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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- November 30th

Please remember to mark your calendar for the next LATTICE session on November 30th. We will explore another interesting topic on "Education and Economic Development." This will be our 3rd and last monthly session for Fall 2006. If you have not been to LATTICE this year, we would like you to know that your absence is dearly missed. We hope to see many familiar faces this month!

2. Zulu Basket Labelling Party – November 16th

Hi Everyone,

You are invited to my home 6336 Skyline Drive in East Lansing on Thursday, November 16th from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. There are 75 beautiful, new Zulu baskets at my home just waiting to be labeled. Light snacks will be served.

Please let me know whether or not you will be here so that I am prepared for you. I look forward to sharing the friendship, the music, the food and, of course, the amazing baskets!

Sally McClintock
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3. BOOKS FOR MALI PROJECT – November 13th

Big Thank you and New Request from Chris Worland,
LATTICE Project Coordinator

I NI CE (Thank you in Bambara)

This is a big thank you to all of the generous members of LATTICE who donated books to schools in Mali. We were overwhelmed by your generosity. In June, Steve and I and Study Abroad students from MSU loaded up our suitcases with as many books as we could carry. The response in Mali was very positive. You should have seen Hamadoun Ba, an English teacher at Castors school, when I gave him two books by Ernest Hemingway and a copy of The Grapes of Wrath. He said that he is a great fan of Hemingway and that in spite of studying English at the University he was never able to get books like this. We heard similar comments from others as we gave books to English programs in 5 different schools.

URGENT REQUEST FOR SHIPPING FUNDS

The response to our call for books was so great that we still have more than thirty cartons of books in our garage! They are boxed and ready to be shipped in M bags– a slow but least expensive way to ship. LATTICE will ship the books but needs funds for this project. A small donation of \$10 or \$15 or any amount you would like to give would help get the books to those who need them. Checks should be made out to LATTICE. Your contribution is tax deductible because LATTICE is a 501 (c) (3) non profit organization.

Please drop off checks to Marlene in Jack Schwille's office in Erickson Hall or mail your checks to LATTICE, C/O Sally McClintock, 6336 Skyline Dr., East Lansing, MI 48823.

4. International Education Week Nov. 13–17th

This quote is from a speech for International Education Week by U.S. Secretary of Education, Margaret Spellings.

"Education teaches more than students. It teaches all of us to see beyond our borders and boundaries, both real and imagined. It teaches us to overcome stereotypes and appreciate cultures other than our own. In so doing, it gives us hope for a brighter future by advancing freedom, opportunity and understanding.

"These are exciting and opportunity-filled times for America. We are committed to engaging all students in this effort to build global partnerships and create new opportunities. By strengthening our students' skills, we do more than keep pace with our competitors. We continue America's tradition of leadership and innovation. And we continue to be a beacon of opportunity to the rest of the world.

"International Education Week 2006 is a time to commemorate and celebrate these shared values that transcend borders. No matter how you choose to celebrate, I hope you have an enriching experience this November. "

5. Global Festival – November 19th

Sunday, November 19, 2006
Noon – 5pm, MSU Union
www.oiss.msu.edu/globalfest

Travel around the world at the Annual Global Festival! MSU students, representing dozens of countries around the world, will share their culture and talents with exhibits and demonstrations, exciting and colorful performances, and an entire floor of children's activities.

Have your "passport" signed as you wander through the different country exhibits. Enjoy delicious foods found at the international cafe. Purchase gifts at the Global Gift Shop –ALL proceeds are used for scholarships for spouses of international students. The cafe is open from 12–3:00 and ala carte foods are available all afternoon.

There is something for everyone so bring your family and friends. ADMISSION IS FREE!

For more information, please visit the Global Festival website at:
www.oiss.msu.edu/globalfest

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We need a couple more volunteers to man our LATTICE Display Table @ the Global Fest. Please contact Norseha Unin at uninnors@msu.edu if you can help.

6. The ABCs of Native American Heritage Month.

This month, as the nation observes Native American Heritage Month, Teaching Tolerance offers a wealth of activity ideas tied to Thanksgiving, Native mascots and indigenous people's proud heritage of resistance.

Please see attachment "Heritage Month" for details.

7. Hmong New Year Celebration – November 18 & 19th!

Attached is the Hmong New Year flyer. Yes, it is open to the public. You, your family, friends, co-workers, and others are welcome to join us. If you have any other questions, feel free to contact me at 248-736-8695.

"Maykao Lytongpao"

8. *International Volunteers Needed*

Please come educate and show off your culture! Holt High School's 2nd Annual International Show – A celebration of cultures!

Model traditional clothing, read poetry, sing, dance, and more.

November 29th 7:00 PM (backstage organization begins at 6pm)
Holt High School Theater, Holt, Michigan (about 15 min from East Lansing)

Please e-mail Meggean Bos by 11/20 if interested mbos@hpsk12.net*

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9. Globalization 101.

<http://www.globalization101.org/index.html>

This website--looks like a good one, especially for the lesson plans. Several topics--will be a good reference for middle school and high school teachers.

10. Using film in foreign Language class.

This handout is by Judy Sugarman of Filmarobics.com in her October 26, 2006 session at the conference for Michigan World Languages Association about teaching foreign language with film. Although it is written primarily for teachers of foreign language, it may be of use by teachers of social studies, film appreciation, and language arts. I'll leave these online until the end of November 2006.

--Sincerely, Guven Witteveen, University of Michigan, Center for Japanese Studies.

www.umich.edu/~wittevee/handouts/filmsteach1activities.doc
 (list of 50 ways to use film in teaching a foreign language)

www.umich.edu/~wittevee/handouts/filmsteach2session.doc
 (session handout with outline of main issues in teaching with film)

11. WorldTeach for Native-English Speakers.

Would you like to teach in China, Chile, Costa Rica, Equador etc...?
 Pls check this out!

<http://ed-share.educ.msu.edu/scan/dean/schwille/wrldtch.pdf>

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Here's another such teaching opportunity: Volunteer English teachers to China in summer!

It may be of interest to others you know keen on Chinese.

Concordia Language Villages
901 8th Street South
Moorhead, MN 56562

<http://clvweb.cord.edu/prweb/registration/default.asp>

If you are applying to volunteer in China, download this form and return it to the Moorhead Office with

- 1) a recent resume;
- 2) a paragraph introducing yourself and
- 3) the names of two references.

12. US & Chinese Cultural Beliefs about Learning.

Jin Li: U.S. and Chinese Cultural Beliefs About Learning
Journal of Educational Psychology, 2003, Vol. 95, No. 2, 258–267
Jin Li, Brown University

Abstract:

This study examined U.S. and Chinese conceptions of learning with learning-related terms collected from U.S. and Chinese college students. Cluster analysis yielded a hierarchical structure of this lexicon for each culture. The 2 sets of cultural beliefs contained such different notions about learning that there was little overlap, however. The English terms included elaborated conceptions of mental processes, internal learner characteristics, social contexts, and externally existing bodies of knowledge. Most Chinese terms dealt with "seeking knowledge" including personal attitudes, purposes, and action plans for learning. Chinese conceptions also emphasized achievement standards of breadth and depth of knowledge, the unity of knowing and morality, and contributions to society.

13. Study-Tour to Japan for Educators!

Professional Development Study-Tour to Japan for Educators, Toyota International Teacher Program, Institute of International Education

Description: Open to high school teachers, grades 9–12, nationwide, this program offers a fully-funded 12-day professional development experience in Japan. Sponsored by Toyota Motor Sales, USA, the program will take place June 22 – July 7, 2007 and provide 40 educators with an opportunity to bring ancient and modern Japan back to their classrooms. Participants will travel through Tokyo, Nagoya, Kyoto and surrounding rural areas examining the history, education system, environment and industry of Japan.

To apply online, visit www.iie.org/toyota. The application deadline is January 8, 2007.

Contact: toyotateach@iie.org Phone: 1.877.832.2457

Visit the website at <http://www.iie.org/toyota>

End of LATTICE NewsLetter # 418

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: Upcoming Meeting Dates for 2006–2007:

November 16: The Language of Baklava by Diana Abu-Jaber

January 18: Palestine by Joe Sacco.

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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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 listserv please contact uninnors@msu.edu

Many thanks to LATTICE members who have actively submitted items for our e-letters! If you are LATTICE alums, we also encourage you to send us occasional updates on what's new in your professional endeavors!

BEST WISHES.

Margaret, John & Norseha.

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