



Linking All Types of Teachers to International Cross-cultural Education

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LATTICE Newsletter # 463

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1. LATTICE Updates
 - a. Message from Margaret and Kristin to LATTICE members:

From Margaret:

As I complete my third year of serving as co-director of LATTICE, I would like to thank each of you for the wonderful energy and enthusiasm you have for LATTICE. You supported and encouraged the leadership team, said Yes when there was work that needed to be done, and offered feedback of hugs, phone calls, and emails after the sessions--because of YOU, it has been a joy to do the work of LATTICE for John, Kristin, Kurnia, Norseha and me! I am grateful for the many lessons I've learned from you, and feel honored and privileged to have been your LATTICE co-director. I look forward to next year in LATTICE!

From Kristin:

Dear All, As we end the 2007-2008 LATTICE year, I want to say thank you to all of you for your support and encouragement. I have enjoyed getting to know you better this year and have truly enjoyed working with Margaret and Norseha. This has been a successful and exciting year because of you and your interest in and commitment to international understanding and education. Co-directing LATTICE was a new and challenging experience for me and I feel I have learned much from this experience, so thank you! Kristin

b. GRATITUDE AND RECOGNITION for outgoing LATTICE Leaders:

On May 8, LATTICE members celebrated the leadership of it's 2007-2008 Monthly Session Co-Directors, Margaret Holtschlag and Kristin Janka Millar. Everyone is grateful for their energy and intelligence brought to the complex and numerous projects and tasks that LATTICE requires.

An average of 60 members from 17 school districts attended the sessions during this school year while 624 subscribers including international members from 71 countries are on the LATTICE listserv.

"Environment in a Global Context," the LATTICE Theme for 2007-2008 concluded with a presentation by Laurie Thorp, Director of the Residential Initiative on the Study of the Environment at MSU. Questions considered after her provocative talk and small group discussions in the MSU Children's Garden, Horticulture Gardens and Japanese Gardens included:

- What is your connection to the land?
- How is food grown in your region?
- What is it about the food system that we take for granted?
- What is the cost of cheap food?
- What are the lessons that nature teaches us?
- What does it mean to be a farm?

What does a food system look like?
What does it mean to "go local?"

Please see that the lovely group picture of LATTICE--May 8, 2008. JPG is attached.

c. New LATTICE Leadership:

LATTICE Board of Directors is proud to announce several new LATTICE leaders for 2008-2009.

Sue Seyfarth, teacher from Holt Public Schools and a long time LATTICE leader in many capacities, has been elected as the President Elect of the Board of Directors. She and Sally McClintock, the Past President, will work together to provide a smooth transition for the membership and other new leaders during the coming months.

Connie Detjen, Haslett Educator at Meridian High School who has had significant international experience as well as global education in the classroom, has been selected as the new Session Director. She will work with Norseha Unin, LATTICE Graduate Student, and with the new LATTICE volunteers for the Planning Team to determine the topics and presentations for the next school year.

d. June 12, is the Planning Session for the 2008-09 LATTICE year:

An invitation for all LATTICE members: The planning session for the 2008-09 LATTICE year will be on Thursday, June 12, noon - 5 p.m. at Connie Detjen's home, 2173 Belding Court in Okemos. We'll choose the theme and topics for next year's LATTICE sessions. Bring your good ideas, your enthusiasm, and a dish to pass (it's LATTICE, after all!). By June 6, Please RSVP to Connie at detjenc@haslett.k12.mi.us or at 349-7360.

e. The LATTICE Evaluation Process:

For more information about the 2008 evaluation process, please check out <http://www.latticeworld.org/?q=node/156>

The entire organizational structure of LATTICE as it was in 1995 and as it is now in 2008 will be available online soon. New members of the Board of Directors will also be posted on the web.

Please note that K-12 teachers, community members and international graduate students as well as leaders from Michigan State University and Ingham Intermediate School District will be represented on the Board.

f. LATTICE during Summer:

LATTICE emails will be less frequent during the summer but none the less informative and valuable. Send your news to the LATTICE Graduate Assistant at lattice@msu.edu

Please let your fellow graduate students and teaching colleagues know about what LATTICE has to offer. For further information, they may contact Session Director Connie Detjen at detjenc@hotmail.com or LATTICE Graduate Assistant - Norseha Unin at lattice@msu.edu.

g. Introducing the New LATTICE Session Director

Connie Detjen has been an active member of LATTICE for ten years. She began her teaching career in 1995 at Meridian High School Haslett, after having worked in the private sector for 18 years and, before that, state government. She brings to the Session Director position a passion for internationalizing the curriculum, and leadership skills developed as a professional and a volunteer.

LATTICE and the resulting connections have had a profound effect on her life and her teaching. She organized her students to do four book drives for African organizations, the most recent of which resulted in 5000 books being shipped to Botswanan community and school libraries, in partnership with the MSU chapter of Books for Africa. In 2002 she spent a semester with her family in Tianjin, China, where she volunteered in local schools. She is fluent in and teaches Spanish, in addition to social studies. She has traveled in Europe, Australia, Asia, and Latin America. She has worked on the LATTICE Zulu Basket Project, the Kenya quilt project, and has participated in the LATTICE book club. The Greater Lansing United Nations Association named her the 2007 recipient of the Loy LaSalle Award for Global Education.

For 3 years she has co-chaired the School Improvement Committee in her building and she currently serves as chair of the Social Studies Department. Connie and her family were named Ojibwa District Scouting Family of the Year in 2004, partly in recognition of her years of leadership of the Troop Committee in Boy Scout Troop 109.

Connie loves to be active outdoors and to make music with others. Her sons, Chris, age 22 and Brad, age 19, have flown the coop, sort of, so she and her husband, Jim, director of MSU's Knight Center of Environmental Journalism, are enjoying the opportunities afforded by the empty nest.

2. New PhDs in the LATTICE family

Congratulations to LATTICE International Graduate Students who have recently completed their PhDs.

Kamila Rosolova, Czech Republic
Wiline Pangle, France
Han Han Thi, Myanmar
Mary Ombonga, Kenya (see pdf file from May 11, The Lansing State Journal)

Note: If someone has been inadvertently omitted, please notify lattice@msu.edu

3. Spanish Teachers Needed!

We have a few spots still available for the 2008 Summer Institute for Teachers of Spanish (grades 6-12), June 16-10, 2008 at MSU-International Center. Cost is \$75 and includes materials. Co-directors are: Kristin Janka Millar and Dr. Rocio Quispe-Agnoli. For more information and registration form, visit: <http://www.educ.msu.edu/teachglobal/spanish.html>

4. Tuesday, May 20--7:30 p.m. – Kresge Art Museum:

Lecture: "Trade and Treasure: The Silk Road and Beyond." Virginia Bower, University of the Arts, Philadelphia. Bower is a well-known scholar of Chinese art and has been guest curator for numerous exhibits on Asian art around the country. 119 Psychology.

5. Saturday, May 31--10am-5pm--Be a Tourist in Your Own Town:

Discover (or rediscover) culture, creativity and all there is to see and do in Greater Lansing. Participants can visit more than 35 locations, including Potter Park Zoo, Impression 5 Science Center, as well as the Lansing Art Gallery, Lansing City Market, State Capitol, Capital Area District Library and more. MSU destinations include: Beal Botanical Gardens, Beaumont Tower, MSU Bug House, MSU Dairy Store, MSU Museum, Kresge Art Museum, Wharton Center for Performing Arts and MSU Children's Gardens. "Tourists" purchase a passport for \$1 (from Lansing or Meridian malls, AAA-Grand River Ave., CATA Transportation Center, or CVB in Old Town). Then they have access to the leisure, learning and tourist attractions all day long.

6. A new online game:

A new, online game developed by the Confucious Institute at MSU, teaches Chinese culture and language. Check it out at enterzon.com. Hear a podcast about it at <http://spartanpodcast.com/?p=412>

7. China and Myanmar Tragedies:

A Letter by Saad Qaisar to All LATTICE members.

Dear Fellow LATTICE Members,

I am saddened and grieved by loss of valuable human life as well as infrastructure in China and Myanmar.

In China, around 19,500 people are confirmed dead and around 40,000 are missing or still trapped after a 7.9 magnitude earthquake struck south-western China.

The quake, which is the most severe to hit China for three decades, occurred on Monday May 12 2008 at 14.28 local time (06.28 GMT) in Wenchuan county and was felt as far away as Beijing and Bangkok.

Thousands of people are still trapped under flattened buildings and rescuers are searching through the rubble with their bare hands as rescue operations are hampered by heavy rains and road blocks caused by fallen boulders and landslides.

In Myanmar, at around 3am on Saturday May 3 2008 Cyclone Nargis hit Myanmar (Burma), sending winds of up to 190 km per hour crashing through the country and leaving an estimated 78,000 people dead and around 56,000 missing. The death toll is still rising.

Tens of thousands of homes have been flattened, roads destroyed and power lines ripped down, and aid agencies are reporting that as many as 1.5 million people may be left without access to food, shelter or water in what is being described as the worst storm to hit Asia in 25 years.

The scale of devastation reminds me of Asian Tsunami & Pakistan earthquake in recent past.

In these hours of difficulty, I would request all LATTICE members to remember these communities in their prayers. I would also like to express my deep condolences to LATTICE members from these regions, and ensure that we all stand by them in sharing their grief. Further, I would request all friends to contribute generously by any physical means possible in the rescue and recovery phases and raise awareness regarding the incidents in their respective classes/groups.

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Saad B. Qaisar
LATTICE Member

8. Information on Myanmar Cyclone Disaster:

From Han Han Thi - a LATTICE Member.

Dear all,

First, I would like to offer my deep appreciation to all faculty and friends for your compassion, warm words, kind concern and generosity to my family and other survivors of the terrible cyclone in my country, Myanmar, on May 2, 2008.

Second, as many individuals ask about the trustworthy aid organizations through which we can channel any donations to reach the affected areas, I recommend the following links for online donation.

World Food Program

<http://www.wfp.org/english/>

UNICEF

<http://www.unicefusa.org>

Here are also some agencies that are working to provide emergency relief in Myanmar:

U.S.-based organizations

- International Rescue Committee

<http://www.theirc.org/news/irc-sends-team-myanmar0505.html>

- International Medical Corps

<http://imcworldwide.org/>

- Save the Children

<http://www.savethechildren.org/emergencies/asia/cyclone-nargis-myanmar-response.html>

- Other U.S.-based charities

<http://interaction.org/burma>

Global organizations

- CARE International

http://www.care.org/newsroom/articles/2008/05/20080505_myanmar_cyclone.asp?source=170760460000&channel=default

Third, for those who are asking about the donation through my family to people who really need aid in the worst hit areas via local organizations inside Burma (as you heard that the government makes delay in accepting some international aids), I will inform you as soon as I hear from my husband about this possibility.

Finally, as an update, I reached my family this morning for the third time since cyclone hit. I am happy to report that my family is safe at home and have access to drinking water and food.

Thanks again to all of you for your continued support. I know it's a long walk but I realize I'm not alone.

Sincerely,

Han Han

9. Ways to donate for China's earthquake relief:

From Li Kang - a LATTICE member.

Dear friends,

OISS suggested several ways to donate money for China's earthquake. I tried Redcross International. It took me around 2 or 3 minutes to finish the transaction. If you have a credit card, this is a very easy way to contribute. See the links below. Thanks. Li Kang.

We have received numerous requests asking about ways to help our people affected by this disaster. On behalf of Chinese Students & Scholars Association e-board, we would like to share the information we got. Either of the means of donation should work.

1. Redcross China: <http://www.redcross.org.cn> Click "online donate" will navigate you to an online payment, they accept domestic credit/debit card or international credit/debit card. However, it has been confirmed that due to large flow of visitors, it's very difficult to get on that site. You may use the direct donation link <http://202.108.59.10/wsyz/wsyz.asp> <<http://202.108.59.10/wsyz/wsyz.asp>> avoid loading the front page of redcross.

2. Redcross Hong Kong:
https://www.redcross.org.hk/donation/user_donation.asp?langId=2
<https://www.redcross.org.hk/donation/user_donation.asp?langId=2> accepts international/domestic credit/debit card

3. Redcross International: <http://donate.ifrc.org/accepts> international credit/debit card. Please choose "China earthquake" in the below form.

4. World Vision Hong Kong (Xuan Ming Hui, Christian charity group):
<https://www.worldvision.org.hk/donation/i-donation.asp?type=otherdonation&ID=162&lang=c>
<<https://www.worldvision.org.hk/donation/i-donation.asp?type=otherdonation&ID=162&lang=c>> accept international credit/debit card

5. Amity Foundation, China (Ai-De, Christian Charity group):
**<http://amityfoundation.org.cn/donation/donation1.aspx?pid=0020>
<<http://amityfoundation.org.cn/donation/donation1.aspx?pid=0020>> accepts domestic credit/debit card**

6. One Foundation (by Jet Li):
http://www.one-foundation.com/html/cn/beneficence_01.htm
<http://www.one-foundation.com/html/cn/beneficence_01.htm> accepts domestic credit/debit card and paypal. you can also donate through Taobao.com:
<http://www.taobao.com/onefound/1jjjin.php>
<<http://www.taobao.com/onefound/1jjjin.php>>

7. Oxfam Hong Kong (Le-shi-hui, international NGO):
https://www.oxfam.org.hk/public/donate/donate?donate_id=45
<https://www.oxfam.org.hk/public/donate/donate?donate_id=45>accept
international credit/debit card

8. Tzu-Chi Taiwan (Ci-Ji, Buddhist charity group):
<http://big52gb.tzuchi.net:1980/han3/2/1/1/0/0/0/0/0/www2.tzuchi.org.tw/donate/html/04.htm>
<<http://big52gb.tzuchi.net:1980/han3/2/1/1/0/0/0/0/0/www2.tzuchi.org.tw/donate/html/04.htm>>accept international/taiwan credit/debit card

These various organizations including NGO, charity group, religious group, private foundation, are all dedicated to disaster relief and rescue and have been working in China for a while. They are trustworthy and reputable.

By this time we were not able to figure out how to directly donate clothes and other living commodity to China. We would send out new notice as soon as we get new information. Thanks for all the inquiries and concern .

We call for your continues support and please step out helping our people. Our hearts go to all the family suffering from the disaster.

Hao Wen
Chinese Student & Scholar Association
Michigan State University

Here is another link with more than ten organizations that arrange donations to China.

<http://www.networkforgood.org/topics/international/earthquake/china080512.aspx?source=YAHOO&cmpgn=NEWS>

"THANKS FOR READING ALL THE WAY TO THE END"

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Best wishes,
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