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Linking All Types of Teachers to International Cross-cultural Education.

[www.latticeworld.org](http://www.latticeworld.org)

To: All LATTICE members and friends

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1. LATTICE Updates

a. LATTICE MONTHLY SESSION

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.

b. LATTICE FRIENDLY NOTE

LATTICE annual photo session for the 2006–2007 Yearbook will be held at the next LATTICE monthly session on March 22. Members are encouraged to dress comfortably. You are welcome to wear your traditional outfit.

Members are also welcomed to bring a dish to share for the International Food Break.

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2. A Winner from LATTICE

Awards Ceremony to Highlight International Achievers.

This year's International Awards Ceremony will be held on Wednesday, March 21, 2007 from 3–5pm, on the Third Floor of the International Center. The purpose of this annual ceremony is to recognize and celebrate outstanding contributions toward international understanding. ADMISSIONS to the International Awards Ceremony is FREE.

Annually, four students (undergraduate, graduate, domestic, international) are awarded the Homer Higbee International Education Awards for making significant contributions to the enhancement of international communication, understanding, and cooperation at MSU through service activities.

We are proud to announce that the 2007 Homer Higbee International Education Award for International Graduate Student goes to a member of LATTICE. Members available on Wednesday at 3 pm are encouraged to share this joy with LATTICE and show our LATTICE support to the Winner – NORSEHA UNIN.

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3. MSU Diversity Events

a. Putting Your BEST Self Forward – March 19

The Art of Self Promotion: Putting Your BEST Self Forward

Monday, March 19, 6:00–7:30 pm, Room 252 Erickson

Presented by Joanna Lankerd Frye  
Student Affairs graduate student and co–advisor to the  
Women's Initiative for Leadership Development (WILD)

Are you nervous about promoting yourself in upcoming job interviews or networking situations? Are you uncomfortable talking about your qualifications and accomplishments?

This interactive workshop will help you master the art of self–promotion to help you put your BEST self forward when it counts the most! Learn how to draw attention to you and your accomplishments (in a good way!) and how to take ownership of your successes. Remember, if you don't speak up for yourself, who will?

\*\* Enter to win a door prize: A copy of Brag! The Art of Tooting Your Own Horn Without Blowing It by Peggy Klaus\*\*

Light refreshments will be served.

Please RSVP to the Women's Resource Center (WRC) at 353–1635 by Noon on Monday, March 19.

b. "Teaching About Poverty, Equity & Global Economics" – March 21

PARTNERSHIP TO PREPARE GLOBAL & INTERNATIONAL EDUCATORS (P–GLIE)PROJECT

This is the 5th of 8 seminars to support global and international teaching in the College of Education and K–12 schools.

Wednesday, March 21 – Room 133–F Erickson Hall, 12:00–1:30

"Teaching About Poverty, Equity & Global Economics"  
Presentation by Dr. Elizabeth Heilman  
Associate Professor, Dept. of Teacher Education

Website: [www.educ.msu.edu/teachglobal](http://www.educ.msu.edu/teachglobal)

Seminars are free and include lunch and teaching materials. All are welcome to attend.

c. Thai Food and Culture Night, March 31

Thai Student Association would like to invite you to the second Thai Food and Culture Night on Saturday, March 31, 2007 from 6pm–8:30pm at MacDonald Middle School (1601 Burcham Drive, East Lansing).

There will be tons of Thai foods catered from Thai restaurants around Greater Lansing area. We also have many performances such as Thai traditional dances, fashion show, Karaoke and Thai boxing. Besides, we have a variety exhibitions and activities including Thai arts, Thai cooking, and tourist attraction. Door opens at 6pm but performances start at 6:45pm. Kids are welcome.

It is a FREE admission event. However, foods and beverages will be sold in the event. We offer a promotion for anyone who buy food coupon before March 29 (\$7 coupon for only \$5). We have special offer for big lots purchase as well.

Food coupon purchased at the Thai students or call 517-402-6643 or e-mail [tsamsu@yahoo.com](mailto:tsamsu@yahoo.com).

For more information, visit <http://www.msu.edu/~thailand/> or e-mail [tsamsu@yahoo.com](mailto:tsamsu@yahoo.com).

Thai Student Association

Website: <http://www.msu.edu/~thailand>

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4. Opportunities/Resources for Teachers

a. International Travel Grants for U.S. Teachers

The U.S. Department of State and IREX (the International Research & Exchanges Board) has announced a competition for secondary-level teachers of English as a Foreign Language and Social Sciences from the United States to participate in a two-week professional exchange program in one of the following countries: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Georgia, India, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, or Ukraine.

To learn more, visit <http://ga1.org/ct/X12N-G617QfD/>

Deadline April 2, 2007.

b. FREE travel to the African continent

Here's your chance to take an all-expenses-paid trip with Nick Kristof, a Pulitzer Prize-winning Op-Ed columnist for The New York Times. This year, Nick will be traveling with two people, a student enrolled in an American college or graduate school and a middle school or high school teacher.

To enter you must write an essay no longer than 700 words explaining why you're the right candidate for this trip. You won't merely be Nick's traveling companion – you may bring a fresh perspective to his reporting via your very own blog or vlog on NYTimes.com and MySpace.

[http://nytimes.com/marketing/winatrip/?excamp=mkt\\_atwin1](http://nytimes.com/marketing/winatrip/?excamp=mkt_atwin1)  
<[http://nytimes.com/marketing/winatrip/?excamp=mkt\\_atwin1](http://nytimes.com/marketing/winatrip/?excamp=mkt_atwin1)>

One college student and one educator will be chosen to accompany Nick on an all-expenses-paid reporting odyssey to the African continent this summer. What you see on this rugged journey will open your eyes in a way that will quite possibly change your own life and priorities forever – and if you are an educator, those of the students you teach. And you won't merely be Nick's traveling companion – you may bring a fresh perspective to his reporting via your very own blog or vlog on NYTimes.com and MySpace.

c. Global opportunities in Brazil and New Zealand

[www.oakland.edu/profdev](http://www.oakland.edu/profdev)

International Classroom Experience for Teachers: New Zealand  
(EST 570, 4 credits) June 15 – June 29 with pre-departure sessions  
in May and June. Team teach in a New Zealand classroom. Homestay with a local  
educator. Field trips and cultural immersion

Web site or email for details:

<http://www2.oakland.edu/oakland/ouportal/index.asp?site=56&item=6413>  
[nzteach@oakland.edu](mailto:nzteach@oakland.edu)

Carolyn OMahony, Ph.D., formerly a LATTICE participant while a graduate student at Michigan State University, will be the leader of the New Zealand trip.

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Porto Alegre, Brazil: Global Urban Education Exchange at Citizen Schools (4 graduate or undergraduate credit) July 2 – July 27

Visit Citizen Schools, innovative K–8 curriculum that has received world–wide attention Teachers, administrators, and teacher education students are welcome to attend Classroom, field experience and guided site visits with Dr. Luis Gandin, who teaches at the Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul in Porto Alegre

Web site or email for details:

<http://www2.oakland.edu/oakland/ouportal/index.asp?site=56&item=6476>  
brazil@oakland.edu

d. Educating local communities about cultures abroad.

Coverdell World Wise Schools CWWS mission is to help carry out the third goal of the Peace Corps: Promoting a better understanding of other peoples on the part of Americans. They applaud the efforts by RPCV affiliate groups all across the United States in educating their local communities about cultures abroad.

Rob Fournier, from CWWS, would like to introduce your organization to Correspondence Match, a program developed by CWWS that facilitates correspondence between an educator, his or her students, and a currently serving Peace Corps volunteer.

As part of promoting the Peace Corps' third goal, participants exchange letters, stories, artifacts, photos, e–mail messages, and even phone calls. CWWS believes interaction between Peace Corps volunteers and classrooms across the United States helps initiate a positive experience for students and inspire them to study more about foreign cultures.

CWWS asks that your organization spread the word about Correspondence Match in your newsletters as well as any event that may take place in the near future.

If you are interested in discussing how you can best work together with CWWS, please email Rob Fournier at rfournier@peacecorps.gov .

Rob Fournier  
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e. International Summer School in Central Asia

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 2007 Manas University International Summer School explores aspects of traditional Central Asian life, nomadic Kyrgyz culture and history together with the distinguished scholars and artists of Central Asian region.

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

f. Hosting foreign exchange students in the U.S.

The American Councils for International Education, a non–profit organization committed to international education in the countries of Russia and Eurasia, is looking for interested families as well as coordinators to facilitate and host foreign exchange students in the U.S. for the 2007–08 school year.

These students have undergone a competitive process to earn the right to represent their countries in these programs. Each student speaks English and is eager to learn about American Culture. These one–year scholarship–based programs funded by the US State Department to encourage learning and understanding between Americans and people from Eurasia, include a monthly stipend, incidental funds and medical insurance.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR COORDINATORS willing to facilitate the student's stay in the host family, helping them adapt to the American schools, as well as maintaining contact with the American Councils about the progress of the student.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR HOST FAMILIES willing to provide students with a loving and supportive environment, a place to sleep (sharing a room is okay), meals and snacks, and a quiet place to study.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS FOR YOU

- \* Partake in historic programs sponsored by our government.
- \* Share our culture with people from other countries.
- \* Break stereotypes and create positive impressions about America.
- \* Learn about cultures of the world on a personal level.

More information on the programs can be found at [www.americancouncils.org](http://www.americancouncils.org)

If interested, please contact us at [taratynova@americancouncils.org](mailto:taratynova@americancouncils.org) or by phone: (202) 833 7522.

Tatyana Taratynova  
 Program Assistant, Inbound Programs  
 American Councils for International Education:ACTR/ACCELS

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## 5. DARFUR UPDATES

IF you are interested in updates about the situation in Darfur / being alerted to actions they can take (including things that take very little time, such as signing petitions), here are two organizations that are working to improve the situation in Darfur and that send out email updates:

<http://www.humanrightsfirst.org/> (which focuses on human rights issues elsewhere as well)

<http://www.savedarfur.org/content>

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## 6. --REGIONAL & CULTURAL HOLIDAYS--

Monday, 3/12 was moshoeshoe's Day (Lesotho). This day commemorates the country's founder and leader, Chief Moshoeshoe I, who sought to unify Basotho people in the mid-1800s during a time of war in southern Africa.

Tuesday, March 13th was Charshanbesuri (Last Wednesday Festival) in Iran. This holiday celebrates the return of guardian angels to earth on the eve of the last Wednesday of the Persian calendar. Bonfires are made to guide the angels while family members sing and jump over the fire.

Saturday, March 17th is St. Patrick's day (Ireland – and the US) – this day commemorates the patron saint of Ireland, who converted the island to Christianity in 432CE. Tradition says that St. Patrick died on this date in 461 CE. The shamrock is worn to remember its use as a symbol of the Trinity.

Did you know that Wednesday 3/21 is a big day?!

Wednesday March 21 marks the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination – a day to promote efforts to eradicate racial discrimination worldwide



and also to remember the killing of 69 protesters against racial injustice in Sharpeville, South Africa in 1960.

Finally, 3/21 is also the Iranian New Year, called Noruz. The new year festival and celebration of the spring equinox occurs on this day. The awakening of natural life and also the coronation of Jamshid, a mythical king, are celebrated – celebrated in many countries and by many religions.

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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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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:

"Hennessey, Mary" <maryhenn@sbcglobal.net>  
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LATTICE Food 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 Enjoy.

Margaret, John & Norseha.

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