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

To: All LATTICE members and friends

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1. LATTICE Updates
 - a. LATTICE session on May 10th

The MAY 10th LATTICE session was a BLAST!!!

What members say in the TMS (Two-Minutes-Survey);

"I liked Marilyn's approach – ask questions & encourage large group discussion to help spark small group discussion."

"Bringing up discussion by Marilyn was very interesting! Bringing up the religious issues in discussions, rather than "sweep them under the rug," or rather being passive! Bringing up the HOT issues!!!"

"We all need to work hard to understand others but it does not mean we have to change. TOLERANCE is the actual ISSUE. Teaching tolerance takes courage. Tolerance is the discussion – it is intolerable to mute the dialogue."

"Everyone's yearning for greater understanding and appreciation of other's religious viewpoints. Great session of a challenging topic! More time needed for greater understanding on this topic."

"I find the fishbowl a very innovative experience. I personally thought it was successful – helpful, worked well, LOVED fishbowl! Fishbowl activity could be replicated with students."

b. LATTICE Membership 2006–07

Did you know,

that LATTICE 2006–07 had a total of 117 total participants?

that 14 School districts in Mid-Michigan participated in LATTICE 2006–2007?

that LATTICE listserv currently has a total of 593 members, friends, and alumni around the globe?

c. LATTICE membership 2007–2008

Most members who attended the May 10th LATTICE session indicated that they will participate in next year's (2007–2008) session.

If you missed the last session and but would like to confirm your participation for next year, please hit REPLY and TYPE "LATTICE 2007–08" on the subject line. Your name will be added to the membership LIST for next year!

On another note, the volunteer sign-up sheet was very well received at the MAY 10th session. We have good numbers for the Planning Team, Food Coordinators, LATTICE Rides, LATTICE Website, LATTICE Exhibits, and LATTICE Yearbook.

We also would like to encourage members to sign up for the 2007-08 LATTICE Book Club, Kenyan Interest Group, Wilkshire Project, and Scholarship Project.

Please e-mail lattice@msu.edu if you have any questions or would like to serve on any of the mentioned LATTICE groups. Your interest/questions will be forwarded to the relevant group coordinators.

Your continued support and interest in LATTICE is very much appreciated!

2. Palo Community School International Dinner – May 18

The International Dinner offers food from all over the world including Chinese, Vietnamese, Thai, Ethiopian, Mexican, Italian and much more....

The money will go to Heifer International and to pen pals in Ghana to build a computer lab.

Where: Palo Community Gym

When : Friday, May 18, 2007

Time : 5-7 pm

There will be no cost, just a donation!

Please e-mail "Judy Huynh " <judyhuynh@hughes.net> for directions.

3. Ice Cream Social @ the International Center

OISS will be hosting a series of FREE ice cream socials for international students and scholars during the summer. Please join the first one this week:

Thursday, May 17

4 – 5:30 PM

Spartan Rooms, International Center Food Court

Ice cream social is also scheduled for June 21, July 19, and August 16.

Hope to see you there!

 Office for International Students & Scholars (OISS)
 103 International Center
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4. Opportunities/Resources for Teachers

a. Free Summer Institute, June 18-22

Michigan State University is offering a FREE one-week, intensive summer institute aimed to broaden and deepen K-12 educators' knowledge of and resources for teaching about Hispanic (Spanish-speaking) cultures of the Americas. The institute will take place June 18-22, 2007, 8:30 am-12:30 pm in 133F Erickson Hall in East Lansing. SBCEU credits are available.

If you have additional questions, please contact Dr. Rocio Quispe-Agnoli at quispeag@msu.edu or Kristin Janka Millar at kristin@msu.edu.

More information and a registration application can be found on the website:
<http://www.educ.msu.edu/teachglobal/Americas.htm>

b. National Council for the Social Studies grant programs

The Council engages and supports educators in strengthening and advocating social studies.

Purpose:

To identify and provide recognition for outstanding social studies programs currently being implemented in the United States and to encourage the growth and development of innovative and effective programs in the social studies.

Eligibility:

A social studies program currently being implemented in the United States
 A program of outstanding quality based on a curriculum framework consistent with the NCSS Curriculum Standards for Social Studies or the revised NCSS Standards for the Preparation of Social Studies Teachers.

A complete social studies program (not single courses or parts of programs), which encourages articulation, balance of content, a variety of teaching strategies, and the involvement of teachers, students, and the community.

Further information at:

<http://www.socialstudies.org/awards/curriculum/>

c. 2008 Toyota International Teacher Program to Costa Rica

This year all full time classroom teacher in grades 7–12 in all 50 states and the District of Columbia are eligible to apply!

This year selected participants will have the opportunity to learn through hands–on projects about the environment, culture, history and education system of Costa Rica while traveling on the Caribbean slope of Costa Rica.

The application is online at <http://www.iie.org/toyota>. The deadline for application is September 7, 2007

d. The National Endowment for the Humanities

Summer Stipends competition. The deadline is October 2, 2007.

Over the past three years, NEH has awarded almost 300 Summer Stipends to allow teachers to pursue their scholarship during the summer months. Applicants may be faculty or staff members of colleges, universities, or primary or secondary schools, or they may be independent scholars or writers.

To see the application guidelines/instructions, visit the NEH website at:

<http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/stipends.html>

This year, the award will be increased to \$6,000. Applications will be accepted online through Grants.gov

6. Divest in Darfur

How investors can help fight the Darfur genocide. Individuals acting in concert to push for divestment may force Sudan to change.

Adam Sterling wants individual investors to know that they are a powerful force — and they can use that power to help stop genocide halfway across the world in the Sudanese region of Darfur.

If American investors pull their money from companies that fund the Sudanese government, Sterling believes that government will be forced to curtail atrocities by its forces and allied militias in their fight against Darfur rebels. In four years of conflict,

more than 200,000 villagers in the region have died and more than 2.5 million have fled their homes, the U.N. says.

"Divestment has been the one real action that the government of Sudan has responded to," said Sterling, director of the Sudan Divestment Task Force in Washington. "Genocide is expensive. The Sudanese government relies heavily on foreign investment to fund its military and the janjaweed militias."

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<http://www.latimes.com/business/la-fi-perfin13may13,1,5961450.column?ctrack=2&cset=true>
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Kathy M. Kristof: Personal Finance

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Stay tuned for LATTICE 2007-08 dates!

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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 contact lattice@msu.edu

Best wishes and Enjoy your summer!

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