



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

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1. Next LATTICE Session, November 20

Please mark your calendar for the next LATTICE session to be held on Thursday, November 20, from 12:00–4:30 PM. We will meet in the Viking Room of Haslett High School, 5450 Marsh Rd, Haslett, MI 48840.

Topic: Overview of International Economic Issues.

If you need a ride from the MSU campus to Haslett High School for the next LATTICE session, please e-mail [lattice@msu.edu](mailto:lattice@msu.edu)

You can also catch CATA bus Route 22 from MSU to Haslett High School. The bus leaves the SHAW & FARM boarding area at 11.20 am.

2. Previous LATTICE Session on October 2

View photos and some of the feedback from the session on the LATTICE website, <http://latticeworld.org/files/8/October%20,%202008.pdf>

The introduction to the LATTICE 2008–2009 Theme “The Economy in a Global Perspective” was presented by Chris Smith from Okemos High school. Mr. Smith's one page slide of the "suit" example to convey the nature of globalization is available on the LATTICE web:

<http://latticeworld.org/files/8/World%20Economy.ppt>

Please choose "Open" file then click 12 times to see the complete presentation.

4. Attention MSU International students and scholars,

we need your feedback: MSU's winter term begins January 12, 2009. We need to know whether you would attend the January LATTICE session as currently scheduled on January 8, 2009. Please let us know "yes" to Jan. 8 or "no" to Jan. 8 by emailing [lattice@msu.edu](mailto:lattice@msu.edu) by October 15.

5. Thanksgiving in the U. S. is November 27 this year.

If you are an international LATTICE member who would appreciate an invitation to experience an American Thanksgiving, please email us at [lattice@msu.edu](mailto:lattice@msu.edu) and let us know:

a. how many people in your family would like to come and

b. whether your family has any restrictions on foods (such as allergies or being vegetarian) or allergies to pets, etc. If you are an American in LATTICE who would welcome international LATTICE members and their families to join you at Thanksgiving, please email us at [lattice@msu.edu](mailto:lattice@msu.edu) and let us know how many guests you could accommodate and whether you have pets (if so, what kind).

While we do not know how the supply of spaces at Thanksgiving tables will compare to the demand, we will attempt to make matches so that LATTICE members may share this most American of holidays.

6. LATTICE web updates

The following links are now available on the LATTICE web.

MDE Grade Level Content Expectations (GLCE's)

[http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,1607,7-140-28753\\_33232---,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,1607,7-140-28753_33232---,00.html)

MDE High School Content Expectations (HSCE's)

<http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,1607,7-140-38924---,00.html>

7. "Waging War, Making Peace: Reparation and Human Rights" – Oct 15

WHEN: Wednesday, October 15, 2008 (7:00 pm)

WHERE: Room 303 International Center

The College of Social Science, Department of Anthropology, Center for Gender in Global Context, Center for Advanced Study of International Development, Peace and Justice Studies, and Department of Philosophy present:

"Waging War, Making Peace: Reparation and Human Rights"

Dr. Barbara Rose Johnston  
Senior Research Fellow, Center for Political Ecology  
Adjunct Professor, Department of Anthropology, MSU

Please visit: [www.gencen.msu.edu/documents/Johnston\\_Flyer.pdf](http://www.gencen.msu.edu/documents/Johnston_Flyer.pdf)

8. Smithsonian Exhibit at the MSU Museum, Oct 16

WHEN: Thursday, OCT 16, 2008 9:00–11:00 P.M.

Free Music, Food, Exhibit Tours!

- Come and enjoy with Grupo Cristo Rey traditional Mexican music and late night refreshments!
- Walk through this spectacular exhibit\*

\*"Our Journeys/Our Stories: Portraits of Latino Achievement" presents an illustrated anthology of inspirational stories that celebrate Latino achievement in the United States. This Smithsonian traveling exhibition includes personal stories, photos, oral histories and dichos, or traditional sayings.

Our Journeys/Our Stories: Portraits of Latino Achievement culminates its 5-year national tour with its presentation at the MSU Museum, Michigan's first Smithsonian Institution affiliate. Check out the exhibit now through Jan. 4, 2009. The exhibition, its national tour and related programs are made possible by Ford Motor Company Fund.

For more information contact the MSU Museum West Circle Drive  
East Lansing, MI 48824 (across from the MSU Library)

Phone: (517) 355-2370

Fax: (517) 432-2846

[www.museum.msu.edu](http://www.museum.msu.edu)

9. International Book Club at the East Lansing Public Library, Oct 21

LATTICE members Marianne Forman, Pam Moore, and Nancy Lubeski, will be sharing their experiences teaching in China this summer at the International Book Club at the East Lansing Public Library on Tuesday October 21 at 7:00 at 950 Abbot Rd. E. Lansing.

The International Book Club, started by Mary Hennessey, was inspired by the LATTICE Book Club, and is open to the general public. On Oct. 21 we will be discussing the book *River Town: Two Years on the Yangtze* by Peter Hessler. The author talks about his experiences teaching English while in the Peace Corps in a small village on the Yangtze River. All are welcome to this free program.

If you have questions, or for more information, contact Mary Hennessey at <maryhenn@sbcglobal.net>

#### 10. Book Sale at the East Lansing Public Library, Oct. 25 & 26

The Friends of the East Lansing Public Library will be hosting a HUGE book sale on Oct. 25 and Oct. 26 in the meeting room at the Library, 950 Abbot Rd., East Lansing.

Hardcover books will be \$1.00, paperbacks will be \$.50 and children's books will be \$.25. Sunday is "bag day" – \$3.00 per plastic grocery bag.

Hours are Sat Oct. 25, 10am – 5pm (you can come early at 9 am for a \$2.00 early entry fee, or current Friends membership) and Sunday Oct. 26 from 1:00 – 3:00 pm.

For questions, please email Mary Hennessey <maryhenn@sbcglobal.net>

#### 11. Latin America–related October events

More information can be found at the Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, Michigan State University, <http://www.isp.msu.edu/clacs>

October 16

"Transatlantic Arias: Early Opera in Spain and the New World"  
Lecture by Chad M. Gasta, Associate Professor of Hispanic Studies & Director, Languages & Cultures for Professions Director, Western European Studies Program Iowa State University and MSU Alumnus Sponsored by the Residential College of Arts and Humanities  
7:40–9 pm, RCAH Theater C020 Snyder Hall

October 22

CLACS "Charla" Seminar Series  
"Environmental Impacts of Out–migration from Michoacan State, Mexico"  
Dr. Gerardo Bocco, Director, Institute of Environmental Geography, UNAM, Morelia, Mexico  
3:00 pm in room 305 International Center, MSU

October 29

CLACS "Charla" Seminar Series

"The Strange Business of Memory: Relic Forgery in Latin America"

Dr. Paul Gillingham, Dept. of History, University of North Carolina,  
Wilmington

3:00 pm in room 204 International Center, MSU

October 30–31

Conference "The Global Script of Indigenous Identities: Local  
Literacies, Oral Languages, and the Written Word"

MSU Union, Gold Room B, MSU

Website: [www.cisah.msu.edu/cisah\\_new/globalscript.html](http://www.cisah.msu.edu/cisah_new/globalscript.html)

12. Mini Grants for Michigan Teachers – due Nov. 21

Applications Available to Michigan Teachers for DTE Energy  
Foundation Mini Grants for Educators

Deadline: November 21, 2008

The DTE Energy Foundation ( <http://dteenergy.com/community/> ),  
a philanthropic vehicle of DTE Energy ( <http://dteenergy.com/> ),  
is accepting applications from Michigan teachers for its Energy  
& Our World Mini Grants for Educators program.

K–12 teachers in public, non–public, and charter schools within  
DTE Energy's service territory may apply for a grant. Recipients  
will be selected by a panel of education personnel, who will look  
for the best interdisciplinary projects that incorporate problem–  
solving, decision–making, and critical thinking skills. Grants  
typically range from \$50 to \$250 each, but some proposals may be  
funded for more.

For more information and to apply for a mini–grant, visit the DTE  
Energy Web site.

RFP Link: <http://www.dteenergy.com/minigrants>

For additional RFPs in Education, visit:

[http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/cat\\_education.jhtml](http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/cat_education.jhtml)

13. National Middle School Sustainability Challenge

## Students Invited to Create "Green Solutions" in National Middle School Sustainability Challenge

Deadline: March 15, 2009

Middle school students across the United States are invited to submit their solutions to environmental problems in their communities for the Siemens We Can Change the World Challenge, a national sustainability education initiative.

The Siemens Foundation ( <http://www.siemens-foundation.org/en/> ), Discovery Education ( <http://www.discoveryeducation.com/> ), and the National Science Teachers Association ( <http://nsta.org/> ) have partnered for this initiative to educate, empower, and engage students, teachers, and communities to become "agents of change" in improving their community.

Student teams from sixth through eighth grade, under the mentorship of a teacher or adult supervisor, can register for the Siemens We Can Change the World Challenge ( <http://wecanchange.com/> ). Teams of two to three students will identify an environmental issue in their community, research the issue using scientific investigation, and create a replicable green solution using Web-based curriculum tools. The mentors of the first hundred teams to register and complete a project for challenge will receive a Planet Earth series DVD set.

A total of fifty-one teams representing each state and the District of Columbia will be selected as state finalists and an additional fifty teams will be eligible for honorable mention awards. Three of the state finalist teams will be selected as national finalists, and one of those will be named the grand prize-winner. All student teams entering the challenge will receive prizes for their participation; top-performing teams will earn cash, teacher education materials, and "Discovery Experience" trips. The grand prize winning team will receive a comprehensive prize package, which includes an appearance on Planet Green, Discovery's eco-lifestyle network, and a Discovery Adventure Trip.

See the We Can Change the World Challenge Web site for complete competition information and program resources. The initiative

will expand to elementary schools in 2009 and to high schools in 2010.

RFP Link: <http://www.wecanchange.com/>

For additional RFPs in Education, visit:

[http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/cat\\_education.jhtml](http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/cat_education.jhtml)

#### 14. Water Education for Teachers (WET)

From Nancy R. Crocker, A Friend of LATTICE

See <http://cals.arizona.edu/arizonawet/>.

"WET" stands for Water Education for Teachers. Project WET is a national and international organization dedicated to helping teachers bring excellent and effective water education to their students. As an organization with similar goals and interests, Project WET has decided to help Blue Planet Run promote their 30-mile challenge to raise funds to bring clean water to students in Tanzania.

Given the nature of LATTICE, I thought some LATTICE members might be interested in donating. So far this month, I have walked one mile and run four miles! Two other people in my office are cycling 30 miles. LATTICE members may want to simply donate or to join our Team and run, walk or cycle 30 miles, too, or create opportunities for their students to form teams. Project WET carefully checked out Blue Planet Run and believe they are a thoughtful, ethical and effective organization.

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#### 15. UNITED NATIONS DAY 2008

63rd Anniversary of the Founding of the UN Annual Global Education Awards Dinner & Program  
UN Millennium Development Goal 7 Presentation:



“Ensuring Environmental Sustainability in Greater Lansing”

Taylor Heins  
Director, Lansing Go Green Initiative  
Sunday, October 26, 2008 (5:30 p.m.)  
EAST LANSING HANNAH COMMUNITY CENTER  
819 Abbot Road

Dinner tickets/reservations \$25/person  
Rsvp by October 20 by phone 517- 349-1845 OR by email to TREASURER,  
Lee McAllister – harborc@provide.net

16. Message from a LATTICE member abroad

Anne Schneller requests that we share this message that she received from Loucia Constantinou from Cyprus, LATTICE member, who was a student at the same time as Robert Chimedza, who recently passed away. Her comments on the supportive environment at MSU are very meaningful.

Dear Anne,

I wanted to thank you for sending out a message to the list, informing us of Robert Chimedza’s unexpected death.

The news is shocking and it is a great loss. I have already emailed his friend Kedmon, who emailed me right back. Robert's voice is still in my mind. Every time he saw me coming from the other end of the hall, he would open up his arms and shout "my sister, my sister!". I know that he was as warm with everybody. He will be missed greatly.

That brought to my mind my experience from MSU and everything that had followed it. Nowhere else in the world can someone study with people from so many different countries. I remember our potlucks, our international festivals, our celebrating each other's happy times, our sharing each other's sadnesses and losses. Even when people leave, they stay connected. And maybe this is an aspect of the US higher education curriculum that needs to be highlighted more and brought to the surface.

I will always remember and think of Robert Chimedza.

Thanks, again, for sending out the kind words about him.

Loucia

Thanks for reading all the way to the end!

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