



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

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1. The First LATTICE Session – October 2

Welcome back LATTICE members. We hope you had a great summer! Our first LATTICE session for this academic year is from noon –4:30 pm on Thursday, October 2, 2008. The topic is, “What can we learn from international perspectives on the US election?” Please arrive at noon in order to visit before the program begins at 12:30. We will meet at the Spartan Village Community Center (SVCC)– Multipurpose Room.

It’s very easy to find the Spartan Village Community Center. From the corner of Mount Hope Road and Harrison Avenue, go north on Harrison. Take the first left (Crescent). Pass the Spartan Child Development Center on the left; immediately after, turn left on Middlevale. The Spartan Village Community Center is on your left, 1460 Middlevale Road. Park in the front or at any of the surrounding residential buildings, with the pass that LATTICE will provide (see below).

Map at <http://maps.msu.edu/interactive/index.php?location=XNVB> . Enter the building at the “Housing Assignments Office” sign, and follow the signs to the LATTICE meeting.

Limited parking space for visitors is available at the Spartan Village Community Center. Please email [lattice@msu.edu](mailto:lattice@msu.edu) by 5pm on Friday, September 19 if you need a parking pass, and tell us where to mail it. It will not cost you anything.

We look forward to seeing you there!

2. 2008–09 LATTICE Monthly Session Dates

Please mark your calendar.

October 2, 2008 – we meet at the SVCC on MSU campus

November 20, 2008

December 5, 2008 – LATTICE International Film Night,

MSU International Center Library, 6 p.m.

January 8, 2009

February 26, 2009 – we meet at MSU Museum

March 19, 2009

April 23, 2009

May 7, 2009

Unless otherwise noted, LATTICE monthly sessions are held on Thursdays from noon – 4:30 pm in the Viking Room at Haslett High School

### 3. LATTICE Membership for 2008–09

We are in the process of updating the list for 2008–09 LATTICE membership. If you plan to participate in the 2008–09 LATTICE monthly sessions, please send us the following updates by 5 pm on Friday, September 19, 2008.

Last Name:

First Name:

Country:

Office (For MSU Staff):

Academic Program (For MSU student):

School/Community (for non–MSU member):

Home Phone:

Work Phone:

Email Address:

Mailing Address:

City & Zip Code:

Other Information:

Thank you.

### 4. LATTICE Year Theme – “The Economy in a Global Context”

The theme for LATTICE sessions for the 2008–09 year is "The Economy in a Global Context." Today, throughout the world, "The Economy" is a core issue. During the coming year, at LATTICE sessions we will have the opportunity to explore this subject in depth by participating in programs with experts in the field, and to get an international perspective on it by discussing the issues with LATTICE members from around the world.

We hope you bring a potential LATTICE member or a school administrator to the first LATTICE session of the year on October 2. If you plan to bring a guest or two, please email [lattice@msu.edu](mailto:lattice@msu.edu) by 5pm on Friday, September 19.

5. A Scheduling Question – January session

MSU's spring term begins January 12, 2009, and we realize that some students, faculty, and staff might be away until then.

So, by September 19, please email us at [lattice@msu.edu](mailto:lattice@msu.edu) and let us know if you would not attend if we held the January LATTICE session on January 8, 2009, as originally scheduled. We would consider changing of the January session if too many of you will be away. Thank you!

6. Support for Nomalanga Grootboom

Deepest condolences to LATTICE member Nomalanga Grootboom, whose mother passed away recently. Nomalanga, a PhD student in K-12 Education, is conducting research in her home (South Africa) on race relations in secondary schools. Her email address is: [grootboo@msu.edu](mailto:grootboo@msu.edu).

7. 2008 Global Education Teacher and Student Awards – due Oct. 13

Each year the Greater Lansing United Nations Association (GLUNA) sponsors awards for outstanding contributions to Global Education and International Understanding. The Loy La Salle Award is given to an outstanding teacher (K-12 all levels), and the Craig B. Stuttmann Award is given to an outstanding high school student.

Both prestigious awards carry \$250.00 cash stipends, certificates, and traveling plaques to be displayed in the school of each recipient for one year. Schools throughout the Tri-County area are encouraged to submit nominations, but there is a limit of one teacher and one student award per school.

Nominations must be submitted no later than Monday, October 13, 2008.

Winners will be contacted by Monday, October 20, 2008, and the awards will be presented at the GLUNA United Nations Day Annual Awards Dinner and Program, Sunday, October 26, 2008.

Please assist this effort to select and honor the students and teachers who have helped create within their communities a global spirit and a sense of an international perspective.

Award criteria and nomination forms are being mailed to Tri-County high school principals, or contact Lyndon Babcock, GLUNA Education Committee, lyndonrb@comcast.net, 517-455-7532.

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8. Educators workshop at the MSU Museum – September 25

The MSU Museum is hosting a free educators workshop related to an upcoming exhibition at the MSU Museum, "Our Journeys/Our Stories: Portraits of Latino Achievement." This workshop is scheduled for September 25th.

There are still openings for this workshop which will be led by Evelyn Figueraro of the Smithsonian Institute with a complementary session led by Ana Cardona , MDE Arts Education Consultant ,and Karen Todorov, MDE Social Studies Consultant.

In addition to the workshop, attendees will get preference for a competitive grant to fund transportation to the exhibit for their students.

For details and attachments, please contact:

Judy Smyth <smythjud@msu.edu>  
Education Program Manager  
MSU Museum  
517-432-1472

9. 25th Annual Educational Technology Conference – September 27

Registration for the 25th annual MSU College of Education Technology Conference is now open. It will be held on Saturday, September 27th, 2008 at Erickson Hall on the MSU Campus. Information and online registration are now available at the following URL:

<http://ott.educ.msu.edu/ctt/techconf/>

Marilyn Western, the 2008 MACUL Technology Teacher of the Year, will give this year's featured presentation.

This is an opportunity to meet with colleagues and teachers to share ideas about technology in the classroom. The cost is \$7 for the morning session and \$9 for the afternoon session for MSU students, interns and alumni association members. For all others, the cost is \$21 for the morning session and \$25 for the afternoon session. MSU alumni may renew Alumni Association membership at <http://www.msualum.com>.

10. CREES Teachers' Professional Development Workshop – Nov. 1

Sat, November 1 (9 am–3 pm)

CREES Teachers' Professional Development Workshop. "Russia and Its Place in World History." Looking at Russia through a global lens for teaching world history. Sponsored by the Center for Russian and East European Studies. Reservation required.

For more information, contact  
<[crees.outreach@umich.edu](mailto:crees.outreach@umich.edu)>.  
Washtenaw Intermediate School District,  
1819 S. Wagner.

Presenters:

Bob Bain (Chair, Social Studies Work Group, Michigan Department of Education; Associate Professor of History and social science education, University of Michigan) "How to Use Today's Workshop Information in my Classroom: Musings from a World History Teacher"

Michael Kennedy (Professor of Sociology, Weiser Professor of European and Eurasian Studies, Director, Weiser Center for Europe and Eurasia and Weiser Center for Emerging Democracies, the University of Michigan) "The Meanings of Energy in the Middle East and Eurasia for Europe and America" (primarily oil, with an emphasis on Russia).

Valerie Kivelson (Arthur F Thurnau Professor and Professor of History, the University of Michigan), Russian arts and cultural motifs

Judith Kullberg (Associate Professor of Political Science, Eastern Michigan University) the development of Russian political institutions with comparisons to other countries

11. LATTICE Book Club News

The LATTICE Book Club is run by the Ingham Intermediate School District. Facilitators are Amy Kilbridge, Ingham ISD English language arts consultant and Mary Hennessey, East Lansing Public Library librarian.

Sessions are held on Thursdays at the East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Rd., East Lansing , from 4:15– 6:00 pm. Members purchase their own books (available at a discount from Everybody Reads and Schuler Books). Books are also available at local libraries and through MEL.(ask your librarian for details)

Participants register for the entire school year.

Cost: \$75

Credit: 1.0 SB-CEU, pending MDE approval

Contact: Debbie Kirchen, 517.244.1251 or [dkirchen@inghamisd.org](mailto:dkirchen@inghamisd.org)

International graduate students who are LATTICE members can have the registration fee waived and there will be no charge for any LATTICE member who would like to attend one or two sessions

September 11– "They Poured Fire on Us From the Sky" This is the One Book/One Community book for East Lansing and MSU. You can find out about the author's visits and other events here:

<http://www.onebook.msu.edu/events.html>

We will be pairing this with the children's book "Home of the Brave" by Katherine Applegate

October 9 – "Three Cups of Tea" by Greg Mortenson. We will be pairing this with children's books by Rukhsana Khan. She has written the following picture books:

Roses in My Carpet, Ruler of the Courtyard and Silly Chicken.

November 13 The Dewbreaker by Edwidge Danticat. We will be pairing this with her book for a younger audience: Behind the Mountains by Edwidge Danticat.

December – no meeting

January 15 Books on Mali – to be announced

February 19 – Still Life With Rice by Helie Lee

March 12 to be announced

April 16 to be announced.

## 12. Asian Studies Center – September Events

11 September:

Film Showing: Lust/Caution (Se Jie)(Ang Lee, 2007)

Part of the fall film series “On the Edge: Contemporary Chinese Cinema”

7 P.M, B104 Wells Hall

An espionage thriller set in WWII-era Shanghai, in which a young woman, Wang Jiazhi, gets swept up in a dangerous game of emotional intrigue with a powerful political figure, Mr. Yee. Directed by Oscar-award winner Ang Lee, and based on the story by Eileen (Ailing) Chang.

18 September:

Film Showing: The Platform (Zhantai) (Zhangke Jia, 2001)

Part of the fall film series “On the Edge: Contemporary Chinese Cinema”

7 P.M, B104 Wells Hall

The masterpiece of the New Chinese Cinema, Jia Zhang-ke's monumental Platform spans the turbulent 1980s by following four performers in the state-run Peasant Culture Group. Based in the remote western province of Shanxi, these "art workers" praise the late Chairman Mao with approved revolutionary classics. When Deng Xiao-ping institutes an "open door" cultural policy and China begins to move toward Western-influenced consumer capitalism, the newly privatized group explores rock-n-roll... until dreams are deferred.

21 September:

Japan Picnic Sponsored by the Japan Council

1:00 P.M. to 4:30 P.M., MSU Horticultural Gardens Clarence Arboretum

A celebration of Japanese culture, join us for free food, musical performances, martial arts demonstrations, crafts and games. Family-friendly with special kid-centered events.

23 September:

Colloquium Presentation by Lisa Yoneyama

Dept of Literature, University of California at San Diego

“Memories in Ruins: Hiroshima's Nuclear Annihilation and Beyond”

4 P.M., International Center 303



24 September:

Film Showing: Train Man (Densya Otoko) Part of the Japanese Film Series  
7:00 P.M., N101 North Kedzie Hall

One of the most popular series in Japan, Train Man is the story of a lucky otaku (computer geek): he encounters a pretty young woman on a commuter train and saves her from a lecherous molester, falling in love with her at first sight. A few days later he receives a thank-you message from the woman along with a set of designer teacups. Having never had a girlfriend or received a gift from a girl in his life, he seeks out his pals on his website for advice using his codename Train\_Man. Can he find all of the answers – and capture his true love – through the internet?

25 September:

Special Presentation – Consul General of Japan in Detroit  
The Honorable Tamotsu Shinotsuka "Japan's Policies on Climate Change"  
5:00 P.M., International Center 303–305

26 September:

Full-day CONFERENCE  
Celebrations Challenged? Transformations to Japanese Local Culture and Traditions Sponsored by the Japan Business Society of Detroit (JBSD)  
9 A.M. to 5 P.M., International Center Rooms 302, 303, and Library

27 September:

Midwest Japan Seminar at MSU Sponsored by the Japan Foundation  
1 P.M. to 5 P.M., Kellogg Center

29 September:

Gallin Lecture in Asian Anthropology  
Dr. Veena Das, Professor of Anthropology, Johns Hopkins University  
4:00 P.M., International Center 303

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Best wishes,  
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