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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 Updates

b) Previous LATTICE session on January 11th

Topic: Science and the Environment. David Lusch and David Campbell presented on their CLIP – Climate Land Interaction Project in Kenya. Their Google Earth presentation was awesome!

Here's what some participants say in their Two Minutes Survey:

"The Google Earth presentation was GREAT! I was blown away and amazed at how helpful it is to have big screen presentations. This was a fascinating session. It helped to hear actual lessons and teaching that went on. I thought Dr. Lusch was great at explaining technology to those of us who aren't too good at it."

To learn more about CLIP and Google Earth, you may check out the links below:

CLIP – Climate Land Interaction Project

<http://clip.msu.edu/>

Google Earth Lessons – An Educational Resource for Teachers

<http://www.gelessons.com/lessons/>

David Lusch would like to invite interested LATTICE members to meet with him to explore more ways of using CLIP and/or Google Earth for lessons in the classroom. You may contact David Lusch (lusch@msu.edu).

c) Next Lattice Session February 8th

Our next session will explore yet another interesting topic on "Arts and Humanities."

Any dishes is most welcome for our international food break. Pls e-mail our food coordinator "Trice, Greta McHaney" <mchaneyt@msu.edu>, or "Rapaport, Jane" <rapapojc@haslett.k12.mi.us> to let them know what you plan to bring.

We also welcome LATTICE Guests and we hope that some guests will be regular members next year. Pls e-mail lattice@msu.edu if you have guests for the next session.

2. Capstone Grant for LATTICE Website Project

LATTICE is honored to be selected for a website project in Brian Pentland's ITM 444 class. 50 organizations competed for the grant in Decemcer and LATTICE is one of the 12 proud winners. Brian Bartan, Patrick OHara, and Robert Richards are student consultants who will work on LATTICE Website for their ITM 444 class project.

These student consultants will attend our Feb. 8th session. Please feel free to offer them suggestions. You may also send suggestions via e-mail to lattice@msu.edu.

3. LATTICE Community Spirit!

Lattice member, Hasan Awad Abdel-Kareem travelled to Ramallah in October to continue research for his dissertation. He thought he'd be there for 3 weeks but he'd been gone more than two months due to visa delay. In the meantime, his wife Raba is pregnant with their second daughter. Her due date is the 28th of January. Under these

circumstances there are various 'surprise' expenses that pop up, car service, health bills, etc.

Stefanie Karin Kendall who shared the family's plight at the last meeting (Jan 11th) was so pleased with the overwhelming response and regarded that "as a true testament to community spirit." About \$300 was raised by passing the envelope! She was moved by everyone's receptiveness and would like to "Thank you all so much."

If there is anything you feel you would like to contribute, please contact Stefanie Karin Kendall <kendal55@msu.edu> Money would be useful, of course, but other contributions, such as ideas to support the family or time with the children, are welcome as well.

4. Opportunities/Resources for Teachers

a) For Grade 7–12 Teachers, July 8–21, 2007

Empower your students in an increasingly global community.

The Center for the Study of Global Change at Indiana University in Bloomington once again hosts a two-week residential summer institute for middle and high school teachers. Teachers will receive certification for Professional Growth Points and may elect to earn 1.0 to 3.0 graduate credits through the School of Education at in-state tuition rates. The first twenty teachers accepted will be offered scholarships worth \$750 each.

For more information, visit the International Studies Summer Institute website: <http://globalinstitutes.indiana.edu> or email <mailto:issi@indiana.edu>.

b) China Teacher Leadership Tour

The East Asia Resource Center (EARC) of the University of Washington has announced an opportunity for American teachers nationwide interested in taking a leadership role in education about China, to have a first-hand experience there. Travel dates are June 27–July 17.

Deadline to apply is February 12. For more information:

<http://depts.washington.edu/earc/studytours.shtml>

c) Kyrgyzstan Global Cornerstone

History, culture, language, literature, anthropology, sociology, geography, economics, current affairs, art, drama, folk music

Program dates: July 13–31, 2007

Venue: Kyrgyzstan–Turkey Manas University, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan

The overall participation cost of the International Summer School is 1,300 USD per participant. This covers tuition and accommodation expenses, all meals and evening programs, field tours and sightseeing travels.

Online application: <http://www.summerschool.manas.kg/form/index.php>

Find out more at: www.summerschool.manas.kg

d) AskAsia.org Launches New Youth Site

Full of exciting new features, www.AskAsia.org is Asia Society's virtual home for young people featuring youth voices and perspectives from both the U.S. and Asia, as well as child-friendly content.

<http://www.askasia.org/>

e) Teachers Institute: Understanding and Teaching About Islam

The Teachers Institute is free of charge. Participants provide their own transportation to the Albuquerque International Airport. Dar al Islam provides shuttle service to and from the airport, room and board, and books and materials. The 2007 Teachers Institute is from July 8 to July 22, 2007. The application is available on Dar al Islam's website at <http://www.daralislam.org> <<http://www.daralislam.org/>> , and the deadline is April 2, 2007. We will inform participants of their selection by April 9, 2007.

f) Game that teaches Global Awareness

<http://www.prweb.com/releases/2006/12/prweb485134.htm>

g) Cultural Awareness through Expeditionary Learning

<http://www.edutopia.org/community/spiralnotebook/?p=200>

h) Calendar of Holidays

<http://www.interfaithcalendar.org/>

RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS

If you want to include religious holidays as part of classroom inquiry, it is important to plan for them. Keep the following guidelines in mind.

Use the multi-faith calendars available from Harvard's Pluralism Project and the BBC to create a yearlong schedule of high holidays to include as part of classroom study.

Educate yourself, and your students, about the meaning of holidays, and distinguish between religious and secular traditions. Focus on a holiday's origins, history and general meaning, as well as how and when they are observed. The BBC's Directory of World Religions offers useful fact sheets about numerous holidays. From: Sally McClintock <sallyma@comcast.net>

5. For Teachers and Community Leaders

Attention all teachers and community activity leaders: CVIP Speakers Bureau is a volunteer organization of international students and local community members who believe in cross cultural sharing to promote global education and understanding. Student speakers are available and enthusiastically awaiting your contact!

If you would like a student speaker to come to your classroom or activity to share his/her culture and country, please contact Cheryl Highstreet at: sbcvip@yahoo.com with your request.

Not only will we try to supply a speaker from the country/region of the world you would like to explore in more depth, but we also provide the student's transportation to and from the event!

CVIP – Community Volunteers for International Programs
Office of International Students and Scholars, MSU.

6. Wangari Maathai on Monday, January 29 at 7:00 pm.

Wangari Maathai (Greenbelt Movement in Africa) will be speaking at the Fountain Street Church (24 Fountain Street NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503) on Monday, January 29 at 7:00 pm. The talk is free and open to the public. More information at <http://www.wmwsc.org>

7. A Winner in the LATTICE Family!

From Sally McClintock who saw the the Lansing State Journal on January 15th that there's a winner in the LATTICE family!

Congratulations to Norseha's eldest daughter Feeka who won the Martin Luther King Essay Contest for the best and brightest of high school seniors. She is the first from East Lansing to win this \$500 scholarship award for college. Feeka is an active member of the National Honor Society and she is also the President of the ELHS Cultural Awareness Club.

Mary Hennessey is the club advisor. The club is organizing an international dinner with cultural show at the ELHS student union on Saturday, March 3rd. More on this will be in the next e-letter.

In the meantime, pls feel free to contact Mary at <maryhenn@sbcglobal.net> if you have suggestions or you can help in one way or another. Your ideas, time, and/or effort is very much appreciated.

8. Islam Awareness Week 2007

Muslim Student Association at MSU will be having an annual Islam Awareness Week from January 29th – February 1st.

The theme this year is "Misconceptions about Islam".
All events will start at 7:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

Monday, January 29th, 7:30 p.m. Room 472 College of Law: We will be watching a short documentary (20 minutes) about a Christian man from West Virginia living in a Muslim household in Dearborn, Michigan. Afterwards, there will be a panel to take general questions and spark discussion.

Tuesday, January 30th, 7:30 p.m. Room 474 College of Law: There will be a short presentation about women in Islam, particularly the Muslim dress (veil or Islamic headscarf), followed by Q&A.

Wednesday, January 31st, 7:30 p.m. Room 473 College of Law: There will be a presentation on different instances of science in religion, particularly in the Qur'an, followed by Q&A.

Thursday, February 1st, 7:30 p.m. Room 473 College of Law: There will be a presentation on how religious teachings have been manipulated to give way to terrorism, followed by Q&A.

Pls contact Kashif Saleem at kash4203@gmail.com for any queries.

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Have you marked 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 Monthly Session Coordinators: Planning Team

 LATTICE 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 Coordinators:

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LATTICE photo blog

<http://www.fotothing.com>

login id: latticeworld
password: member2lattice

click on "view my photos"
choose "archives" or "slideshow"

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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 listserv please contact
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BEST WISHES.

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