistant, Asian Studies Center), and Dr. Haixia Wang

**Monday, January 6, 2024:**

**Vietnam: Shattering Stereotypes Past and Present & The Worldwide Chinese Diaspora**

**Presenters:** Dr. James Cook (Interim Director, Asian Studies Center), Dr. David Kenley, Dakota State University and longtime NCTA instructor

**Final Assignments due: Friday, January 17**

**Follow up Classes:  
(Required)**

Likely to be February 3 and 24, with your input.

The follow up classes will feature a Games from East Asia night with Dr. Ann-Marie Davis of The Ohio State University, and University of Pittsburgh Asian Studies Center's Ms. Cathy Fratto on "Centering Taiwan in Global Asia." There will be a third speaker (TBD).