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**To:** All LATTICE members and friends

LATTICE HIGHLIGHTS:

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1. LATTICE Update.

BIG Thanks to our LATTICE exhibit team members who did a great job at the MSU Global Festival on Sunday, November 19th.

The LATTICE table looked wonderful, and with ALL of our 12 volunteers, we made Sunday into truly a LATTICE event--congratulations on a job VERY well done and such enthusiastic participation!

WAY to go, LATTICE Exhibit Team - You totally ROCK!

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2. LATTICE Session, Thursday - November 30th.

If you have not attended LATTICE session this FALL, please be reminded that this is the third and the last session for 2006. You are welcome to bring your guest(s) and get them acquainted with our truly engaging small group discussions – the LATTICE way!

We have limited space available for guests. Pls e-mail [uninnors@msu.edu](mailto:uninnors@msu.edu) if you plan to bring your guests on November 30th.

Also, although we already have some members who signed up for LATTICE International Food Break, you are indeed welcome to bring a dish for this last session of year 2006. Pls remember to e-mail our LATTICE Food Coordinator, "Trice, Greta McHaney" <[mchaneyt@msu.edu](mailto:mchaneyt@msu.edu)>, if you plan to bring a dish to pass.

It will be a pleasure for you to bring a dish, since Greta always make it a point that members who brought food would enjoy the advantage of leading the food queue –:)

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### 3. Alternative Thanksgiving.

East Lansing interfaith observance of Thanksgiving!

FROM: John R Schwille <[jschwill@MSU.EDU](mailto:jschwill@MSU.EDU)>

Once again this year, the leaders of East Lansing's faith communities (Muslim, Jewish, Catholic, Protestant and others) will gather for an interfaith service of Thanksgiving. In my view, this event is always one of the most meaningful observances of Thanksgiving. It is led by leaders of various local congregations, and typically includes readings from the Koran (in Arabic and English), Old Testament (sometimes in Hebrew) as well as other sacred texts in English. There is also a choir which likewise brings together singers from very different religious traditions to symbolize this day of national unity.

This year the service will be held at St. John's, the Roman Catholic student parish at 327 MAC in East Lansing (right across the street from the Marriott Hotel) at 7 p.m, Tuesday, November 21st (note that this is a change from previous years when the service has been on Wednesday, the day before Thanksgiving). Everyone, U.S. citizen or not, should feel welcome at this service.

Thanksgiving is the most important national nonsectarian holiday in the U.S. However, it began in a small way in the Protestant Nonconformist colonies of New England during the long, nearly 200 years of our colonial period, and only gradually spread to other states after independence. For example, one source that I consulted said that since Michigan was settled initially largely by New Englanders, "in 1824 the Legislative council

of the territory [not yet a state] formally requested that Governor Lewis Cass proclaim a day of Thanksgiving." (www.nativeweb.org)

While many of us have come to believe that all American Thanksgivings have commemorated the harvest feast shared by Native Americans and colonists in Massachusetts nearly 400 years ago in 1621, this is not the case. There were many reasons for and many events commemorated by the early observances of Thanksgiving, and the Thanksgivings of the colonial period were more generally days of fasting and prayer than days of feasting.

While the Continental Congress during the American Revolution proclaimed various days of Thanksgiving to give thanks for specific events and a few early presidents did the same, it was not until 1963 during Civil War that a proclamation by President Abraham Lincoln began a series of annual proclamations by presidents which formalized Thanksgiving as an annual event for the whole country.

We should also note that Canada also observes a national Thanksgiving holiday which is celebrated in October, not November.

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#### 4. LATTICE Book Club.

Please take note of the changes below. If you have not been able to attend the past three interesting sessions in Fall 2006 due to schedule conflict, here's another chance for you to attend Spring 2007 sessions:

Book Club dates and titles:

January 18, 2007: Mountains Beyond Mountains by Tracy Kidder

February 15, 2007: Unbowed: A Memoir by Wangari Maathai

March 15, 2007: To Be Announced

April 12, 2007: Palestine by Joe Sacco

May 3, 2007: Booktalks and suggestions for next year.

Day & Time: Thursdays, 4:15 to 6:00 pm

Location: East Lansing Public Library.

LATTICE Book Club Coordinator:

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5. Classroom Guest Needed for Grand Ledge High School.

I am in need of anyone who could possibly teach Salsa, tango or chacha (or any other social Latin dance) to my Global Studies students (one day only). Unfortunately, I do not have the budget to get professional dancers to come. I will send details to the volunteers and promise to make it a fun experience for all involved. Thank you

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6. Toyota International Teacher Program to Japan.

Open to teachers of all disciplines in grades 9–12, nationwide, the Toyota International Teacher 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 <http://www.iese.org/toyota> The application deadline is January 8, 2007.

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Have you marked your calendar for the coming session?

LATTICE Monthly Session Dates for 2006–2007:

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 THEME: EDUCATION  
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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.

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 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  
[uninnors@msu.edu](mailto: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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