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Linking All Types of Teachers to International, Cross-cultural Education

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To: All LATTICE members and friends

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1. LATTICE session on October 26, 2006.

Many thanks to all teachers, MSU international students, faculty, staff and local community who attended the first LATTICE session on September 28th. As usual, we would like to see many international students participating in our LATTICE sessions. Therefore, active LATTICE members are encouraged to contact international graduate students they know and invite them to participate in LATTICE October session and throughout this academic year.

Do let them know that international graduate students are eligible for a small amount of stipend if they met the condition for attending LATTICE through out the term or the year.

Also, many thanks to a couple of active LATTICE members who came to the International Coffee Hour held at the International Center (Spartan Room C&D) from 4–6pm, last Friday. We were able to stimulate awareness and interests among a few international students who have never heard of LATTICE.

For others who would like to be part of another informal LATTICE membership–drive this week, you are encouraged to attend the MSU President's Welcome Reception for International Students at the MSU Union, on Wednesday, October 11th from 4–6pm.

This is yet another fun and exciting gathering for MSU and the local community, where there will be lots of good food and interesting people. Admission is FREE!

2. Offering support to 9th graders.

This article appeared on the front page of Section B (Local & State) of the Lansing State Journal last Sunday, October 8, 2006. It was reported that rather than waiting until the upperclassmen years, East Lansing hopes its new program will get struggling teens on track before they lose too many credits, or worse, interest!

So what works?

According to the sunday article, research suggests that successfull programs for ninth–graders feature:

- * REALISTIC GOALS developed by all involved.
- * PHYSICAL SPACE, which could be a wing, a school–within–a–school, or a separate building.
- * A DOUBLE LOAD of math and language arts.
- * A RIGOROUS CURRICULUM with a demonstrated link to real life.
- * A CONNECTION TO CARING ADULTS who support them are, in turn, supported by their educational community.

* SCHOOL-BASED ASSISTANCE TEAMS consisting of teachers, counselors, parents/guardians and people from agencies involved in the teens's life.

Any of the above features sound like some of your concerns discussed in the last session on "Education as Global Phenomenon" by Dr. Jack Schwille? Please feel free to bring up any insights/reactions to your discussion table at the October session!

3. International Opportunities for Teachers!

Submitted by Peter Briggs <pbriggs@msu.edu>

3.1 Educators to Saudi Arabia Program.

Application Deadline: November 20, 2006!

Applications are now being accepted for the Educators to Saudi Arabia Program sponsored by Aramco Services Company. Twenty-five full-time Social Studies Teachers and Library Media Specialists will be selected to travel to Saudi Arabia from March 27 – April 10, 2007. The program aims to cultivate a greater awareness and understanding of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in U.S. primary and secondary schools and communities. Additionally, the Educators to Saudi Arabia Program seeks to encourage teachers to establish creative means of sharing this understanding with their students, colleagues and communities.

For more information, please visit: <<http://www.iie.org/aramco>>www.iie.org/aramco.

3.1 Japan Fulbright Memorial Fund (JFMF) Teacher Program

Application deadline: December 7, 2006!

Applications are now being accepted for the Japan Fulbright Memorial Fund (JFMF) Teacher Program. The program, sponsored by the Government of Japan, provides American primary and secondary school teachers and administrators with fully-funded short-term study tours of Japan. The program is designed to increase understanding between the people of Japan and the United States by inviting U.S. elementary and secondary educators to visit Japan and share their experiences with fellow Americans upon their return.

For more information, please visit: <<http://www.iie.org/fmf>>www.iie.org/fmf.

4. IEA General Assembly opens in Amiens, France.

At 07:54:38 AM 09 Oct 2006, Jack Schwille wrote:

FYI. Today the 47th annual General Assembly of the International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement (known as IEA, sponsor of TIMSS, TEDS and other cross-national research studies) opened here in the university town of Amiens, France, north of Paris--site of one of France's most famous medieval cathedrals.

The meeting was opened by the Minister of National Education of France, who also happens to be a politician from Amiens--not a coincidence I think that the meeting is being held here. He was accompanied by the Rector of Amiens, the ministry official who is in charge of all public education from preschool to university in this region. The minister was very complimentary in telling how important IEA studies are to French educational policymaking.

IEA is apparently in the best shape ever. Six studies are being conducted at the same time--more than ever before. They include our teacher education study (TEDS); plus TIMSS and PIRLS (a reading assessment) and Advanced TIMSS (for students taking advanced math or physics at the end of secondary school)--all three of these studies are run by Boston College; SITES (an educational technology study; and the third civic education and citizenship study, run by the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER), who are also our partners on TEDS.

The individual studies get bigger and bigger; one now has 67 countries participating if I remember right. Although only 39 countries had representatives present at Amiens this morning and only about 60 actually belong to IEA, a total of 90 countries are now participating in the studies. Tom Loveless of the Brookings Institution represents the U.S. in the IEA General Assembly and is a member of its standing committee which helps Hans Wagemaker the executive director run the organization between GA meetings.

The IEA Data Processing Center in Hamburg is booming. It works not only on the six IEA studies but does other contract work as well. It now employs about 100 people.

The IEA secretariat in Amsterdam has special responsibility for verification of translation of the data collection instruments. This now means working in over 60 different languages.

In the absence of Teresa Tatto, who returned to East Lansing this morning to work on putting the TEDS instruments in final form for our March 2007 field test and Lawrence Ingvarson from ACER who is about to have some surgery, Glenn Rowley (also of ACER)

and I will be giving the TEDS progress report to the IEA General Assembly tomorrow afternoon. Wish us luck!

Jack

5. Kenyan Connection, Potluck, and more!

Submitted by: "Susan Baker Seyfarth" <suseyfar@msu.edu>
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You won't want to miss the next LATTICE session or the Potluck dinner at Sally McClintock's home. One of the charter LATTICE members, Anne Njeri Mungai, and her husband, George, will be at the LATTICE session on Thursday, October 26 from 12:30 – 4:30.

Currently Anne is Associate Professor and Director of Special Education and Literacy Programs at Adelphi University in New York, but she has research and projects in Kenya as well.

There will be a LATTICE Potluck at Sally McClintock's home at 6336 Skyline Drive, East Lansing (517 332 6668 or sallyma@comcast.net) on Friday, October 27 beginning at 6:30. Everyone is invited to this event! It will be a chance to see some LATTICE family members who are no longer attending sessions but are still in town.

And, not only will Anne Njeri Mungai be there, but also Rajendran Nagappan (Malaysia), a charter member of LATTICE who is here for this semester as a visiting scholar, will be attending.

Please join us!

6. South Asia Earthquake: One Year On.

Submitted by: "Qaisar, Saad" <qaisarsa@anr.msu.edu>

On 8 October 2005, at 0350 GMT, a magnitude 7.6 earthquake occurred in Pakistan, Afghanistan and India, leaving about 75,000 dead and hundreds of thousands homeless.

Much of the worst damage was in the disputed territory of Kashmir. See the status of activities one year on at:

http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/south_asia/5392908.stm

Thanks to LATTICE members and students in MidMichigan districts who helped raise donations for the quake, and supported our nation in worst natural disaster of our 59 year history.

Another link:

http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/shared/spl/hi/picture_gallery/06/south_asia_tribal_quake_survivors_rebuild/html/1.stm

7. WikiPlaces: The Essence of Your Favorite Places.

Submitted by: Guven Witteveen <wittevee@umich.edu>

Do any of your classes study a country or a city? Study your own community or neighborhood? Does your school have a photography class that needs a focus? If so, they may be interested in a free, online project titled WikiPlaces: The Essence of Your Favorite Places (An Online Project)

This project is open to all ages. Participants are asked to help us see the essence of a place by creating an alphabet book page for that place. For each letter, tell us a word and include a photo of that object. This may be a simple type of alphabet book with just the word and its image (e.g. M is for Mosque) or it may include information about the object (e.g. H is for Hornbill. Hornbills live in the tropical rain forests of S.E. Asia. They are important members of the rain forest ecosystem because of the role they play in seed dispersal.)

Participants are not required to address all 26 letters for their place. In fact, leaving some letters blank invites others to add to your pages. Pages are easily edited and revised.

How to Take Part?

1. Go to <http://wikiplaces.wetpaint.com>.

2. Explore the site, especially the home page, the Getting Started <<http://wikiplaces.wetpaint.com/page/Getting+Started>> page and a page in progress, such as Egypt <<http://wikiplaces.wetpaint.com/page/Egypt>>.

If you are new to using a wiki, you may want to look at the Wetpaint help page <<http://faq.wetpaint.com/help#top>>.

3. Choose a place. It could be a country, a region, a city, a neighborhood, a building or even a room.
4. Brainstorm what features, elements, objects make that place unique -- or what makes it special to you.
5. Gather images. You could take photos, use a drawing program to draw your own JPEG pictures, or find photos via Creative Commons in Flickr.
7. Log in and start adding to Wikiplaces. If there is already a page in progress for your place, add to it. Don't worry that you are editing someone else's page. That's how wikis work. Or, if you'd rather, create another page for that place.

If there isn't already a page, add one. You might want to copy and paste this template <<http://wikiplaces.wetpaint.com/page/Template>> text onto your page to get your page going quickly.

8. Celebrate by inviting friends and family to view and leave comments on the pages you created.

Links:

WikiPlaces home page: <http://wikiplaces.wetpaint.com>

Getting Started page: <http://wikiplaces.wetpaint.com/page/Getting+Started>

WikiPlaces Egypt page: <http://wikiplaces.wetpaint.com/page/Egypt>

WikiPlaces template: <http://wikiplaces.wetpaint.com/page/Template>

Wetpaint Help Page: <http://faq.wetpaint.com/help#top>

8. Global Awareness Resources and Global Ed. Discussion.

From: Guven Witteveen <wittevee@umich.edu>

Please check out the following projects and resources posted at the following link. This global awareness/literacy project is ongoing and all educators are welcome to use and build on these projects. The Apple Learning Interchange allows for people to upload examples of their work, and you can comment on and rate various projects that are posted. Best of all, you can download media from the online exhibits directly into your iTunes library.

Rethink. Global Awareness/

<http://edcommunity.apple.com/ali/collection.php?collectionfiltered=98>

As a side project, I have started a global education discussion .Mac group. If you'd like to join you can email me at elemenous@mac.com and I'll send you an invitation. The goal of this group is to share ideas and resources related to fostering global awareness in schools. Thanks,

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9. Interesting Map Websites.

From: Sally McClintock <sallyma@comcast.net>

Some very interesting map websites which LATTICE teachers may want to check out.

<http://www-personal.umich.edu/~mein/cartograms/>

http://www.reaktionbooks.co.uk/titles/pichistory_mapspolitics.html .

There are "buyable" alternative maps at <http://www.odt.org/> and the University of Virginia has some interesting historical resources at http://xroads.virginia.edu/~MAP/map_hp.html with lots of links.

10. Upcoming Latin America/Caribbean-related events.

Below are some upcoming Latin America/Caribbean-related events. Please feel free to contact CLACS for more information.

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SAVE THE DATE:

Nov. 7, 2006

Global Encounter: Brazil

Save the date. For more information, please see the attached flyer.

March 28-30, 2007

4th Annual CLACS Undergraduate Conference

International Center, Michigan State University. Please consider organizing a panel for this event and share with colleagues. More information will be sent out soon. This event is sponsored by the Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, Michigan State University.

UPCOMING EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES:

Wharton Center for Performing Arts Cultural Exchange Program

(This is an opportunity for students to receive free tickets for Wharton Center events – Please see description below and attachment for more information).

The goals of the Wharton Center Cultural Exchange program are by design straight forward. Utilizing the performing arts specifically the “World Music & Dance” slate of performances this season (2006-07) the program seeks to showcase the diversity of the performing arts and utilize to educate, inform, and impact cultural awareness in this community. The opportunity and timing for collaboration between campus organizations to assure a successful program is optimal.

The six performances scheduled will include five different cultural groups from India, Mexico, China, Latin America, and two groups from different regions of Africa. The Office of Affirmative Action Compliance and Monitoring has awarded a grant (\$8,000) eight thousand dollars to the Wharton Centers Cultural Exchange program which will

enable (450) four hundred and fifty students to attend these selected shows. See attachment for more information about this opportunity.

Bate Papo

Practice Portuguese with other students and faculty at Espresso Royale every other Friday at 4:30 beginning September 8 (Grand River Ave., E. Lansing).

October 11

CLACS Advanced (Charla) Seminar Series

The Four Seasons of Buenos Aires: The Music of Astor Piazzolla. Dr. Marco Albonetti, Professor of Saxophone, Bari State Conservatory, Italy. Room 303 International Center, 3:00–4:30 CLACS Advanced (Charla) Seminar Series.

October 12

* Special Date * CLACS Advanced (Charla) Seminar Series

Comparing Aspects of the War of the Triple Alliance (1864–1870) in South America and the US Civil War 1860–1865, Vitor Izecksohn, Associate Professor, Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro. Room 305 International Center, 3:00–4:30 CLACS Advanced (Charla) Seminar Series.

October 18

CLACS Advanced (Charla) Seminar Series

Edgardo Rodriguez Julia, Professor Emeritus, Universidad de Puerto Rico and Puerto Rico's National Writer. Room 303 International Center, 3:00–4:30.

SALSA NIGHT

Wharton Center Presents: Tiempo Libre, Grammy Nominated Salsa Band. 7:30 p.m. Pasant Theatre, Box Office: www.whartoncenter.com, Phone: 517.432.2000 or 1.800.WHARTON. Tickets: \$28/\$15 (students), group discounts available.

October 24

International Opportunities Fair

Noon–5 PM, MSU Union – second floor

Oct. 28, 2006

7th Annual TROPOS Graduate conference

Each year, graduate students from the Department of French, Classics and Italian and the Department of Spanish and Portuguese organize a graduate conference, the TROPOS conference. Please encourage your colleagues and students to attend. This year, the keynote speaker will be Dr. Charles Stivale from Wayne State University; his presentation will be on Deleuze: "DELEUZE'S LAUGH : FRIENDSHIP AND THE IMPERSONAL".

11. MSUMUN--staff members needed!

Submitted by: "Katherine M Robiadek" <robiadek@msu.edu>

Michigan State University Model United Nations (MSUMUN) is an organization devoted to fostering enthusiasm for international issues among high school students in Michigan and throughout the country. Every year, we host a Model United Nations conference for high school students from around Michigan and throughout the country; our seventh session will be held March 16-18, 2007 at the Holiday Inn West in Lansing.

We are currently looking to fill our staff with MSU students enthusiastic about international issues. We hope that all of you will come out and interview for an Assistant Chair or Assistant Crisis Director position. Assistant Chairs help to moderate the flow of debate and work with high school delegates during committee sessions.

Assistant Crisis Directors work behind the scenes in designated crisis committees, helping to coordinate crisis situations. No prior Model UN experience is required for these positions, and students of all disciplinary backgrounds are encouraged to apply.

Please contact us at MSUModelUN@gmail.com if you have any questions. We look forward to working with you this year!

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12. New publication with Michigan connection (free) "Asia Today"

Dear LATTICE friends,

I'd like to announce the newly published full color insert we co-produced with DNIE (Detroit Newspapers in Education), called "Asia Today."

There are pages featuring an overview to six leading places in Asia where immigrants settled in Michigan are coming from: East Asia (China, Japan, Korea), Philippines, Vietnam, and South Asia (India is highlighted here).

Allow me to paste the webpage blurb & link for ordering multiple copies for your schools:

<http://nieonline.com/detroit/details.cfm?feature=2006asiatoday>
<<http://nieonline.com/detroit/details.cfm?feature=2006asiatoday>> [content appended below]

Yours,
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Supplemental materials

Here are resource documents teachers may use to extend the learning and lessons of the Newspapers In Education supplement "Asia Today: Many Faces, Many Places." These source materials may be used to spark classroom discussions or as the basis for research projects.

Download supplemental materials here

<<http://nieonline.com/detroit/downloads/2006asiasupplemental.doc>>
[<http://nieonline.com/detroit/downloads/2006asiasupplemental.doc>]

13. Goldman Sachs Foundation Prizes.

From: Guven Witteveen (fyi - via Asiasociety.org --)

The deadline is fast approaching for high school students from across the country to apply for the Goldman Sachs Foundation Prizes for Excellence in International Education.

Five students who demonstrate an in-depth understanding of key issues in international affairs and the global economy will receive a \$5,000 scholarship prize each.

Selected by an independent judging panel, the student winners will also receive an all-expense paid trip to New York City in early December where they will be recognized at Asia Society's Gala Annual Dinner.

The deadline for applications for the youth prize is October 23, 2006.

Please visit www.askasia.org/youth2/students/gsf_prizes.htm
<file://www.askasia.org/youth2/students/gsf_prizes.htm> for the online application and additional information, including background resources on topics and formats, contest rules and judging criteria.

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14. Women`s Studies in London Information Meeting – October 12, 2006.

Hello Everyone!

You are invited to an information meeting for Women`s Studies in London, a Study Abroad program which will run from early July to early August 2007. The program is open to all undergraduates and graduates, and credits can count for elective credit and credit toward the Women, Gender and Social Justice specialization. This is an opportunity of a lifetime as there are only a few such programs in the country and only one at MSU.

We study the British feminist movement, the lives of British women of diverse backgrounds, take trips to art and cultural museums, go to Salisbury and Stonehenge, Leeds Castle and Magdalen College, Oxford (a women`s college), go on walking tours and see at least 3-4 plays.

Click on to my web page below my signature to this email to get a description and photos of the program and to see last summer`s syllabus. The information meeting is Thursday, October 12, at 4:30 P.M in 311 Bessey Hall.

Hope to see you there.

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For photos and information on the 2007 Women`s Studies in London program visit:

<http://www.msu.edu/~ladsen2/WSLondon07.html>

and to go directly to the Summer 2006 Syllabus for this program visit

<http://www.msu.edu/~ladsen2/06Londonsyllabus.htm>

End of LATTICE NewsLetter # 414

Please mark your calendar for the coming session!

LATTICE Monthly Session Dates for 2006–2007:

THEME: EDUCATION

September 28 Education as a Global Phenomenon
October 26 Intercultural Communication
November 30 Education and Economic Development
January 11 Education Issues of Science and Environment
February 8 Arts and Humanities
March 22 Gender Issues in Education
April 19 Religious Foundations of Modern Education
May 10 Education and Political Socialization

Day & Time: Thursdays, 12:30 – 4:30pm

Location: Haslett High School, 5450 Marsh Road, Haslett, Michigan

LATTICE Book Club Meeting Dates for 2006–2007:

September 21:

Escape from Slavery: The True Story of My Ten Years in Captivity and My Journey to
Freedom in America by Francis Bok

October 19: Esperanza Rising

November 16: TBA

January 18: TBA
February 15: TBA
March 15: TBA
April 12: TBA
May 3: TBA

Day & Time: Thursdays, 4:15 to 6:00 pm
Location: East Lansing Public Library

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Michigan State University

Items in LATTICE letters come from various sources including MSU's African Studies
Center newsletter (fruge@mail.msu.edu) and GlobalTeachnet or the National Peace
Corps Association. (<http://www.rpcv.org/pages/sitepage.cfm?id=67>)

LATTICE encourages subscribers to pass information along to colleagues and other
interested parties. If you would like to submit an item to be included in an upcoming
posting or if you would like to be placed on the LATTICE listserve please contact
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Many thanks to LATTICE members who have actively submitted items for our newsletter!

BEST WISHES.

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