



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

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1. LATTICE Updates

- a. LATTICE Session, Thursday, March 13

We look forward to see you at the next LATTICE session. It will be held on Thursday, March from 12:00-4:30 PM. We will meet at the Viking Room, Haslett High School, 5450 Marsh Rd, Haslett, MI 48840.

Topic: Gender, Environment and Poverty.

LATTICE members, if you can give a ride from MSU campus to Haslett High School for the LATTICE session, please e-mail lattice@msu.edu .
Thanks.

- b. Winner of Glen Taggart Award

Michigan State University is proud to award Margaret Holtschlag the Glen L. Taggart Award for Community Contribution to International Understanding.

Since 1995, Margaret Holtschlag has significantly increased international participation, learning, and interest for mid-Michigan school students, teachers and community members. For the past three years, Margaret was a Co-Director of Sessions for LATTICE, Inc., an award winning learning community and international network that cultivates and supports a global perspective in K-12 classrooms. LATTICE bridges over 600 LATTICE members from 70 countries and 17 mid-Michigan school districts with Michigan State University.

In 1997, as a fourth grade teacher, Margaret coordinated an exchange between 4th graders in Haslett, Michigan and 5th-6th graders in Korea. Later, as a member of Fulbright Group Studies Abroad to South Africa, and then Vietnam, Margaret initiated a variety of activities based on these experiences and these contacts for her students at Murphy and Ralya Elementary.

In 1999, Margaret was named Michigan Teacher of the Year 1999-2000, and Finalist for the National Teacher of the Year 2000. Margaret's understanding of the Michigan standards and her ability to relate international learning to these Michigan Benchmarks is a model for other educators. Her students are known for achieving high academic standards and Margaret is known for her energetic devotion to bringing people together to learn more about themselves and the world.

In an effort to encourage other educators to capitalize upon the great wealth of international resources in their community and the great wealth of opportunities for international connections, Margaret developed a unique, integrated unit of study for fifth graders in Haslett about West African fabrics. This unit, "Art, Technology and West African Culture," which has benefited fifth graders in Haslett for five years, is the collaboration of Liz Napolitano, Ralya Elementary School art teacher, Chris Worland, consultant for Malian art history, and Margaret, a technology teacher.

On a monthly basis, Margaret's leadership in the LATTICE sessions demonstrates for teachers how all-academic subjects can be the catalyst for international learning. This year, for example, LATTICE themes are based on world environmental issues; issues pertinent not only to the Michigan community but to all LATTICE members and the entire world.

c. LATTICE Zulu Basket/Scholarship Project Update

Dear Friends of LATTICE Basket/Scholarship Project in South Africa, Our annual sale at All Saints Episcopal Church last weekend was a great success! More than 15 volunteers worked all day Friday and

Saturday to share the stories about the Zulu Artists and the scholarship students in South Africa. By the end of the day, almost \$5000 worth of baskets were sold. The scholarships have made a huge difference for the LATTICE scholarship students whether they were attending high school, attending college or taking additional courses or looking for a job. Canther Ntuli and Pretty Dube are still attending college. Velenkosini, Sibongeleni and Simphiwe are looking for jobs.

Sincerely,
Sally McClintock

2. "Problems and Possibilities in Science Teaching Around the World: China, Korea, Lebanon, and Kenya"?

Friday, March 14, 2008

Noon-1:30

Room 222 Erickson Hall

(Open to the public, light lunch provided)

More information: <http://www.educ.msu.edu/teachglobal?>

Panel Presentation:

China: Hui Jin, doctoral student in TE, Jing Chen, doctoral student in TE, and Li Zhan

Korea: Hosun Kang, doctoral student in TE

Lebanon: Hayat Farid Alhokayem, doctoral student in TE

Kenya: Kennedy Mongare Onyancha, doctoral student in TE?

Coordinators: Charles W. Anderson, Edward L. Smith, Kathy Roth, Amy Lark?

Description: Science is an important subject in school curricula around the world. There are ways in which every country faces similar challenges in teaching science, but each country also has unique possibilities based on their cultural, historical, and regional backgrounds.? In this seminar, doctoral students in science education from four countries will present the problems and possibilities in science teaching of each country based on their experiences as science teachers.? Actual science teaching practices will be introduced with teaching videos and various artifacts. The implications for science education of the differences and commonalities among the four countries will be discussed?

March 14 Seminar Attached.

3. ASHA Annual Charity Dinner, March 15th.

ASHA for Education proudly presents our annual charity dinner. Come to support the education in India! There will be a full-catered Indian dinner with a motivating speaker supporting the cause.

This event will be on March 15th 2008, at the Hannah Community Center and will begin at 6 pm. Please RSVP no later than March 12th to

msuasha@gmail.com for tickets so that we can reserve your spot.
ASHA flyer attached.

4. Celebrating India, March 14-26

As part of Utsav (India Festival) the Asian Indian Community of Greater Lansing in collaboration with local institutions is providing opportunities to explore the multi-cultures of India through music, food, dance, movies and much more. The two events specifically designed for educators and their students are: a visit to the Bharatiya Temple of Lansing in Haslett and the other is an opportunity for visiting community ambassadors to area schools.

The temple experience may be of interest to comparative religious studies groups as the temple houses three distinct religions that are a part of the Bharatiya tradition. The concept of unity in diversity is embodied in the spirit of the building. For scheduling purposes, please contact Dr. Anantaraman and Mr. Sunit Patke at:
anantaraman@nscl.msu.edu, sunit_patke@hotmail.com
India Week Scedhule attached.

5. Opportunities and Resources for Teachers

a. The Michigan Historic Preservation Network - Essay Contest

The Michigan Historic Preservation Network (MHPN) announces its Third Annual essay contest, entitled "Our Historic Places" The contest, open to all Michigan fourth grade students, celebrates our state's local historic places and gives students a chance to explore them by writing about a historic place in their own hometown. Essays should describe one historic site in the student's community. Entries should be no more than 500 words (2 typed or 3 handwritten pages).

As part of the contest, educators may download a free basic historic preservation lesson plan to introduce the topic to their students at www.mhpn.org. The essay contest deadline is March 21, 2008, with the winning essays announced at MHPN's conference in May 2008. All students will receive a certificate of participation. Please visit www.mhpn.org or call 517-371-8080 for complete rules and entry forms. Contact: Denice Blair Leach, MHPN Education Committee Chair E-mail: leachden@msu.edu

b. Voices Across Time: Teaching American History Through Song

Pennsylvania - The Center for American Music at the University of Pittsburgh will be hosting our third Summer Institute for Teachers on July 7-August 8, 2008, sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities. Entitled "Voices Across Time: Teaching American History Through Song," we spend five weeks focusing on broad topics in

American history, utilizing popular songs as primary source documents. All educators currently teaching in grades K-12 throughout the U.S. are eligible to apply and a stipend is provided. DEADLINE for applications is March 3, 2008. This institute is for any middle- and high-school teachers of social studies or related disciplines, including history, geography, and language arts; other grade levels and disciplines (including music) are also encouraged to apply.

Additional information, along with application materials, is available at www.voicesacrosstime.org or email: amerimus@pitt.edu (please indicate NEH Institute in the subject line). Mariana Whitmer Center for American Music 106A Stephen Foster Memorial University of Pittsburgh Pittsburgh PA 15260 412-624-4100 Email: amerimus@pitt.edu Visit the website at <http://www.voicesacrosstime.org/Institutes/Institute.htm>

c. Stories of Childhood on Films

list of documentaries and stories of childhood
<http://anthropologistabouttown.blogspot.com>

Films to be screened:

Street Fictions (2002)

Malawi, 32 mins, Filmmaker and anthropologist: Dominic Elliot
Through combining their own dramatic reconstructions and real life observation, this film tells the story of the Malawian children who run away from their homes in search of a better life on the streets of Blantyre. As the children act out a fiction based on their own experiences, we also follow the work of Macdonald, a social worker whose hope it is to return them to their homes

Ravi and Bhajay (2002)

India, 26 mins, Filmmaker and anthropologist, Rachel Webster
An intimate and uplifting exploration of the lives of street children Ravi and Bhajay as they survive together on the streets of Mumbai. To get away from it all they visit the holy city of Vijan with the filmmaker. Despite being offered jobs and schooling if they stay in Vijan, the attraction of the streets is too great and they choose to return to Mumbai to be among their friends.

Room 11: Ethiopian Hotel (2007)

Ethiopia, 21 mins, Filmmaker and anthropologist: Itsushi Kawase
This film aims to capture a sense of the life of children living on the streets of Gondar by witnessing the interaction between 2 children and the filmmaker. Although it is about the children's life on the streets, the entire film was shot in the filmmaker's room in the Ethiopian Hotel.?

Upstairs at the RAI Film screenings: 10-12 March

Childhood Experiences on Film continues with a series of intimate (max 20 people) evening film screenings exploring boarding school life. Screenings take place at the Royal Anthropological Institute, 50 Fitzroy Street, London, W1T 5BT. Unfortunately there is no wheelchair access at

this time.

Monday 10th March: 6.30-8.30pm

PRIDE OF PLACE (1976)

Dorothea Gazidis and Kim Longinotto. 59 mins

A rarely seen classic by Kim Longinotto takes a dark look at the boarding school she ran away from as a teenager. Preceded by short film "The Good Ol'Days" by students from Greenwich Community College.

Tuesday 11th March: 6.30-8.30pm

THE NEW BOYS (2003)

David MacDougall, 100 mins

Filmmaker David MacDougall follows a group of new boys during their first term at the "Eton of India," capturing their conflicts and friendships, jokes and loneliness. Preceded by short film "Talk of the Trade" by students from Greenwich Community College.

Wednesday 12th March: 6.30-8.30pm

SCHOOLSCAPES (2007)

David MacDougall, 77 mins

MacDougall continues his exploration of school life at the progressive Rishi Valley School in India founded by the philosopher Krishnamurti. Preceded by short film "Anglesea Road: Mini Somalia" by students from Greenwich Community College.

d. Web Resources for teaching & learning

Flags of the world

<http://www.brazilianartists.net/home/flags/>

Ecological and Environmental Education

Purpose: To advance and critique environmental education research.

Website: <http://www.bath.ac.uk/cree/eesig/>

International Studies

Purpose: To provide a forum for exchanging information among educators involved in research, planning, development, implementation, and evaluation of international studies.

Website: http://www.aera.net/Default.aspx?menu_id=178&id=676

Leadership for Social Justice

Purpose: To promote social justice teaching, research, service, and policymaking agendas, with the corollary aim of seeking to proactively improve educational leadership as a means of addressing equity concerns for underrepresented populations throughout P-20 education; also to share innovative, promising, and research-based programs, policies, and teaching strategies and proactively advocate on behalf of underrepresented populations in educational leadership.

Website: http://www.aera.net/Default.aspx?menu_id=184&id=1329

Peace Education

Purpose: To promote dialogue and disseminate research on peace-related issues including work in the areas of conflict, conflict resolution, human rights, social justice, violence, bullying, and prejudice.

Website: http://www.aera.net/Default.aspx?menu_id=198&id=831

Politics of Education

Purpose: To foster and support the conduct, dissemination, discussion, and application of research on the political functions and outcomes of education at all levels, with the final view of contributing to the betterment of society.

Website: <http://www.fsu.edu/~pea/>

Religion and Education

Purpose: To focus on religious, ethical, and moral dimensions of educational contexts, processes, and policies at all levels and in all types of educational institutions.

Website: http://www.aera.net/default.aspx?menu_id=324&id=2054

Environmental footprint websites

http://www.rprogress.org/education/footprint_education.htm

<http://www.thisislondon.co.uk/news/article-23401283->

[details/What's+your+carb](http://www.thisislondon.co.uk/news/article-23401283-)

[on+footprint+Government+launches+calculator+'to+help+us+go+green'/ar](http://www.thisislondon.co.uk/news/article-23401283-)

[ticle.do](http://www.thisislondon.co.uk/news/article-23401283-)

<http://www.puretrust.org.uk/Personal/YourFootprint.aspx>

http://www.dott07.com/flash/dott_1024.htm

<http://www.betterworldshopper.org>

<http://www.ewg.org/> - The Environmental Working Group

<http://www.rainforest-alliance.org/news.cfm?id=mcdonalds>

<http://www.smartplanet.com/news/business/10000266/jewson-to-stock-only-sustainable-wood-at-olympic-site-stores.htm>

<http://www.tclivingwage.org/employer/?--> "Living wage certified"

employers

http://www.scscertified.com/aboutSCS/docs/VFBlanketsNYC_103007.pdf

http://www.newyorker.com/reporting/2008/02/25/080225fa_fact_specter?

-- Michael Specter article in the New Yorker

6. LATTICE Bookclub Dates for 2007-2008

The bookclub meets from 4-6 pm at the East Lansing Public Library.

Thursday March 20 Born Confused by Tanuja Desai Hidier

Thursday April 24 When My Name Was Keoko by Linda Sue Park

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 or amazon.com

7. LATTICE Dates for 2007-08

THEME : ENVIRONMENT

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 5450 Marsh Road, Haslett, MI 48840

"THANKS FOR READING ALL THE WAY TO THE END"

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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,

Margaret, Kristin & Norseha.

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