

East Asia Resource Center



The East Asia Resource Center (EARC) in the Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies provides professional development programs and teaching resources about East Asia to U.S. elementary and secondary school teachers. The goal of the EARC is to deepen educators' understanding of East Asia and improve their teaching about the region.

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 Washington educator Joe Gotchy embraces Japanese students in Hyogo, Japan.

EARC PROGRAMS (1998–2007)

- 60 NCTA seminars in 6 Northwest states, serving 1,174 teachers
- 8 national summer institutes serving 202 U.S. educators
- 15 study tours to Asia, serving 261 teachers
- 4 week-long visits by Japanese educators
- 76 workshops
- 173 sessions at education events

PUBLICATIONS (1998–2007)

- 31 issues of *East Asia for Educators*, a newsletter mailed to over 4,000 educators
- 6 curriculum units on East Asian history and cultures

About the EARC

Connecting teachers with the resources they need to effectively teach about East Asia has been the mission of the East Asia Resource Center since 1971. As part of the Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies and a co-founder of the National Consortium for Teaching about Asia, the EARC brings the expertise of university faculty and master teachers in East Asian studies to elementary and secondary (K-12) educators across the U.S. Through grant funding, the EARC provides a wide range of professional development programs and services on China, Japan, and Korea, including 30-hour seminars, residential summer institutes, study tours to East Asia, evening and weekend workshops, and curriculum materials.

The EARC works in partnership with the UW's East Asia Center (EAC), a federally funded and designated National Resource Center. The East Asia Center advances knowledge of China, Japan, and Korea through undergraduate and graduate programs, FLAS fellowships for students of East Asian languages, faculty research, and outreach programs for the greater community.

National Consortium for Teaching about Asia Seminars

As a national coordinating site of the National Consortium for Teaching about Asia (NCTA), the EARC has offered 30-hour NCTA seminars on East Asia to educators in the Pacific Northwest since 1999. NCTA is a national initiative to encourage and facilitate teaching and learning about East Asia in social studies, humanities, and literature courses, generously funded by the Freeman Foundation of New York.

NCTA seminars are led by a master teacher or Asia scholar who guides educators in an exploration of East Asian history, geography, and cultures. Seminar participants attend classes during the school year, create lesson plans on East Asia, and attend a follow-up meeting. The seminar is offered free of charge, and participants receive many benefits, including free materials and stipends. Educators may choose to receive college credit or Washington State clock hours. Seminar alumni are eligible to apply for UW-NCTA study tours and attend enrichment events for alumni and their colleagues.

The EARC administers seminars in Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Washington. Educators in other parts of the country will find information about NCTA in their states by visiting <http://www.NCTAsia.org>.



EARC study tour participants examine images of East Asia at the orientation session.

Summer Institutes on the UW Seattle Campus

Offered most summers in late July, the summer institute provides K-12 educators with an in-depth, thematic exploration of East Asian history, cultures, arts, literature, and contemporary issues. Educators from all over the U.S. spend one to two weeks on the UW Seattle campus enjoying up to 80 hours of intensive instruction and may elect to earn credits or Washington State clock hours. Summer institutes pair presentations by Asia scholars with sessions on classroom application led by master teachers. Additional sessions include hands-on activities, resource exploration, grade-level group work, and field trips in the Seattle area. Topics and themes vary from year to year.

Study Tours to East Asia

EARC study tours present opportunities for educators to gain firsthand experience in East Asia and a deeper understanding of the region as they explore one or more countries with Asia specialists. Selected by competitive application, educators develop detailed implementation plans to share what they learn with students and colleagues and create extensive lesson plans on the places visited. The EARC offers three study tour programs for its audiences of U.S. educators:

The China Teacher Leadership Study Tour, a three-week study tour to China serving educators nationwide who demonstrate professional initiative;

NCTA in China, Japan, and Korea, a three-week study tour to one or two East Asian countries serving Northwest K-12 educators who have successfully completed an NCTA seminar in the region;

The Washington-Hyogo Teacher Institute, a multi-week study tour and people-to-people exchange serving Washington State K-12 educators, cosponsored by the Hyogo Business and Cultural Center. The institute includes a reciprocal visit by Japanese educators from Washington's sister state, Hyogo.

Workshops

Throughout the school year, the EARC offers a series of one-day workshops in locations around Washington State that address topics and themes in East Asian history, cultures, arts, and current issues well suited to K-12 curricula. As a certified provider of Washington State clock hours, the EARC offers educators opportunities to receive credit as they fuel their passion for East Asian studies. The workshops feature presentations by university faculty, master teachers in Asian studies, or other specialists such as artists and performers. Every workshop provides ideas and resources for classroom application in addition to content knowledge. Workshop topics and themes change from year to year, offering educators ongoing opportunities to further their learning.

Resource Library and Publications

The EARC maintains a lending library of K-12 curriculum materials which includes curriculum units, films, and other resources on China, Japan, and Korea. A catalog is available online. Educators may visit the EARC library weekdays and check out materials free of charge.

In collaboration with partner organizations, the EARC produces curriculum materials on East Asian history and cultures. Recent publications include: *Continuity and Change in Asia*, *Youth Culture in Asia*, and *Performing Arts of Asia*.

The EARC also publishes *East Asia for Educators*, a newsletter with information about upcoming programs and opportunities, three times a year.

RECENT SUMMER INSTITUTES

China on Our Minds and In Our Classrooms

Currents in Contemporary East Asia

Japan: Traditions and Transitions

China in World History

RECENT ONE-DAY WORKSHOPS

Brush and Ink: A Look at Traditional Chinese Art

Buddhism 101

Islam in Asia

Japan's Interactions with the West: The Visual Record

U.S.-Asia Relations in Historical and Contemporary Perspectives



During an EARC study tour, Spokane teacher Tim Busse visits with children near Guilin, China.



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