



# National Consortium for Teaching about Asia

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**2008 Seminar Series**  
**hosted by**  
**Union graduate College School of Education and the**  
**Greater Capital Region Teacher Center**

Session	Date	Topic
1	January 5, 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Introduction to NCTA</li><li>• East Asian Philosophy: Confucianism, Legalism, Daoism and Buddhism</li></ul>
2	January 26, 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Chinese Language and Literature</li><li>• Role of Women in China</li></ul>
3	February 9, 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Modern and Contemporary China</li></ul>
4	March 1, 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• East Asia Education Systems</li><li>• Reunion with NCTA Alumni</li></ul>
5	March 15, 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ancient Japan</li><li>• Contemporary Japanese Culture</li></ul>
6	April 5, 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ancient Korea</li><li>• The Art of East Asia</li></ul>
7	April 26, 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Geography of East Asia</li><li>• Wrap-up</li></ul>

## **Session 1: January 5, 2008**

*Union College, Room 112 Humanities*

8:30 – 9:00 Getting acquainted, continental breakfast

9:00 – 9:15 Introductions

9:15 – 12:15 David Besozzi (Social Studies, BHBL, SCCC), on East Asian philosophies: Confucianism, Legalism, Daoism

12:15 – 1:15 Lunch, on own

1:15 – 1:45 David Besozzi, on Buddhism

1:45 – 2:45 Catherine Snyder (Union Graduate College), Introduction to course materials and syllabus, What is the NCTA?

2:45 – 3:00 Resources and readings



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### **Session 2: January 26, 2008**

*Union College, Room 112 Humanities*

8:30 – 9:00 Continental breakfast, Union College

9:00 – 12:00 Megan Ferry (Chinese Language and Literature, Union College) on An introduction to Chinese language and literature

12:00 – 1:00 Lunch, on own

1:00 – 2:45 Joyce Madancy (Chinese History, Union College), on Hobbled and Heroic: Teaching Chinese Women through Footbinding and the Story of Mulan

2:45 – 3:00 Resources and readings

### **Session 3: February 9, 2008**

*Union College, Room 112 Humanities*

8:30 – 9:00 Continental breakfast

9:00 – 12:00 Steven Leibo (International History and Politics, The Sage Colleges), on Modern Chinese History

12:00 – 1:00 Lunch, on own

1:00 – 2:45 Zhen Zhang (East Asian Studies, Union College) on Contemporary China: A Unity of Contradictions

2:45 – 3:00 Resources and readings

### **Session 4: March 1, 2008**

*Union College, Olin Auditorium*

8:30 – 9:00 Continental Breakfast

9:00 – 11:00 David Besozzi, on Comparative Education Systems: China, Hong Kong and Japan

11:00 – 12:00 Alumni Presentations:  
Group 1: Art

12:00 – 1:00 Lunch, catered with 2006-2007 NCTA Alumni

1:00 – 3:00 Alumni Presentations:  
Group 2: Literature  
Group 3: East Asian History,  
Group 4: Contemporary East Asia



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### **Session 5: March 15, 2008**

*Union College, Room 112 Humanities*

8:30 – 9:00 Continental breakfast, Union College

9:00 – 12:00 Susanna Fessler (East Asian History, University at Albany), on Japanese History and Literature

12:00 – 1:00 Lunch, on own

1:00 – 2:45 Kenji Tierney (Anthropology, Union College), on Japanese Food and Culture

2:45 – 3:00 Resources and readings

### **Session 6: April 5, 2008**

*Union College, Room 112 Humanities*

8:30 – 9:00 Continental breakfast, Union College

9:00 – 12:00 Andrew Byon (Korean Language and Culture, University at Albany), on Korean History and Language

12:00 – 1:00 Lunch, on own

1:00 – 2:45 Don Thurston (History, Union College), on Japanese Buddhist Sculpture and Daoist Landscape Painting

2:45 – 3:00 Resources and readings

### **Session 7: April 26, 2008**

*Union College, Room 112 Humanities*

8:30 – 9:00 Continental breakfast

9:00 – 12:00 Youqin Huang (Geography, University at Albany) on urbanization in East Asia

12:00 – 1:00 Lunch, on own

1:00 – 2:00 Dave Besozzi, on the Qingming Shanghe tu scroll and Japan's Tokaido Road

2:00 – 2:45 Discussion of Implementation Plans

2:45 – 3:00 Final evaluation