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Subject: LATTICE Newsletter # 433

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

Check out our new website in progress!

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

To: All LATTICE members and friends

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1. LATTICE Updates

a. LATTICE SESSION ~ Thursday, April 19

Time: 12:30 – 4:30pm

Location: Haslett High School, 5450 Marsh Road, Haslett, Michigan.

We look forward to your participation at the next Lattice session this Thursday. The topic is "Education and Political Socialization."

As usual, food sharing and guests are welcomed! We would like to have more newcomers, including international graduate students, educators, and community leaders for the next academic year 2007–2008.

NOTE:

The final LATTICE monthly session for this academic year is scheduled on May 10th. The topic is "Religious Foundations of Modern Education."

b. LATTICE NEW WEBSITE

Have you visited our new website? Did you know that our new website was created on DRUPAL? Many thanks to our student consultants:

"Patrick O'Hara" <oharapat@msu.edu>

"Brian Barton" <bartonbr@msu.edu>

"Robert Lee Richards" <richa427@msu.edu>

Drupal is a free modular content management framework, content management system and blogging engine which was originally written by Dries Buytaert as a bulletin board system.

Today, it is used by many high-traffic websites. It is particularly popular for building online communities, and has the tag line "Community plumbing". Drupal is written in PHP. As of January 29, 2007, the current version was 5.1.

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Drupal>

c. LATTICE member a winner!

Congratulations to LATTICE member Stefanie Kendall who was awarded a "Globie" at the first annual Globie awards lunch sponsored by the Office of International Students and Scholars.

Stefanie was recognized because of the support she organized for the Hasan Abdel Kareem's family while he was unable to get his visa to return to the USA. With four children to care for, Raba was also expecting their fifth child to arrive within weeks.

Stefanie noted that "a number of LATTICE members had generously contributed funds to support the family with phone cards, car insurance and various incidentals. Also Jill McIllips brought two huge bags of baby girl clothes for Raba and little Dana.

Anne Schneller came up with the idea to take the kids to the movies (to let the increasingly pregnant Raba rest) so we all went to see Happy Feet. The whole period of time was a terrific collaborative effort!"

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2. Book Sale at East Lansing Public Library, April 20

The Friends of the East Lansing Public Library will host the 6th annual Scholastic Remote Warehouse Sale at the library at 950 Abbott Rd. East Lansing. New books, teacher resources and computer software will be for sale at 50% off the regular price.

The sale will take place on Friday, April 20 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday, April 21 from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Sunday, April 22 from 1 to 5 p.m. Payment methods include cash, check or credit card.

For more information, call (517) 351-2420.

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3. Hands-on workshop for children, April 21

Saturday, April 21, 1:30 pm, MSU Museum: "Dolls of Okinawa" a hands-on workshop for children put on by Amanda Tigner in which each child will make a daruma doll, see the new exhibit of folk toys and dolls from Okinawa curated by Amanda Tigner, hear Japanese stories and learn how a Daruma doll can help a wish come true.

Please phone 517-432-1472 to reserve a space in this workshop for children 5-9.

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4. NEEDED: Math Teachers ~ Informal Interview and Observation site

FROM: "Corvell George Cranfield" <cranfiel@msu.edu>

NEEDED: Informal observation site where mathematical activity (teaching or otherwise) takes place AND at least one teacher in each of the following categories:

- 1 primary school teacher, teaching any grade from 1–4
- 1 middle school teacher, teaching any grade 5 – 7)
- 1 secondary teacher, teaching any grade 8 – 12
- 1 teacher (any grade level) that offers private or extra tuition after school hours. It would be great if they offer these sessions in groups like a mini house–school setup with 5 to 10 children.

It's a very informal observation and interview, looking at the question of student achievement and performance in mathematics, but I need to write up the experience and put an analytical lens on the responses. Everything will be confidential and destroyed at the end of the term.

Please contact "Corvell George Cranfield" <cranfiel@msu.edu> if you are interested.

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5. Rental Life in East Lansing ~ for International/Graduate students

MSU has just completed a project called "Rental World: MSU" that is designed to educate students about rental life in East Lansing. It is based on "The Real World" (MTV), is funny, compelling, and informative, and should really be helpful for students.

Visit [offcampusliving.msu.edu](http://offcampusliving.msu.edu) to watch the video.

After watching it current MSU students will have a chance to enter to win prizes such as a Samsung flat screen TV, a Gateway laptop, apple ipods, and campus meal plans.

This is part of a greater effort to build a healthier community in East Lansing for everyone.

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6. Artes Unidas de Michigan: Los Folkloristas, April 22

Los Folkloristas  
 Sunday, April 22, 4 pm  
 Rackham Auditorium, Ann Arbor

Founded in 1966 to preserve and record the traditional music of Mexico and Latin America, Los Folkloristas has more than 100 instruments in their collection. The seven-member ensemble has traveled extensively across Central and South America and their native Mexico, learning their music first-hand from village elders and regional musicians.

For ticket prices visit [www.ums.org](http://www.ums.org) or call 734-764-2538

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## 7. Opportunities/Resources for Teachers

### a. Global Warming Workshop

Join experienced educators from around the world for an interactive, cross-disciplinary workshop on Global Warming, its effects on the Arctic and Antarctic, and the scientific and cultural program associated with the International Polar Year.

August 13-15, 2007  
 Science Museum of Minnesota  
 St. Paul, Minnesota

To download an application, visit  
<http://www.globalwarming101.com/content/view/712/88889074/>

### b. An Invitation to Elementary Teacher Authors!

Call for manuscripts for "Social Studies and the Young Learner"

If you are an enthusiastic with great ideas that you have put to use in the classroom, here is an opportunity to share your work. Writing about your social studies lesson and having your work reviewed by peers can be a rewarding professional experience.

Your paper could even be published in "Social Studies and the Young Learner". "Voices from Around the World" will be the theme of the March 2008 issue, with Guest Editor Merry Merryfield, at Ohio State University. For that issue, please send a one-page description of your idea for an article directly to her at <mailto:merryfield.1@osu.edu> by June 1, 2007.

Final papers are due November 1, 2007.

Visit <http://www.socialstudies.org/teachers/SSYLGuides> to see themes and submission deadlines for other issues of the journal through the end of 2008.

To ask the editor a question, send an e-mail message to <mailto:ssyl@missouri.edu>.

c. Global Connections ~ Online Cultural Exchanges

Global Connections sponsored by the US Department of State links American students with peers in Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan for online cultural exchanges.

These online exchanges prepare students for the “real world,” by providing an opportunity for global collaboration and application of IT skills including online research and graphic design. These skills are highly valued in today’s global world and teachers find that students become more engaged while learning and teaching in an interactive setting!

View our ongoing projects @

Global Connections Turkmenistan [www.gcetm.net/forum](http://www.gcetm.net/forum)

Global Connections Uzbekistan [www.connectuz.net](http://www.connectuz.net)

d. Travel the World with Google Earth

Follow the wanderings of Odysseus, the travels of Candide, or the journey of the Joads, among others. This site uses Google Earth technology to locate fiction and nonfiction in real places. Google Lit Trips <http://www.googlelittrips.org/>

e. South African Children's E-Bookshop

South Africa Partners is thrilled to announce the launch of the new Masifunde Sonke e-bookshop: <http://www.sapartners.org/bookshop>. The majority of the books are being imported to the United States for the first time.

For each book purchased from the Masifunde Sonke collection, SA Partners will donate one copy of the same book to an under-resourced South African school. As such, each purchase made through the project has a direct, positive developmental impact in South Africa. Each donated book will have a personalized nameplate bearing the name of the donor.

f. Journey to Jordan ~ Application due May 1

Arabic Language and Culture  
June 21 – August 19, 2007

An exciting scholarship program for high school students worth \$10,000  
The University of Wisconsin – Green Bay announces an exciting opportunity for high school students: seven weeks in Jordan including a six-week Arabic language institute at the University of Jordan.

A diverse group of 20 students from across the U.S. will be selected to participate in this once-in-a-lifetime experience.

For more information and the application package:  
<http://www.uwgb.edu/intlprojects/jordan.htm>

g. Conference on "Engaging the Other" ~ October 25–28

Announcing the 2nd Annual International Conference on "ENGAGING THE OTHER:" The Power of Compassion, October 25–28, 2007 – Dearborn, Michigan USA

An international, multi-cultural, multi-disciplinary conference examining concepts of "The OTHER" from a universal, cross-cultural perspective to promote wider public dialogue about concepts of "Us and Them"

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8. Invitation ~ The Islamic Center of East Lansing

The Islamic Center in East Lansing invites you to visit and learn more about Islam and Muslims. To request a speaker or schedule a visit, please go to  
<http://www.lansingislam.com/visit.htm>

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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 Education and Political Socialization  
May 10 Religious Foundations of Modern Education

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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Our latest LATTICE Group Photo is now available online.

Ten new LATTICE pictures (posted March 23) are also available 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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FINAL date for LATTICE Book Club  
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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 Food Coordinators

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If you would like to submit an item to be included in the e-letter or if you know  
someone interested in LATTICE and would like to be added to the listserve please  
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Best wishes and enjoy the sunny day.

Margaret, John & Norseha.

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