



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

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LATTICE Newsletter ##454

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1. LATTICE Updates

- a. LATTICE Mission

LATTICE is a learning community and international network that cultivates and supports a global perspective in K-12 classrooms through personal and professional development opportunities.

- b. LATTICE food theme for March 13th

The LATTICE food theme for March 13th will be 'Marriages/Anniversaries/Engagements'.

We hope members will participate by bringing a food or beverage which is in keeping with that theme. It is always interesting and fun to share food, stories and cultural information as a special part of our LATTICE meetings. We're looking forward to seeing everyone.

We look forward to see you at the next LATTICE session. It will be held on Thursday, March 13, 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.

c. LATTICE Book Club on Thursday March 20

The bookclub meets from 4-6 pm at the East Lansing Public Library.
Book title: Born Confused by Tanuja Desai Hidier

d. LATTICE Nominations due March 20
(Board of Directors and Monthly Session Director)

LATTICE Nominations due March 20(Board of Directors and Monthly Session Director)

NOMINATIONS: The LATTICE Board welcomes nominations for two positions: new Monthly Sessions Director, and new members on the LATTICE Board of Directors. Please consider nominating yourself as well as others for either of these positions.

Send your nominations by email to Sally McClintock at sallyma@comcast.net between now and March 20. Those interested in applying for the Monthly Director position must submit an application (see below).

We hope to begin interviewing candidates for the Monthly Sessions Director during the week of March 24.

Application Process for Monthly Session Director

Materials to Submit:

- 1) Vita
- 2) One page statement detailing your leadership qualities as they pertain to LATTICE and its mission*. Briefly describe your leadership strengths and share your vision for LATTICE sessions in coming years.

Application deadline: March 20

Please send application packets to sallyma@comcast.net or deliver to Cheryl Bartz in Jack Schwille's office
517 Erickson Hall, MSU.

Interviews will take place on March 28th and during the following week.

e. LATTICE Web Updates

LATTICE countries: Around the World. For country overview, please go to:
<http://www.latticeworld.org/?q=atw>

If you have extra information or useful link about your country, please mail to <lattice@msu.edu>

Today's e-letter is numbered 454. If you missed the previous e-letters (numbered 453 backwards), please check out this link:
<http://www.latticeworld.org/?q=media>

f. LATTICE listserv

The LATTICE listserv currently has 622 subscribers.

To be added to this list, please mail to List-Subscribe:
<LATTICE-subscribe-request@LIST.MSU.EDU>

To be removed from this list, please mail to List-Unsubscribe:
<LATTICE-unsubscribe-request@LIST.MSU.EDU>

2. GenCen Faculty Books Talk, March 13

http://www.gencen.msu.edu/documents/Kossek_Flyer.pdf

You are cordially invited to a public lecture to celebrate Women's History Month and the newly formed Center for Gender in Global Context (GenCen) at Michigan State University (MSU).

The First "Celebrating GenCen Faculty Books" Talk:

Ellen Ernst Kossek, Ph.D.

co-author of

CEO of Me:

Creating a Life that Works in the Flexible Job Age

Thursday, March 13, 2008

7:30 pm

Parlors A/B/C, MSU Union

A book signing and reception will follow the presentation.

In this age of Blackberries and constant connection, professionals increasingly struggle to achieve a balance between the demands of work and personal/family life. Dr. Ellen Ernst Kossek, Professor in the MSU School of Labor and Industrial Relations, has long been studying the success and failure of various flextime work arrangements and the work-family implications for women and men with heavy caregiving responsibilities.

In her new book, CEO of Me: Creating a Life that Works in the Flexible Job Age, she describes three types of lifestyles (or 'flexstyles'): integrators, who blend work and family mentally, physically, and in time; separators, who keep work and family mentally, physically, and timewise discrete; and volleys, who are in-between. Contrary to how the popular media may make many individuals feel about juggling work and family, there is no best way for everyone.

For more information on work-life research, check out her Website,
<http://www.ellenkossek.lir.msu.edu>.

3. Seminar - Science Teaching Around the World, March 14

"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)

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

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

4. Meeting of the Capital Area Reading Council, March 25

An invitation for teachers and students to attend the quarterly Spring meeting at Ralya Elementary School on March 25, from 6:00-8:30pm.

<http://capitalareareadingcouncil.googlepages.com/Marchmeetingflyer.pdf>

5. Realizing & Addressing Issues in our Culture and Education

This conference is organized by the Grand Valley State University Asian Student Organization. The conference's objectives is in the name: R.I.C.E., Realizing and Addressing Issues in our Culture and Education.

This year's conference takes place on Saturday, March 29nd, 2008 at the Pew Campus (downtown GR). RICE is a free conference. There will be a complimentary continental breakfast and lunch buffet. RICE runs from 9 am until 4:30 pm. This year's Keynote Speaker is George Aquino, GM of the JW Marriott Hotel Grand Rapids.

Tell your friends/students about the RICE Conference! It's the 10th anniversary of this conference!

Register here: <http://www2.gvsu.edu/~asu/rice.htm>

6. Opportunities and Resources for Teachers

- a. Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad to Ecuador

Forwarded on behalf of Diane Ruonavaara,

Greetings,

I've just received notice that I have been awarded a Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad (GPA) to take 14 K-12 teachers, MSU graduate students in education, language and area studies, and 4-H Youth Development professionals to Ecuador. The trip will occur in July 2008.

I am accepting application for the GPA through Apr. 15, 2008.

Further information is available at:

<http://www.msu.edu/~ruonavaa/fhgpa-ecuador/Ecuador.html>

Your assistance in promoting this opportunity would be appreciated,

Thanks, Diane

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b. Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad to Bulgaria

Bulgaria: Understanding the Eurasian Frontier (June 22 to July 23, 2008)

This Fulbright-Hays Group Project Abroad (GPA) for K-12 Educators aims to expand the participants' knowledge and understanding of Bulgarian history, and promote understanding of the many civilizations, populations, and cultures that have impacted the area.

Participants will spend four weeks in Bulgaria exploring the particularly rich and vibrant history which is etched on the country in the form of archaeological and historical sites, cultural customs, artistic and musical traditions, and also in the memories and identities of the population.

A detailed description of the program, including a daily itinerary and pre-departure activities, can be found at the CASID website (www.casid.msu.edu). Program applications are also available at this site.

c. Audio photo stories from around the world

Forwarded by: Guven Witteveen <sjmi@hotmail.com>

To hear the voices and nearby sounds and to see the pictures from these audio photo stories is really powerful. Why not browse and mark your favorites to share with others. Better yet, why not consider a workshop to help colleagues produce similar things with the user-friendly www.soundslides.com (I'm not paid by the maker, but love the method).

Imagine if these stories were grouped by country, language or theme!!!

-- Guven Witteveen

[Primary school in Kenya]

<http://www.techboxpc.com/sound/Natu%20Primary%20School/>

[Iraqi boy in Pittsburgh for reconstructive surgery]

<http://www.mercurynewsphoto.com/blog/2006/08/11/abdul-hakims-journey-ends/>

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<http://www2.soundslides.com/forum/>

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<http://www2.soundslides.com/forum/viewforum.php?id=12>

- d. Google Earth *PRO* is FREE for Educators!

<http://www.ncs-tech.org/?p=783>

- e. Slideshow videos done by students in Nigeria & Japan

...by students from Queen's College in Lagos, Nigeria, as well as some great slideshow videos done by students at Kwassui Women's College in Nagasaki, Japan.

The Lagos video, <http://www.nextvista.org/2007/12/08/lagos-nigeria/>

Japanese videos, <http://www.nextvista.org/collection/global-views/asia/>

- f. Youtube video related to gender

Speaking of our upcoming LATTICE monthly session on gender, some of you might be interested in viewing this one hour youtube video:

Ingrid Mattson, the first female president of the Islamic Society of North America, talks about converting to Islam and the need for understanding the Muslim community.

<http://youtube.com/watch?v=LXzPV2G5PFg>

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7. LATTICE Bookclub Dates for 2007-2008

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

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

8. LATTICE Dates for 2007-08 THEME : ENVIRONMENT

March 13 Thursday 12:00-4:30 PM

April 17 Thursday 12:00-4:30 PM
May 8 Thursday 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 listserv please contact lattice@msu.edu

Best wishes,

Margaret, Kristin & Norseha.

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