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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

a. Previous LATTICE Session – Thursday, October 25

About 70 participants including school teachers, international participants, MSU staff & faculty and also community leaders took part in the LATTICE session on Thursday, October 25 held at the MSU Museum.

We are delighted that international participants formed one third of the attendance. Congratulations...to all LATTICE members who helped out with international membership drive.

The session explored environmental issues of significant interest to members in small group discussions. "A Weaving History: A Basket Heritage Project" facilitated by Heidi Irvine, Sally McClintock, and Chris Worland was the highlight for small group activities.

And best of all, LATTICE sessions bring together food and conversation. Sally said it very well when introducing LATTICE as a venue where "attitude and beliefs can change with personal relations." Stay tuned for some participants' feedback on this first lattice session of the year in the next e-letter.

NOTE:

to check out a glimpse of the first LATTICE session,  
pls see attachment "LATTICE Oct 25, 2007"

b. Additional Resources for Previous LATTICE Session

i. Mid-Michigan Freecycle Network (MMFN)

MMFN goals are to reduce waste and spread the wealth by helping connect those wishing to recycle an item rather than throw it away and those looking to obtain free stuff. To join this group, please go to:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/MMFN/>

ii. Go Green Database

Participate in the new Go Green Database -- an environmental-resources directory for educators you can search by topic, grade level, cost, or location -- and supplement with your contributions and comments. ([www.edutopia.org/go-green](http://www.edutopia.org/go-green))

c. LATTICE member is winner of the 2007 Global Education Award

Congratulations to Connie Detjen, winner of the 2007 Loy LaSalle Global Education Award. Since Connie joined LATTICE ten years ago she has accumulated an impressive list of accomplishments in international education.

Connie promotes peace and justice by educating herself and her students at Meridian High School, an alternative high school, in Haslett, Michigan about the larger world. Connie lights a spark in her students, helping them to discover their own passion for learning about the world.

A few months after September 11, 2001, during a World Religions class, Connie's students expressed their fear of visiting the Islamic Center in East Lansing because they believed all Muslims to be terrorists. Connie asked the students to trust her, and to go on the field trip. The students agreed. Upon their return, students wrote that they learned about the importance of family in Muslim culture, and the desire for peace among mainstream Muslims. This is one of many examples of what Connie has done to promote international understanding among her students.

In 2006 and 2007, as a part of a unit on income disparities throughout the world, Connie's economics class organized the Books for Africa book drive in the Haslett Public Schools, each year collecting over 3000 books and sending them to African schools and libraries.

Connie spent 6 months in China with her family in 2002, she established a sister-school program between students at a school in Tianjin, China and students at Meridian High School.

Last summer she was part of Edgewood United Church's work trip to Nicaragua, where the group volunteered in a school. Connie taught English to Nicaraguan students and translated for the group. For three months before the trip, as a volunteer, she taught Spanish to delegation members.

Spending time in Ecuador, the UK, Spain, France, Germany, Belgium and Australia, Connie has found many ways to relate her experiences to the Michigan curriculum as, for example, the lessons about the environment which she learned in Mexico recently.

CONGRATULATIONS Connie!

d. LATTICE member @ Festival of Quilts

Quilt exhibit covers musical theme

FLINT JOURNAL REVIEW

Thursday, September 20, 2007

By Christopher R. Young

In cooperation with the annual Flint Festival of Quilts, the Greater Flint Arts Council is hosting a Michigan Quilt Artists Invitational.

This year's theme, selected by curators Mary Andrews of Grand Blanc and Marty Lawrence Calhoun of Flint Township, is "The Art of Music." Numerous artists from around the state have submitted small wall quilts, each measuring approximately 1 1/2-by-2 feet.

In contrast to the many bright and shiny quilts competing for our attention, "Kora" is a subdued and muted piece by Chris Worland of East Lansing. A centrally located stringed instrument is the dominant element of Worland's composition. Worland has created a wonderful visual metaphor for music's potential to be soothing, calming and meditative.

Kudos to Chris!

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2. An evening of cultural events – November 3rd, 5:30–7pm

An evening of cultural events to commemorate Rumi, one of the most famous poet, philosopher, and mystics of Islam. The universality of Rumi's poetry fosters an understanding of human experience that transcends the boundaries of nations, religions, and languages.

The reception/dinner is on Saturday, November 3rd, 5:30–7pm; Parlor Room at MSU Union. The cultural events are held at Gold Rooms A & B, MSU Union from 7:00–9:30pm,

Coleman Barks will read Rumi's poetry with accompanying musicians of Glen Velez (world percussion) and David Darling (cello). Whirling Dervishes and traditional Sufi music will follow the poetry reading.

<http://rumi.history.msu.edu/>

Please e-mail [enyart@msu.edu](mailto:enyart@msu.edu) by October 31st, if you plan to attend the reception/dinner and the number of guests you will have.

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3. Beijing takes a lot of telling....

The candor, the cultural details and Jack's descriptions of school visits are just priceless. We thought everyone in LATTICE would appreciate this "Beijing" attachment.

4. The Global Dimension Video – Running time: 7 minutes

([www.edutopia.org/global-dimension-walter-payton](http://www.edutopia.org/global-dimension-walter-payton))

The Global Dimension: Walter Payton High School. New doors open as these students learn an international perspective reinforced by four years of language study, global video conferences, and travel abroad.

This award winning math, science and world language academy on Chicago's Near North Side enhances its global perspectives with instructions in a multitude of languages and distance-learning center that connects students to classrooms worldwide including China and the Kingdom on Morocco.

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5. OPPORTUNITIES/RESOURCES FOR TEACHERS:

a. Well-Known Children's Author at ELPL on Saturday, Nov. 10

ELPL Welcomes Well-Known Children's Author and Illustrator Denise Fleming

EAST LANSING, Mich. The East Lansing Public Library is very pleased to welcome well-known children's author and award-winning illustrator Denise Fleming to the library on Saturday, Nov. 10 for two programs: 12-12:30 p.m. and 3-4:30 p.m.

The first program starts at 11 a.m. with a slide presentation and discussion by Denise about her stories, how many of her characters were created and developed and her process for papermaking and painting. This session will have some audience participation and is geared toward children ages 2 and up and their families. From 12-12:30 p.m., Denise's books will be available for purchase and signing.

The second program will begin at 3 p.m. and will focus more on Denise's unique artistic process of paper pulp making and how she paints and creates her illustrations for her books. She'll also lead an in depth discussion on her writing process and how she comes up with her story ideas. This session will be geared more toward older children, adults and educators. From 4–4:30 p.m., her books will once again be available for purchase and signing.

Denise's personally signed books would make wonderful gifts for birthdays and the holidays. For more information please contact Julie Pierce at (517) 351–2420.

b. 2008 National High School Essay Contest

Since 1986, the National High School Essay Contest on the United Nations has inspired students to engage in global issues and the work of the UN through scholarship and critical thinking. Each year, The United Nations Association of the USA publishes a topic and question of particular importance to the international community.

This year's National High School Essay Contest on the United Nations focuses on Millennium Development Goal Six, and asks students to tackle the challenge of combating HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases. The essay must be postmarked by midnight on January 5, 2008 and received by January 10, 2008.

c. Nominees for MCSS awards

Michigan Council for the Social Studies, MCSS is currently working on the program for the Annual PD Conference this year to be held Feb 18–20, 2008 at the Hyatt in Dearborn. If you or someone in your district would be interested in presenting, presenter's forms can be accessed at: [www.mcssmi.org](http://www.mcssmi.org) and <http://www.mcssmi.org/conferences.html?Itemid=28>

MCSS is also seeking nominations for students, teachers( elementary, middle school and high school) as well as interns and administrators to be honored at the conference.

d. Global Exploration for Educators Organization

Global Exploration for Educators Organization (GEEO) is a 501c3 tax exempt non-profit organization that has been created to help and encourage teachers to travel abroad. The website features travel opportunities for teachers provided by other organizations as well as our own programs.

GEEO's inaugural program, Tours for Teachers, will feature four trips abroad in the summer of 2008. These trips will be roughly 2–3 weeks in length and will be limited to 10–15 teachers and their traveling companions.

Tours will be available to Tanzania/Kenya, Peru, Nepal and India [\$1,300 – \$2,050 plus airfare] and each of these trips is customized to include activities that will be particularly interesting to teachers. Teachers can also earn professional development credits through the program as well. To learn more, please take a look at GEEO's website.

<http://www.geeo.org/pages/show/25>

e. JAPAN FULBRIGHT MEMORIAL FUND

The Japan Fulbright Memorial Fund (JFMF) Teacher Program, sponsored by the Government of Japan, provides teachers and administrators with fully-funded three-week study tours of Japan. The program is designed to increase understanding between the people of Japan and the United States by inviting U.S. elementary and secondary educators to visit Japan and share their experiences with fellow Americans upon their return.

JFMF participants travel to Japan, learn about Japanese culture and education, and return to implement a self-designed plan to share their knowledge and experience with their students, colleagues, and community. In 2008, up to 400 educators from all 50 states and the District of Columbia will be selected to participate.

Participants travel in one of two cycles:

Spring cycle: Sun, Jun 8 – Thu, Jun 26, 2008;

Fall cycle: Sun, Oct 12 – Thu, Oct 30.

The 2008 online application is currently available on our website at [www.iie.org/jfmf](http://www.iie.org/jfmf) with a deadline of December 10, 2007. Contact: Institute of International Education.

Tel 888-527-2636 (toll free); Fax 202-326-7672;

Email [jfmf@iie.org](mailto:jfmf@iie.org); Web [www.iie.org/jfmf](http://www.iie.org/jfmf)

f. Teaching the Importance of Voluntary Action

Teaching the Importance of Voluntary Action for the Common Good in a Democratic Society

Learning to Give (<http://www.learningtogive.org/>) offers lesson plans, activities, and resources to educate youth about the power of philanthropy (sharing time, talent and treasure). Teacher-created lesson plans are coded to every state's Academic Standard.

An innovative educational initiative seeking to maintain and enhance a civil society, Learning to Give:

EDUCATES youth about philanthropy, the nonprofit and volunteer sector, and the importance of giving their time, talent and treasure for the common good (knowledge),

DEVELOPS philanthropic behavior and experience (skills), and,

EMPOWERS youth to take voluntary citizen action for the common good in their classrooms, their lives and their communities (behavior).

For articles about Learning to Give in your local schools and classrooms, visit Learning to Give's News Room: <http://www.learningtogive.org/newsroom/>

#### 6. Understanding the Arab World, Saturday Nov. 17

In cooperation with the Arab-American National Museum and the Islamic center of America, MCHE, in cooperation with Wayne RESA, is pleased to offer a special program "Understanding the Arab World" on Saturday, Nov. 17th.

Beginning at the new mosque on Ford Road, the program includes a Middle Eastern lunch, sessions on the Islamic faith and the contributions made to world history by the Arab World. Plans are still being completed as this issue goes to the printer.

For an update, visit [www.michiganhistoryed.org](http://www.michiganhistoryed.org)

#### 7. LATTICE Bookclub Dates for 2007-2008

The bookclub will be meeting from 4-6 pm at the East Lansing Public Library  
Thursday Nov. 1 Before We Were Free by Julia Alvarez

No meeting in Dec.

Thursday Jan. 17 American Born Chinese by Gene Luen Yang

Thursday Feb. 14 Immigrant themes – books will be:

Ask Me No Questions by Marina Budhos and  
At Ellis Island: A History in Many Voices  
by Louise Peacock and Walter Lyon Krudop.

Thursday March 20 To Be Announced

Thursday April 24 To Be Announced.

Thursday May 15 Bring your suggestions for summer reading.



These books are available through local libraries and for a 20 % discount at Everybody Reads. You can find more information including summaries and reviews at [elpl.org](http://elpl.org) or [amazon.com](http://amazon.com)

For questions about LATTICE bookclub, please email:

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"Amy Kilbridge" <[AKILBRID@inghamisd.org](mailto:AKILBRID@inghamisd.org)>

## 8. LATTICE Dates for 2007-08

Please Remember to Mark your calendar!

October 25 Thursday 12:00-4:30 PM (at the MSU MUSEUM)

November 29 Thursday 12:00-4:30 PM

December 7 Friday, 6 pm: International Movie Nite  
@ MSU International Center.

January 10 Thursdays 12:00-4:30 PM

February 7 Thursdays 12:00-4:30 PM

March 13 Thursdays 12:00-4:30 PM

April 17 Thursdays 12:00-4:30 PM

May 8 Thursdays 12:00-4:30 PM

Monthly sessions are held at Haslett High School on Marsh Road.

"THANKS FOR READING ALL THE WAY DOWN"!!!

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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 listserv please contact [lattice@msu.edu](mailto:lattice@msu.edu)

We look forward to see you at the next LATTICE session on November 29th.

Margaret, Kristin & Norseha.

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