Resources for K-12 Teachers

Featured Web Resource

www.outreachworld.org Outreach World has a wealth of educational materials across all global regions, grade levels, themes, and disciplines, along with recommended resources, a calendar of events, and professional development opportunities. Do a “contact” search, and find National Resource Centers such as the East Asian Studies Center in your region of the country.

Summer Professional Development Opportunities

Teaching East Asian Literature in the High School - July 8-14, 2007 at Indiana University, Bloomington. Designed to help English teachers better incorporate Chinese, Japanese, and Korean literature into their curricula, the workshop includes lectures by university literature and history professors, interactive teaching strategy sessions, cultural activities, and films. Generously funded by the Freeman Foundation, registration for the one-week residential workshop costs only $60. Participation is limited to 25; applicants are admitted on a rolling basis. The deadline for applications is March 7, 2007. For more information and an application see www.indiana.edu/~easc/itit_workshop.

Teaching about Asia Summer Seminar - The East Asian Studies Center at Indiana University will host a one-week, residential National Consortium for Teaching about Asia (NCTA) seminar in late July 2007 in Bloomington, Indiana. This program invites certified, 6-12 middle and high school teachers to learn about China, Korea, and Japan and provides educators with the opportunity to develop classroom programs on East Asia. Housing and meal costs are included. Three main elements comprise this summer program: an intensive, 6-day/30-hour seminar, classroom implementation, and a follow-up component. Those who complete the program will receive a solid foundation for teaching about East Asia, texts and resources on East Asia, the option to purchase 3 graduate credits, a $300 book buying grant to purchase East Asian resources for their school, a $500 personal stipend, and eligibility to apply for a study tour to East Asia. The seminar is made possible by a grant from the Freeman Foundation. For more information please see http://www.indiana.edu/~easc/taa_seminar, or contact Kenneth Harvey (see bottom right corner).

Visualizing Japan: Teaching Japanese History through the Arts - July 18-27, 2007 at the University of Colorado, Boulder. Designed for social studies, literature, and art teachers, the institute will examine five periods in Japanese history -- Heian, Medieval, Tokugawa, Meiji, and Contemporary Japan -- through case studies of art forms. Participants will study with scholars and practitioners, examining specific art forms as historic texts. Major costs of attendance are underwritten by a grant from the Freeman Foundation. The application deadline is March 6, 2007. For more information see www.colorado.edu/CASTE4.

Living and Being “Chinese”: Geographic and Ethnic Diversity in China - July 9 - August 3, 2007 at Columbia University, New York. A National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institute, Living and Being “Chinese” uses the concept of home to explore the variety of ways of being Chinese. Through lectures, readings, field trips, and hands-on workshops, K-12 teachers will gain the knowledge base to expertly teach about one of the world’s great civilizations. The deadline for applications is March 1, 2007. For more information see www.chinainstitute.org/educators/Neh2007.html.

Discovering the Ancient Game of I-Go - April 14, 2007 at IUB

On Saturday, April 14, the EASC will host an Enrichment Event for National Consortium for Teaching about Asia (NCTA) alumni and 6-12 teachers. The Center invites teachers to join us for a day of East Asian learning and fun. Join us in the morning to hear lectures about the history of popular board games in East Asia. Later, lecturers will highlight strategies on how to teach I-Go and how to bring this intellectual game of skill and strategy to the classroom. Participants will also learn how this complex game is challenging our best in the computer programming world as they attempt to go beyond Deep Blue to crack the game of I-Go. In the afternoon, the Asian Culture Center at IU and the EASC will host an I-Go competition. This competition is open to the public. The Centers invite educators, teachers, and students of all ages to join us for this event. For an application or other information contact: Kenneth Harvey (see box at right).

News & Notes

Clearinghouse Transition

The National Clearinghouse for U.S.-Japan Studies, a former affiliate of the East Asian Studies Center, is no longer housed at Indiana University. The Clearinghouse has moved to the Stanford Program on International and Cross-Cultural Education (SPICE). The website will be getting a new look and address. As of February 2007, the site can be found at http://spice.stanford.edu. Be sure to visit!

Lotus Blossoms Bazaar

Teachers in the Bloomington area should mark their calendars for the 11th annual Lotus Blossoms Bazaar which will be held on March 24 at Binford Elementary. Everyone, young and old, is invited to the bazaar on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. for international music, crafts, games, and other fun activities. Drop by and have your name written in Chinese characters by one of the East Asian Studies Center’s volunteer calligraphers! For more information contact Patricia Tennen (see below).

Electronic K-12 Connection

The last print version of this newsletter will be sent out in spring 2007. After that, the K-12 East Asian Connection will be published electronically. The EASC is also working to establish a listserv to keep K-12 teachers abreast of news and opportunities related to teaching about East Asia. If you would like your email to be added to that list, please email easc@indiana.edu with the subject heading: “Add to K-12 Listserv.”

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Let’s Get Ready for the 2008 Beijing Summer Olympics

In nineteen months, Beijing hosts the Summer Olympic games. This brief classroom activity introduces East Asia’s past summer games and teaches students a bit of East Asian history and geography.

Directions: Fill in the blanks, and spell out the Mandarin Chinese word for “hello.”

The first modern Olympic games to be hosted by an East Asia city were scheduled for Tokyo in the summer of 1940. The games were canceled in 1937 because of war between Japan and China. The Olympic games returned to Japan in 1964 when Tokyo hosted that year’s summer games. The summer Olympic games were next held in East Asia in 1988, when South Korea’s capital city of Seoul was the site for the games.

China lost a 1993 bid to host the 2000 summer games to Sidney, Australia. In 2001 the International Olympic Committee selected Beijing as the host city for the Games of the XXIX Olympiad, scheduled for August 2008.

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For more information on East Asian and other Olympic games, see the website of the International Olympic Committee: http://www.olympic.org/uk/games/index_uk.asp.

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