



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

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TO: ALL LATTICE members and friends,

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1. First LATTICE meeting, October 2

The first LATTICE Session of 2008–09 is noon – 4:30 p.m.
October 2, at the Spartan Village Community Center on the MSU Campus.

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.

Topic for the October 2 Session: “What can we learn from international perspectives on the U. S. Election?” presented by a panel of international scholars.

You are welcome to bring food for the food break. You are also invited to bring a friend who is a teacher. That person will thank you!

Please email lattice@msu.edu if you plan to bring guests to the first LATTICE session.

NOTE: The deadline for requesting a free parking pass has been extended to 5pm on Wednesday, September 24. Email lattice@msu.edu and let us know where we should mail it.

2. Calendar of LATTICE Sessions 2008–09

Theme for the year: "The Economy in a Global Perspective"

October 2, 2008 "What can we learn from Internationals' Perspectives on the U. S. Election?"

November 20, 2008 "Overview of International Economic Issues"

December 5, 2008 – LATTICE International Film Night, MSU International Center Library, 6 p.m.

January 8, 2009 – Topic To be announced

February 26, 2009 – "Weaving Across the World: International Economics of Trade" – we meet at MSU Museum

March 19, 2009 – Topic To be announced

April 23, 2009 – Topic to be announced

May 7, 2009 – Topic to be announced

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

LATTICE session dates for 2008–2009 are also available online:
<http://latticeworld.org/?q=sessions>

3. Eddie Daniels visits MSU (9/29–10/3)

The African Studies Center and MSU Department of History is very pleased to announce the up-coming visit to MSU of Eddie Daniels. As Eddie's many friends in the area know, he was a political prisoner for 15 years on Robben Island where he shared the same cell block as Nelson Mandela, Walter Sisula, Govan Mbeki, among others. A number of years ago Eddie wrote a memoir, *There and Back*, that focuses on his involvement in the anti-Apartheid struggle as well as on his 15 years in prison.

Eddie, who will turn 80 during his time in East Lansing, is an incredible human being. In the past five years Eddie has graciously accompanied many MSU student and faculty groups on personalized tours of Robben Island.

Everyone who has been privileged to be part of these tours have been deeply touched by their time with Eddie. For example a few years ago three hours with us. At the end of the day when Eddie was saying his good-byes, one of my students came up to Eddie with tears in her eyes--to paraphrase--"/Mr. Daniels, when I was growing up my parents and teachers often told me that I should have heroes, but I never paid much attention to this advice, I didn't think that it was important. I want to tell you that today I understand why, and you are my hero!"/

This is Eddie's third visit to our area. In each of his previous visits he has visited area schools. In some schools he his presentation was to single classes, in other schools he has spoken in larger assemblies. He is

happy to speak to any size school group. There is no charge for his presentation.

He would, however, like the opportunity to sell his book which he will personally sign. (I think that the books are about \$15)

He is available to speak during regular school hours anytime during the week of September 29th (i.e. 9/29–10/3) except for Thursday afternoon (I plan to bring him to LATTICE) and Friday afternoon.

If you are interested in exploring the possibility of Eddie visiting your school/class, please contact me directly either by phone (517-884-2155) or e-mail, <metzler@msu.edu>

I strongly encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity. I look forward to hearing from you. John Metzler.

4. Ramadan photos from around the world

As we draw nearer to end of Ramadan, a pictorial showing people all around the world observing the Holy Month:

http://www.boston.com/bigpicture/2008/09/observing_ramadan.html

5. New MSU Center for the Support of Language Teaching

MSU's newly established Center for the Support of Language Teaching offers a variety of opportunities for children, families, and language teachers to be exposed to different languages and cultures.

This semester, the Center offers German language classes for children (<https://www.msu.edu/user/grmreach/gfk.html>), Spanish language classes for children (<http://languagesupport.msu.edu/>), an immersion workshop for teachers of German (<https://www.msu.edu/user/grmreach/teachers.html>), and German culture events for families (<https://www.msu.edu/user/grmreach/culture.html>).

Outreach activities at area schools include Chinese, German, and Russian, additional languages will be added in the future. For more information, contact Angelika Kraemer (grmreach@msu.edu).

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6. Indonesian Cultural Night – October 25

Indonesian Students Association presents a taste of Indonesia's authentic food and cultural performances!

When: Saturday, October 25 (5:00–7:00 pm)

Where: Hannah Community Center (Banquet Hall)
819 Abbot Road, East Lansing, MI 48823

Tickets: \$7 (available at the first LATTICE session on October 2)
(\$10 at the door)

For event details or event poster, please email LATTICE member Dwi Agus <dwiagus@msu.edu>

7. "The Global Script of Indigenous Identities" October 30–31

Symposium "The Global Script of Indigenous Identities: Local Literacies, Oral Languages and the Written Word" October 30–31st in the MSU Union, Gold Room B

Nine speakers from different disciplines (English, Art History, History, Anthropology, Linguistics, Hispanic Studies) will discuss the impact of globalization on indigenous communities of North, Central and South America.

More information and registration (free):
http://www.cisah.msu.edu/cisah_new/globalscript.html

You are also invited to a reception and film screening led by Dylan Miner (RCAH) at the MSU Library Thursday, October 30 at 6:00 pm

Symposium organizers: Mindy Morgan, Eduardo Guizar and Rocio Quispe-Agnoli

8. International Day of Peace Reflections

International Day of Peace Reflections from LATTICE colleague, Steve Sharra. Sunday, September 21, 2008

Peace Studies and 'Africa': International Day of Peace Reflections

When I stumbled upon peace studies as an academic discipline in 2003, I saw the myriad questions I had developed over a life time, some of which I was unaware of, begin to gel into an intelligible, coherent pursuit. I wondered why it had taken me five years into graduate school to learn of the existence of peace studies as a discipline. And had it not been for a dissertation research fellowship, I can not tell whether I would have become acquainted with the discipline, and gone ahead to adopt it as an intellectual and activist framework.

What seemed even more peculiar was that it felt so natural and intuitive; I realized I had been using it all along, only I hadn't called it peace studies. Five years later, I have come to regard it as indispensable for the way I understand the world and our attempts towards solutions to its intractable problems. The tell-tale moment came in 2004, during field work in Malawi, when it occurred to me that it was what uMunthu/uBuntu demanded of us as human beings. I had set out on a sojourn to the global North, in search of truth, and had returned home at the height of that search, only to find that the object of my searching had been lying in plain sight all along.

On this day, September 21, International Day of Peace, I would like to reflect on how the discipline of peace and justice studies brings together a host of multidisciplinary approaches to understanding Africa, Pan-Africans, and their place in the work of promoting global peace.

<http://mlauzi.blogspot.com/2008/09/peace-studies-and-africa-international.html>

9. A new website to motivate your college-going students

The site was designed by students for students and features first-person accounts of students who overcame challenges to going to college such as peer pressure, lack of family support, and financial barriers. It

provides relevant, comprehensive information about why to go, how to go, and how to pay for college of other postsecondary education programs. Young people who may not have considered higher education a viable option will be engaged, informed, and inspired to create their own roadmap to college.

To learn more about this new site, visit

<http://www.college.gov>

10. The Goldman Sachs – Excellence in International Education

The Goldman Sachs Foundation and Asia Society are seeking applications for the 2008 Goldman Sachs Foundation Prizes for Excellence in International Education. The prize program was created in 2003 to raise awareness of the growing importance of international knowledge and skills for U.S. students and annually awards prizes totaling \$150,000 in five different categories.

Applications for the elementary/middle school, high school, and district/state prizes are due Monday, December 1st, 2008. For more information and to access the online application, please visit <http://asiasociety.org/gsfprizes>.

The 2008 Prizes will be awarded in the following categories:

Elementary/Middle School (\$25,000) An elementary or middle school that engages all or most of its students in learning about other world

regions, cultures and languages. High School (\$25,000) A secondary school that engages all or most of its students in learning about Asia, Africa, Latin America or the Middle East, or about international affairs through its curriculum and through partnerships with other countries or local organizations.

District/State (\$25,000) A state or one of the 100 largest school districts that is actively promoting the development of international knowledge and skills on a wide scale through the creation of robust policies and specific programming initiatives.

11. Stories depicted in scrolls – Patua Communities of West Bengal

<http://learningobjects.wesleyan.edu/naya/>

Words from LATTICE members:

This is just fascinating! Sally McClintock

Pretty neat multi-media project! Guven Witteveen

12. LATTICE Book Club News

Sessions are held on Thursdays at the East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Rd., East Lansing , from 4:15- 6:00 pm.

LATTICE Bookclub Dates for 2008-2009

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:

Sundiata: Lion King of Mali by David Wisniewski and Monique and the Mango Rains: Two Years with a Midwife in Mali. by Kris Holloway

February 19 - Still Life With Rice by Helie Lee

March 12 to be announced

April 16 to be announced.

For questions, please email Book Club Coordinators:

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Thanks for reading all the way to the end!

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