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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

We look forward to your participation at the next monthly session, which will explore "Gender Issues in Education." The next Lattice session is on Thursday, March 22, 2007, from 12:30–4:30 at Haslett High School.

In anticipation of a very interesting and stimulating discussion, members are encouraged to reflect on how gender role is manifested in their personal experiences. We hope you plan to attend the entire session from 12:30–4:30 p.m.

2. March 8 is INTERNATIONAL WORKING WOMEN'S DAY

Thursday, March 8 marks the anniversary of the 1857 revolt of women in New York City protesting conditions in the US textile and garment industries. The international Conference of Women in Helsinki, Finland, established this date in 1910 as an opportunity to acknowledge the contributions made by women.

Enjoy your day and take time to reflect and honor the contribution of women to national and international history!

3. A successful International Dinner @ ELHS – March 3

A Report by "Sally McClintock" <sallyma@COMCAST.NET>

Congratulations to Mary Hennessey, the Cultural Awareness Club (CAC) advisor for East Lansing High School. She must be exhausted but she and her organizing team sure did put on a fabulous evening. Norseha's daughter, Feeka who is the club president did a beautiful job, too. I was so proud to live in this diverse community. It felt wonderful.

I've been telling everyone just how wonderful the ELHS international night was. Mary and her students were absolutely amazing. The organization of the evening was extraordinary. The food was fabulous, the fashion show was fun and the talents of those students who performed were very impressive.

Mary Hennessey and her student committee wish to thank LATTICE members for their strong support in making the event a success. A special thanks to LATTICE members who prepared and donated home-cooked food for the international dinner.

4. MSU Diversity Events

Please remember to mark your calendar!

a. Zulu baskets at Fair Trade Bazaar

Shopping with Heart. Shop for fairly traded pottery, carvings, baskets, jewelry, coffee and more from around the world. Enjoy a free taste of Fair Trade coffee, courtesy of Sparty's Coffee Houses at MSU!

The Bazaar is free and open to the public, on site at the 2007 East Lansing Film Festival.

Fair Trade Bazaar

Sat., March 24, 2007; 12:30 – 5 pm (Wells 104/MSU)

Sally McClintock needs volunteers for each time slot. Pls contact Sally at sallyma@comcast.net if you can help out his time.

12:30 – 2:00pm

2:00 – 3:30pm

3:30 – 5:00pm

b. Engaged Scholars Series at MSU

Tuesday, March 20, 2007 (Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center)

You are invited to attend two public sessions offered by the National Center for the Study of University Engagement (NCSUE) as part of its Engaged Scholar series. Both are free and open to the public.

Morning session:

9:00 – 11:30 a.m., Room 62

"Faculty at Work as Teachers, Scholars and Community Members: The Practice of Engaged Scholarship"

Afternoon session:

4:00 – 5:00 p.m., Room 106

"Managing Work and Family: Issues Throughout the Academic Career"

Our featured speakers are Kelly Ward and Tami Moore, both from Washington State University. Ward is Associate Professor in the Department of Educational Leadership & Counseling Psychology; Moore is a Ph.D. student in Higher Education and Cultural Studies in the College of Education.

Please RSVP and get more information by going to www.ncsue.msu.edu by March 9.

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c. International Coffee Hour

Students, faculty, staff, and local community members meet weekly for coffee and networking. It is a great chance to make new friends from all over the world while enjoying free coffee!

When? Every Friday afternoon from 4:00-6:00 PM
 (except for the week of Spring break)

Where? International Center Food Court, Spartan Room "B"

5. Opportunities/Resources for Teachers

a. Paid study in Japan for teachers – application due March 9

Teacher Training Scholarship in Japan from the Ministry of Education, Culture and Science of Japan. The teacher training scholarship is available to U.S. primary or secondary school teachers (or academic staff at teacher training institutions) who wish to study at Japanese universities for 1.5 years for professional improvement.

<> 1.5 year long program

<> Monthly allowance of 172,000 yen (about \$1550)

<> Transportation to Japan

<> University fees

REQUIREMENTS

- <> Be a citizen of the United States
- <> Be born on or after April 2, 1972
- <> Be a graduate of a university or teacher training college and work as teachers in a primary or secondary school, or as an academic staff at a teacher training institution and have at least 5-years of experience
- <> Be willing to learn the Japanese language and receive instruction in that language.
- <> Be in good mental and physical health
- <> No knowledge of Japanese required

March 9, 2007: Application due at Consulate

- <> Mid-March 2007: Interview and exam at the Consulate
- <> Mid-July 2007: Results announced
- <> October 1-7, 2007: Leave for Japan

Contact – Consulate General of Japan – Detroit
400 Renaissance Center #1600
Detroit, MI 48243

Phone 313-567-0120 or Email jetdesk@cgjdetroit.org

b. Why Geography matters in K-12 education

MSU Geography Dept : Teachers For a New Era present:

Harm J. de Blij "Why Geography Matters (in K-12 Education)"

Friday, March 16, 9:30-10:30 a.m.

North Conference Room, 4th floor, MSU Main Library

Refreshments available at 9:00; optional Map Library Tour following the talk (we expect to have a limited number of inflatable globes and a few mini-globes to give away at 9:15--Teacher Ed students, teacher interns, and teachers only)

Harm de Blij (pron. Harm de Blay'--rhymes with "play") is a dynamic speaker who is in demand on the lecture circuit to talk to professional geography organizations, teachers, influential public groups, book readers, and anyone interested in how the world is organized and why it matters. His ability to articulate the case for geography in education puts him at the top of the list of people you would want to hear from on "why geography matters."

A tour of the MSU Map Library (about 30 minutes) will follow, led by Librarian Kathleen Weessies. It will include a demonstration of a device for making raised maps for the

visually impaired as well as a general introduction to the services and facilities of the Map Library that could be useful for teachers. Various lesson plans with maps and sample tactile maps will be handed out during the tour as supplies last.

Anyone interested in geography education is welcome at this event!

c. Michigan Educators' Resources

Go to <http://www.mel.org/mer/SPT--BrowseResources.php>

Includes lesson plans! Here's the official announcement:

Michigan Educators' Resources includes more than 7,000 Web sites that have been selected and evaluated by education professionals.

"For the past two summers Michigan teachers from around the state have gathered together to develop lesson plans aligned to the new Michigan Grade Level Content Expectations and the new High School Content Expectations, with a specific emphasis on integrating technology into the lesson...? As this work continues, MDE will continue to add these exemplary lesson plans to MER, which soon will be searchable by the standard the teacher is addressing."

To ensure educators find only the best, most relevant information resources within MER, content will be researched, evaluated and selected by students in Wayne State University's library and information science program and curriculum experts from around the state.

6. Pennies for Peace, a program of Central Asia Institute

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

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

Pennies for Peace educates American children about the world beyond their experience and shows them that they can make a positive impact on a global scale, one penny at a time.

What is the Power of a Penny?

Pennies for Peace teaches children the rewards of sharing and working together to bring hope and educational opportunities to children in Pakistan and Afghanistan. A penny in the United States is virtually worthless, but in Pakistan and Afghanistan a penny buys a pencil and opens the door to literacy. The goal was for wealthy countries to give foreign aid to impoverished nations each year.

The mission of Central Asia Institute (CAI) focuses on community-based education, especially for girls. A 5th grade education for girls improves not only the basic indices of health for her and her family, she will also spread the value of education within her community. Literacy, for both boys and girls, provides better economic opportunities in the future and neutralizes the power of despot mullahs and other extremist leaders.

To participate in the Pennies for Peace program, please start by completing the registration form:

http://www.penniesforpeace.org/about_reg_form.html

7. The Earth Day Groceries Project – April 22

From: Mark Ahlness <mahlness@comcast.net>

This is a free environmental education activity where students are empowered as educators in their communities.

The web site: <http://www.earthdaybags.org>

The procedure:

- 1) a school/group borrows paper bags from a local grocery store
- 2) students decorate those bags with beautiful environmental art and environmental awareness messages, and then return the bags to the store
- 3) the store distributes those bags (full of groceries) to amazed shoppers on Earth Day
- 4) the school sends in a report to the project web site, documenting its participation

In its fourteen years on the Internet, this project has put several million pieces of inspirational art, carefully created on grocery bags by children who cared about their Earth, in the arms and homes of people all over the world. In the spirit of global environmental awareness, and believing they can make a difference, children will send this message out once again in 2007.

Mark Ahlness
 The Earth Day Groceries Project
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8. LATTICE Alumni Update – Thidziambi Phendla

From "Sally McClintock" <sallyma@COMCAST.NET>

It was with great pleasure that I received an update recently from Thidziambi Phendla, a valued LATTICE member whose entire family participated in LATTICE in many ways during her studies at Michigan State University.

Thidzi was recruited to be a full Professor in Education Management at UNIVN where she is expected to design Management and Leadership courses at postgraduate levels as well as support young and other staff members given her experience at MSU and the University of Pretoria. Newly elected to five positions at the University of Venda–UNIVEN, she's the first woman to be elected as the president of the Convocation, the chair of the Student Affairs committee, a member of the Senate representing council and a member and executive member of the UNIVEN council.

Her work at the UNESCO centre affords her many opportunities to work in other sister countries on projects ranging from HIV and AIDS workshops to Women in Leadership workshops where she trains women in "Leadership, Gender Mainstreaming, Tackling HIV/AIDS and Poverty." Having created a "group mail" for the women, you may contact the Women in Leadership group at Barshwara_thipa1@googlegroups.com.

Thidzi sends greetings to all her LATTICE Colleagues. You may contact Thidziambi Phendla via e-mail: thidziambi@UNIVEN.AC.ZA

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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 photo sharing

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.

LATTICE Book Club Dates and Titles

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.

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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
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Best wishes and stay warm.

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