



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

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**LATTICE Newsletter # 458**

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1. LATTICE Updates
    - a. Next LATTICE Session - April 17

Topic "Media, Technology and Environment"

We look forward to see you on Thursday, April 17 (12:30-4:30pm) at Haslett High School. LATTICE food theme for April session is "Traditional Food." You may come to the April session in your traditional wear. However, LATTICE group picture is now scheduled to May 8th session.

Also, April 17 is Myanmar Happy New Year Day. Han Han from Myanmar will bring authentic food for the New Year ceremony. She will bring music and dance for Water festival which is usually held for five

days to Welcome New Year in Myanmar. She hopes lattice members will enjoy the music during food break.

b. Next LATTICE Book Club - April 24

The next meeting is on Thursday, April 24, 4-6 pm at the East Lansing Public Library. Book title "When My Name Was Keoko" by Linda Sue Park.

c. Documentary Film: New Year Baby - April 25

7:30 p.m. MSU International Center Library

Born in a Thai refugee camp on Cambodian New Year, filmmaker Socheata Poeuv grew up in the United States never knowing that her family had survived the Khmer Rouge genocide. In New Year Baby, she embarks on a journey to Cambodia in search of the truth and why her family's history had been buried in secrecy for so long. A panel discussion will follow the film.

[http://www.asianstudies.msu.edu/events/fliers/New\\_Year\\_Baby.pdf](http://www.asianstudies.msu.edu/events/fliers/New_Year_Baby.pdf)

Presented in cooperation with LATTICE, and ITVS/PBS

2. MLK Chautauqua Series on Equality and Justice - April 14

A wonderful opportunity for LATTICE teachers and their students.

When : Monday, April 14, 2008

Time : 4:30-6:30 pm

Where : Residential College in the Arts & Humanities Theater  
(ground level of Snyder-Philips)

Light refreshments will be served. No reservation required.

Other MSU events in April: Free and Open to the Public.

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April 16, Wednesday

Film Showing: The Little Heart

7:00 p.m., Room 108 Bessey Hall

The newest film from acclaimed Vietnamese director Nguyen Thanh Van, The Little Heart explores the dangers of urbanization and the exploitation of youth in contemporary Vietnam.

[http://www.asianstudies.msu.edu/events/fliers/Little\\_heart.pdf](http://www.asianstudies.msu.edu/events/fliers/Little_heart.pdf)

April 18, Friday

Chinese Culture Poster Presentation

4th year Chinese students showcase their poster presentations on Chinese culture. Sponsored by the Dept. of Linguistics & Languages, Chinese Language & Culture program. Free and open to the public. 5:00 p.m., Concert Lobby, MSU Auditorium

April 19, Saturday International Fashion Show  
Do you own a sari? A kimono? Or even a sombrero? Share and exhibit unique attire from a different culture and country. Sponsored by Snyder-Phillips Residence Life. Free and open to the public. 7:00 p.m., Arena Theater, MSU Auditorium

April 24, Thursday, 7:30pm New Film From Africa - Daratt: (Dry Season - Chad) at the Philips theater, new residential college, Snyder Phillips hall Free and Open to the Public

This fable-like gem opens in a small village in Chad, as the government is about to announce the fates of those accused of war crimes during the country's decades-long civil war. Atim and his grandfather crouch by a small radio to await the verdict; controversially, the government decides to grant amnesty to all war criminals.

This devastating decision prompts the boy's grandfather to assign him one mission in life: Kill the man who murdered Atim's father during the war. Armed with a revolver, he is told to return only when his task has been completed. Atim makes his way to Chad's capital, N'Djamena, to seek out the murderer, yet when he finds the man, a taciturn baker named Nassara, the gravity of taking someone's life proves heavier than he first thought.

As Atim grows close to the baker and his wife, his promise of vengeance becomes increasingly fraught with complicated consequences. Daratt ("dry season") is a poignant and beautiful story of revenge and redemption with an incredibly satisfying, thought-provoking ending. (Tessa Swigart)  
[http://africa.msu.edu/flim\\_series/AfrFilmSer\\_descriptions.pdf](http://africa.msu.edu/flim_series/AfrFilmSer_descriptions.pdf)

### 3. "Indigenous rights, citizenship & social cohesion in Latin America"

Wednesday, April 16  
3:00 pm, room 303 International Center, MSU  
(followed by a reception - open to all)

Keynote presentation: "Indigenous rights, citizenship and social cohesion in Latin America" by Dr. Leon Zamosc, University of California San Diego

This presentation will launch the 5th Annual CLACS Undergraduate Student Conference. All day Thursday, April 17 undergraduate students will present their research and projects. Third floor, International Center.

More information: <http://www.isp.msu.edu/clacs/confpage.htm>  
Sponsored by the Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies  
(CLACS)

4. MSU 48 hr Arts Marathon weekend April 18-20

The weekend will showcase the best of the MSU arts scene and offers a unique opportunity for mid-Michigan audiences to see uninterrupted performances, exhibitions, films and readings.

The event begins at 5 p.m. Friday, April 18, with a ribbon-cutting ceremony by MSU Provost Kim Wilcox in the courtyard between Kresge Art Center and the MSU Auditorium. The marathon concludes at 5 p.m. Sunday, April 20. In between, more than 90 separate events will be held, including a public rally in support of the arts at the State Capitol Building in downtown Lansing at noon Saturday, April 19.

Most events are free; all are open to the public. A complete schedule is available online at <http://48hours.cal.msu.edu>. For further information, call (517) 355-5633.

<http://newsroom.msu.edu/site/indexer/3361/content.htm>

5. 2008 Excellence in International Education - due Jun 12

Asia Society and The Goldman Sachs Foundation are pleased to announce the 2008 Youth Prizes for Excellence in International Education. Up to five winners will be selected to receive up to \$10,000 each as well as an all-expense paid trip to New York City in November 2008 to receive their prize.

The 2008 competition asks students to create an in-depth written essay or multimedia feature examining a social or economic issue that has relevance to them in a global context. In the essay category, students will compare and contrast how the issue affects their community and a community abroad, as well as create recommendations for what lessons the two communities could learn from each other. In the multimedia category, students will explore how a global problem or challenge affects their life as an individual, as a member of their local community, and/or as a global citizen.

Please visit <http://askasia.org/students/gsfprizes.html> for the contest questions, eligibility rules, guidelines and helpful hints, and submission instructions. The deadline for applications for the Youth Prizes is Thursday, June 12, 2008.

The 2007 winners of The Goldman Sachs Foundation Prizes for Elementary/Middle Schools, High Schools, States, and Media/Technology

Organizations have just been announced!

Please visit <http://www.internationalead.org/prizes/> for more information about the 2007 winners and for the announcement of the 2008 cycle of prizes in early autumn.

6. The National Conference on Geography Education: Oct 9-12, 2008

The National Conference on Geography Education will be held in Dearborn, Michigan October 9-12, 2008. The Michigan Geographic Alliance, the Michigan Council for the Social Studies, and The Henry Ford are co-hosting the conference.

This year's conference will feature eight thematic strands, described below. Please participate by making a presentation, offering a clinic, or sharing a poster session on these or other topics to K-12 teachers and college faculty.

Proposals should be submitted by April 18, 2008 (Visit the "Events" section at [www.ncge.org](http://www.ncge.org) to submit a proposal online or to download a printable form.)

7. Summer Workshops for Social studies teachers: June 16-20, 2008

Michigan Geographic Alliance & Michigan Council for History Education will offer one-week summer workshops to help social studies teachers in grades 6-12 implement the new content expectations for geography and history.

The two institutes will provide activities and perspectives which are both historical and geographic. Topics will include the expansion and contraction of empires, connections among regions including migration, trade, and the diffusion of culture, as well as the geography and history of specific eras.

The institutes are free to Grand Rapids and Lansing Public School teachers; other teachers may register (\$100) until spaces are filled. For additional fees, 2 hours of graduate credit will be available through Central Michigan University, or teachers can earn SBCEUs through the local districts. Follow-up workshops will be held in the summer of 2009. The institutes are funded with support from a Highly Qualified Teacher Grant. For more information, check the website: [www.ncge.org](http://www.ncge.org)

GRAND RAPIDS June 16-20, 2008

Staff Development Center Contact: Lorna Vantill 616-819-2020

Registration form: [vantill@grps.k12.mi.us](mailto:vantill@grps.k12.mi.us)

LANSING June 16-20, 2008

Ingham ISD Thorburn Education Center Mason, MI

Register online at [www.inghamisd.org](http://www.inghamisd.org) (Professional Development) or contact Wendy Fuller at 517-244-1281 or [wfuller@inghamisd.org](mailto:wfuller@inghamisd.org)

8. World Fair Trade Day: May 10, 2008.

Take a Coffee Break for World Fair Trade Day

Participate in the upcoming World Fair Trade Day on May 10, 2008. World Fair Trade Day is an international celebration and promotion of Fair Trade, recognized throughout 70 countries worldwide, where Fair Trade supporters will host events including Fair Trade food tastings, concerts, fashion shows, and more.

To participate, visit the Fair Trade Resource Network's Web site.

Learn more about the World's Largest Coffee Break:

<http://lists.coopamerica.org/t/1700375/266447/509482/0/?u=aHR0cDovL3d3dy5mYWlydHJhZGVyZXNvdXJjZS5vcmcvY2hhbmdlLXRoZS13b3JsZC9hYm91dC13b3JsZC1mYWlyLXRyYWRILWRheS0yMDA4L2ZhaXltdHJhZGUtYnJlYWstYWN0aW9uLWd1aWRILW%3d%3d&x=ded6380d>

<http://www.coopamerica.org>

9. LATTICE Book Club 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](http://elpl.org) or [amazon.com](http://amazon.com)

10. LATTICE Session Dates for 2007-08

THEME : ENVIRONMENT

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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Best wishes,

Margaret, Kristin & Norseha.

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