



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. Next LATTICE Session, November 20

We look forward to seeing you at 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" presented by Carl Liedholm, Ph. D., winner of numerous awards for excellence in teaching at MSU.

Also, an opportunity to exchange ideas with LATTICE members from around the world, and to participate in the best international potluck in the area!

2. African Culture Week – Nov. 18–22

<http://africa.msu.edu/tuesdaybulletin.php?date=2008-11-18>

African Culture Week at MSU. What is Cultural week: 4 days of fun-filled educational activities that build up to the GALA.

Tuesday, November 18th

Real Africa/ War and Economic Exploitation
Venue: International Center: Spartan Room B
Time: 6.30pm–7.30pm.

Wednesday, November 19th

Debate: "External Influence: the only hope for Africa's Economic Development?"
Venue: McDonel Hall Kiva. -- 7.30pm – 9pm

Thursday, November 20th

Movie Night: "Cry Freedom"
Venue: Conrad Hall Rm 102 – 7pm – 9 pm

Friday, November 21th

African Entertainment night: dance lessons, crafts, games
Venue: International Center --9pm

Saturday, November 22th: Gala Night "AFROGANZA: 'BRIDGING THE GAP'
What: A Theater production in celebration of African Culture
Dances, Skits, Fashion Show, Poetry, Music, Food etc♦
Show Time: 5.30pm–8.00pm

Taste of Africa Reception: 8.30– 10pm
Venue: MacDonald Middle School: 1601 Burcham Dr
East Lansing, MI 48823
Students: Free with MSU ID; \$5 Non MSU Student ID
General Admission: \$10 ; Dinner: \$8 Dinner + Show: \$13.
Contact: Baba Koumare (517–303–6205)–koumarea@msu.edu)
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Or Visit---> www.msu.edu/~asu

3. Dinka Story Time – Nov. 23

The East Lansing Public Library will host a special bilingual story time program on Sunday, Nov. 23 from 2–3 p.m.

The program will feature stories that reflect on the Dinka tribal culture of southern Sudan. Participants will learn how to say simple words in the Dinka language, enjoy treats and make a drum to take home.

This program is for all ages and it is free. There is no need to register for this program. Contact ELPL at (517) 351–2420 for more information.

4. Zulu Basket Scholarship News

For Scholarship news, please check out this link:

http://latticeworld.org/files/8/Zulu%20Basket_Scholarship%20Update_2008.doc

Please Mark your calendar for the ZULU BASKET SALE DATES

2008 – Saturday, December 6
Holiday Gift and Craft Sale
Edgewood United Church in East Lansing on Hagadorn 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

2008 – Saturday and Sunday, December 13 and 14
Alternative Christmas Sale at All Saints Episcopal Church in East Lansing on Abbott Road. A number of Free Trade Organizations bring their products and projects to this group sale.

2009 – Friday and Saturday, February 20 and 21
Annual LATTICE Zulu Basket Sale at All Saints Episcopal Church
in East Lansing on Abbott Road

5. LATTICE Graduate Fellowship – Application materials due Dec. 1st

For the fourth year in a row, LATTICE has been allocated funds to be awarded for graduate student fellowships for the academic year. LATTICE is soliciting requests from graduate students (international and domestic) for fellowships to support research or activities that are related to LATTICE's mission to cultivate a global perspective in K-12 classrooms.

Although not a requisite for consideration or award, particular attention will be paid to research and activities that contribute (or have contributed) directly to either LATTICE, its network, its teachers' classrooms, or to replication of aspects of LATTICE elsewhere, including overseas. Fellowships will be awarded for varying amounts.

Applicant Eligibility:

- 1) have been an active participant of LATTICE at some point;
- 2) be enrolled at MSU for the current fall 2008 term; and
- 3) have not previously received a LATTICE fellowship.

Application Procedure:

Applicants for the LATTICE Graduate Student Fellowship must submit the following application materials by e-mail to Connie Detjen at detjencc@haslett.k12.mi.us

Application materials should include:

- a letter (no longer than 500 words) describing the research or activity and how it relates to the LATTICE mission as well as your plans for disseminating the outcomes. The letter should be addressed to the LATTICE Session Director, Connie Detjen.
- completed fellowship application

(Pls see <http://latticeworld.org/files/8/Fellowship%202008-09.doc>).

Application Deadline:

Application materials should be received by 5pm on Monday, December 1, 2008.
Please email application materials to detjencc@haslett.k12.mi.us.

Contact Person:

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For previous LATTICE Fellowship Recipients pls visit:

<http://latticeworld.org/?q=node/155>

6. Global Education Projects

Online social network targets those interested in global education projects

<http://globaleducation.ning.com>

The Global Education Collaborative is an online community for teachers and students who are interested in joining global education projects. With more than 800 members, the site encourages users to post media, blogs, and ideas for advancing collaborative education worldwide.

The site operates similar to an online social network, allowing members to search for each other, post pictures and videos, and join groups around a common theme or project. Groups such as "Global Awareness Curriculum," "Student-Driven Podcasts," and "Primary Teachers collaborating" allow a space for teachers and students to interact and discuss their initiatives.

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7. Understanding Contemporary Russia

Now accepting applications for the 2009 Fulbright–Hays Group Projects Abroad Program for K–12 Teachers

For more information and application, see <http://www.i.umich.edu/crees>
(Click on link below the photo.)

The Center for Russian and East European Studies (CREES) at the University of Michigan, working in conjunction with faculty at Illinois State University in Bloomington–Normal and Serendipity–Russia, has submitted an application for a Fulbright–Hays Group Projects Abroad (GPA) grant to provide a short–term seminar in Russia on “Understanding Contemporary Russia.”

The seminar is designed to help U.S. elementary and secondary school teachers gain a better understanding of today’s Russia. The program will take place mainly in the historic cultural city of Vladimir, Russia, hosted by Serendipity–Russia’s American Home [<http://www.serendipity-russia.com>]. Participants will also visit Murom and other communities in the Vladimir region, along with St. Petersburg, and Moscow.

Application Deadline: February 16, 2009 (postmarked)

Please note: Although the Fulbright–Hays GPA grant for “Understanding Contemporary Russia” is still pending, we are soliciting participant applications in order to offer the program in summer 2009. Thus, please be aware that this seminar is contingent on the grant funding approval from the U.S. Department of Education (expected notification date: March 2008).

8. Global Exploration for Educators Organization (GEEO)

Global Exploration for Educators Organization (GEEO) is a 501c3 non–profit organization that helps and encourages educators to travel abroad. In the summer of 2009 GEEO will run trips to Tunisia, Tanzania, Peru, Ecuador, Thailand, and India. GEEO hopes to make America more outward–looking by helping teachers travel and then giving them an effective way to share these experiences in their classrooms.

Educators can earn graduate school credit and professional development credit while seeing the world. The trips are designed for teachers and include activities such as school visits and homestays that give participants authentic exposure to local culture. The trips are deeply

discounted so as to be affordable to teachers. GEEO also helps teachers find funding to subsidize the cost of the trips.

Detailed information about each trip, including itineraries, costs, travel dates, and more can be found at www.geeo.org. GEEO can also be reached 7 days a week, toll free at 1-877-600-0105 between 9AM-10PM EST. To sign-up for GEEO's listserv, please send an email to listserv@geeo.org with the subject line "subscribe."

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9. Permaculture video - A solution to environmental and economic problems

<http://www.abc.net.au/backyard/flash/Permaculture_flash.htm>

Greening the Desert

They laughed at him and said it couldn't be done.
Nothing could be grown in that salt laden dustbowl.
But Geoff and Sindhu Lawton had other ideas.
They travel the world teaching others how to repair trashed environments that are beyond hope of becoming productive.
In this story, Geoff talks about re-greening the deserts of Jordan. By applying the principles of permaculture, they managed to salvage a heavily salted environment and turn it into a green oasis.
Geoff and Sindhu live and teach at their farm near The Channon, a small community not far from Lismore. Geoff boasts that despite not having a police station or church, The Channon has some of the most tolerant and friendly people in Australia.

www.permaculture.org.au

10. Message from LATTICE Member Betty Ramalho

I have been following my friend Vicki Subirana Sherpa's struggle and thought that perhaps this could be of interest to Lattice members. I met Vicki as a master student at the Michigan State outreach program in France, in 1999.

Vicki is originally from Barcelona and about 20 years ago, after reading some books about the struggle of Tibet, she decided to work with the Tibetan refugees in Nepal. She became an important icon and a public persona in Spain, raising funds to create a foundation and build schools in Katmandu. Over the years, she not only taught the children, but supported the children's families by providing them ways to be economically sufficient – like buying them chicken they can raise and sell. All with a condition: that the families send their children to her schools. Many of us, who met her during our MSU courses in France, have been helping the schools by teaching for a summer, or by sending supplies.

Throughout the years she encounter a number of roadblocks to get things done, especially fighting local bureaucracies and especially corruption from those taking advantage of positions of power. For example, around the year 2000, a donation was sent from Spain to Nepal which was composed by a bus filled with supplies. The bus made it to Nepal, and pictures were taken of the bus in front of the palace, but the bus disappeared before it reached the school.

Now Vicki found serious appropriation of funds within the school board revealed by the same children she helped over the years. Because she is not a Nepali national, she is being perceived as a threat to local structures of power. She went on a hunger strike to call attention to what is occurring, and again, she gained press exposure, but still encounters difficulties in running the schools.

It is really hard to judge these issues as we are mere spectators of the events. However, it is very sad to see her work of so many years in the brink of disappearing because of greed. I thought perhaps the Lattice community could learn more about her work, and the pressures people still face in countries where corruption and power are still the ways of being. Attached is the website where people can learn more about her activities.

<http://vickionhungerstrike.wordpress.com/>

Thanks for all you do for the international understanding in education.

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11. LATTICE DATES for 2008–2009

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

"How relationships between people affect trade"

Lindon Robison, Professor of Agricultural Economics, MSU

February 26, 2009

"Weaving Across the World; International Economics of Trade"

We meet at the MSU Museum

March 19, 2009

"Childrens' Thinking About Money"

Janet Alleman, Professor of Teacher Education, MSU

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

Thanks for reading all the way to the end!

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