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Subject: LATTICE Newsletter # 428

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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

“Gender Issues in Education” will be our topic for LATTICE monthly session on Thursday, March 22, 2007. If you have ideas that you would like to pass along to the planning team, please e-mail: [lattice@msu.edu](mailto:lattice@msu.edu) within the next two days.

Guests with related expertise and/or experience are most welcomed. Also, members are encouraged to attend the entire session from 12:30–4:30 pm on March 22.

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2. Zulu Basket Sale Summary

Newsletter Item from Sally McClintock

Congratulations to the LATTICE Basket/Scholarship Team of 17 volunteers including LATTICE members, friends, community members and high school students who worked many hours labeling and selling baskets. After paying the artists and paying for the shipping costs, they had earned \$2500 for the scholarship fund. These dollars will make a huge difference in the lives of some needy South African students.

Recent Student Success Stories:

Velenkosini Buthelezi has graduated from high school and found employment with the Municipality of Richards Bay. He plans to use LATTICE funds to help him attend the Technikon this spring.

Pretty Dube, a sophomore at the University of Zululand, is grateful for LATTICE funds which supplement her government scholarship. She passed her freshman courses with "flying colors."

Canther Ntuli is now a student in Cape Town where she is studying BCom Accounting at the University of Cape Town(Uct)

Sibongeleni Zulu, who has just completed his mechanical engineering studies at the Durban Institute of Technology, is very busy applying for internships in his field.

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3. MSU Diversity Events

Please remember to mark your calendar!

a. Dance Performance by Malaysian Student Organization (MSO) – March 3

A group of 8 student volunteers from the MSO of MSU will be performing a Malay dance (Joget Berhibur) at the International Dinner organized by the Cultural Awareness Club (CAC) of East Lansing High School on Saturday, March 3, 2007.

If you have not purchased your dinner ticket (\$10 or \$5), be sure to contact the Club Advisor, Mary Hennessey, immediately. Please e-mail Mary Hennessey <maryhenn@sbcglobal.net> or call 349-2276 to get your tickets now.

Tickets will also be available at the door for \$12.00 and \$7.00.

WHEN : Saturday, March 3rd 2007, 6 pm

WHERE : East Lansing High School (ELHS) Student Union

This annual event is organized to benefit an organization in Tanzania, called Solar Circle.

If you will not be available to attend the international dinner, but wish to sponsor \$10 ticket for at least one of the 8 volunteer dancers, you may contact the MSO Treasurer. Please email Didi or "Nur Nadiah Abdhamid" <abdhamid@msu.edu>, or call her at 517-355-1113 to let her know how many tickets you would like to buy from Mary Hennessey. That way Didi will be able to know how many tickets the volunteer dancers will have to buy on their own.

Many thanks for your support to CAC, MSO, and Solar Circle.

b. International Film Series

Every Friday, you're invited to watch a great movie (subtitled in English) and hear French, Italian, Portuguese or Spanish. Be at the Old Horticulture auditorium (OHB 206) at 5:00 for:

AMOR EN CONCRETO (March 16) – In this Venezuelan film, three different love stories play out on the Avenida Libertador, the main avenue of Caracas (S).

O HEROI (March 23) – This film follows the fortunes of a soldier who loses a leg to a landmine just before he is discharged after 20 years of fighting in Angola (P)

A CAUSE D'UN GARÇON (March 30) – A young man is outed in his high school, and then has to redefine his relationships with friends and family (F)

PONIENTE (April 6) – Through the story of a woman who returns to her pueblo to run the family greenhouse after years of living in Madrid, this film examines issues of immigration and racism in Spain (S)

OLGA (April 13) – Based on a best-selling novel, this is the story of Olga Benário, a Jewish woman who fled Germany in the 30s and helped to establish the Brazilian Communist party (P)

LAS HUELLAS BORRADAS (April 20) – Argentine actor Federico Luppi stars in this story of a man who returns from overseas to a village in Spain that is about to disappear under the waters of a dam (S)

c. International Awards Ceremony 2007 – March 21

"Sally McClintock" <sallyma@comcast.net> recommends that you mark your calendar for the International Awards Ceremony at the MSU International Center. She says that this is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the contributions being made in our community to international education. You might even see a LATTICE member recognized!

Event: : International Awards Ceremony 2007  
 When : 3–5pm; Wednesday, March 21  
 Where : 3rd Floor, Delia Koo International Academic Center  
 Host Unit : ISP Dean's Office

Description: The International Awards Ceremony is hosted annually each spring by the Dean of International Studies and Programs. Its purpose is to bring together MSU faculty, staff, students, community volunteers, and others from the wider Michigan community to recognize and celebrate outstanding contributions toward international understanding.

Audience: All are Welcome  
 Homepage: <http://isp.msu.edu/iac>

d. MSU Manners and Etiquette Dinner: March 15, 2006

Let the MSU Manners and Etiquette Dinner Prepare You for the Future! If you are graduating soon, you can take advantage of an event designed to make you look like a true professional! Other MSU students welcome too.

This event will be held Thursday, March 15, 2006, from 7:00 p.m.– 8:30 p.m. at the Kellogg Center.

Get instructions on how to conduct yourself during a formal dinner.

- \* Is my glass on the right or the left?
- \* There are four forks; which do I use for the salad? For dessert?
- \* How do I introduce myself to others? How do I introduce others?

You will also learn about the MSU Federal Credit Union contest for new graduates to win a professional makeover worth \$4,500!

Prior Ticket Purchase Required! Tickets cost only \$10 each, which includes a full course meal (vegetarian option available). Buy your tickets at: MSU Federal Credit Union: Union Branch, MSU Campus and the East Lansing Branch, 523 Grand River. Tickets are on sale through March 12.

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#### 4. Opportunities/Resources for Teachers

##### a. The Colors of SUCCESS.

From Mary Hennessey <maryhenn@sbcglobal.net>

The Colors of Success: Culture, Transition and American Education was published in 2005. It is put out locally by the Family and Community Development Services. It interviews 20 academically successful teens from the Lansing area who are immigrants – from many different countries. They attend , or have attended high schools in Lansing, East Lansing and Okemos.

It is very moving to read their stories and an eye-opener to what they have gone through. Mary knows two of the teens from her work at the library and ELHS and was unaware of their background. By the way, Norseha's daughter is one of the teens interviewed in it! Mary thinks it is important for all of us who work with kids to be reminded of this. You can order a copy at this web site: [www.fcds-lansing.org](http://www.fcds-lansing.org)

Please contact Mary Hennessey <maryhenn@sbcglobal.net> if you would like a free copy of this booklet.

##### b. The Ramayana in Java: A Performance in Puppetry and Dance

The Center for Southeast Asian Studies at the University of Michigan offers the following performance/informance opportunity for your school this spring. The Center's funding allows us to fully underwrite four school visits. Visits beyond those four are available for a fee. Visits to multiple schools in a district on one day could be arranged.

The Ramayana, or Rama's Journey, is a foundational epic tale in many South and Southeast Asian cultures, a Pacific Odyssey, if you will. Well over 4000 years old, the story long ago spread along trade routes across the South Asian subcontinent to Southeast Asia. The story remains vibrant and well known today (probably much better than the Odyssey is in the west, in fact).

Two artists-in-residence at The University of Michigan, puppetmaster Sigit Adjil Sabdoprijono and master dancer Yulisa Mastati, have prepared an English language version of the Ramayana in puppetry and dance.

Performances can be adjusted both for length (30 – 45 minutes) and content to be age-appropriate for your student body, and multiple performances (up to about 90–100 minutes total) can be given in one school visit.

The program is available most Monday, Wednesday and most Friday mornings in March and April, and Tuesday and Thursday mornings beginning in mid-April.

For more information, or to book a performance, please contact:

Charley Sullivan  
rowcoach@umich.edu  
734.764.4568

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5. RIA is now SURIA – Located at 5025 S. Cedar St., Lansing.

RIA is now SURIA Malaysian Chinese Cuisine. Family owned and established in Lansing to bring the taste bud tantalizing flavors of Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Some Lattice members might be aware that RIA Malaysian Restaurant on E. Grand River, across from IHOP, is no longer operating. Our LATTICE welcoming session in September 2006 was catered by RIA. If you missed RIA Menu, you now have a place to go.

Where : SURIA Malaysian Chinese Cuisine  
Address : 5025 S. Cedar St, Lansing.  
Phone : 517-887-8168 or 517-887-0363

Opens EVERYDAY 10:30 am – 9:30 pm. Take out/Delivery Available.

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6. Peace Corps Week 2007: February 25 – March 31, 2007

Greater Lansing Returned Peace Corps Volunteers invite you to the Opening Reception for a Photo Exhibit kicking off Peace Corps Week 2007!

In honor of Michigan State University's continued collaboration with Peace Corps, Greater Lansing Returned Peace Corps Volunteers (GLRPCV) is sponsoring a photo exhibit highlighting local returned volunteers and the countries in which they served. The photo exhibit will run from February 25 through March 31, 2007, in MSU's International Library just off the lobby of the International Center (on North Shaw between Farm Lane and Red Cedar Road). This event will kick off Peace Corps Week 2007.

Please join us to celebrate Peace Corps Week 2007, Peace Corps at MSU, and the more than 182,000 people (over 2,000 of whom are MSU alumni) who have served in the Peace Corps since its inception in 1961. For more information, please contact MSU's Peace Corps office at [msupeace@msu.edu](mailto:msupeace@msu.edu) or 517-432-7474. To join the Greater Lansing Returned Peace Corps Volunteers active membership, contact Lexine Hansen at [lexrpcv@yahoo.com](mailto:lexrpcv@yahoo.com) or 517-853-8396.

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7. WORLD RELIGIOUS HOLIDAY – February

2/16: Maha Shivarati (Shiva's Night)

– Hindu: Honors the Lord Shiva, who legend says, on this night danced the Tandav, believed to be a dance of creation, preservation and destruction.

2/18: Brotherhood/Sisterhood Week (Christian, Jewish): sponsored by the National Conference for Community and Justice to promote cooperation among Protestants, Catholics, and Jews, as well as tolerance of all faiths.

2/18: International Lunar New Year? Observed by many Asian countries and communities around the world during the first three days of the first lunar month. In North and South Korea, the Holiday is known as Shul and marks the first day of spring. In Vietnam, it is known as Tet. This holiday is also known as the Chinese New Year.

2/20: Shrove Tuesday (Christian) A day to confess sins (shrive), signifying penitence with which to enter the season of Lent.

2/21: Ash Wednesday (Christian): The first day of Lent, a 40-day period of penance and self-examination. Also a remembrance of biblical fasts, especially that of Jesus Christ, before he began his ministry. Dietary restrictions apply on all Fridays during Lent.

2/21: Shaheed (Martyr) in Bangladesh? This day honors martyrs who died in 1952 when disputes broke out over the proclamation of Urdu as the official state language.

2/25: Fiesta se EDSA (People Power Day) in the Philippines – this holiday commemorates the bloodless revolution in 1986 in which President Ferdinand Marcos was toppled from power.

2/26: Intercalary Days in Baha'i Also known as Ayyam-i-Ha or Days of HA. A time for rejoicing, generosity and welcoming neighbors in preparation for the period of fasting from March 2 –20.

2/28: Memorial Day in Taiwan – this day commemorates the thousands of native Taiwanese killed on this day in 1947 by the then-ruling Chinese government.

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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.

LATTICE Monthly Session Coordinators: Planning Team

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LATTICE photo sharing  
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Additional 10 pictures were uploaded on Feb.14th.

Pls check out 20 new LATTICE pictures (posted February 9&12) at this link  
<http://www.fotothing.com>

login id: latticeworld  
password: member2lattice

First, click on "view my photos"  
Then, choose "archives" or "slideshow"

To add your LATTICE pics, click Upload/Edit photos.

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LATTICE Book Club Dates and Titles

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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 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 [lattice@msu.edu](mailto:lattice@msu.edu)

Best wishes and stay warm.

Margaret, John & Norseha.

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