



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

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1. **LATTICE Graduation Party, April 19**

CONGRATULATE our LATTICE graduates and welcome spring with the LATTICE family. Spouses, significant others, and young adults are welcome! Bring a dish to pass. LATTICE will provide beverages.

Thanks to members who emailed their RSVPs. If you wish to attend the potluck party, please RSVP (mailto: <lattice@msu.edu>) immediately. Thanks.

WHEN: Sunday, April 19, 3-5 pm
WHERE: The Home of Sally and Jim McClintock
6336 Skyline Drive, East Lansing

Need a ride from the MSU Union to Sally's home? Please notify lattice@msu.edu

2. Next LATTICE session is on April 23

Please mark your calendar!

The next LATTICE session is on Thursday, April 23, 2009. We will meet from 12 noon – 4:30 pm in the Viking Room at Haslett High School on 5450 Marsh Road, Haslett, MI 48840.

The LATTICE Annual Group Photo is scheduled for that meeting. If you could wear your traditional attire for the group photo, that would be GREAT! Thanks.

To request a ride to the LATTICE session, please email lattice@msu.edu right away!

3. Readings for April session, "Building Communities of Hope."

The speaker that day will be **Rex Enoch**, Director of Adult Programs for Heifer International. He suggests the following readings:

a. http://www.time.com/time/specials/packages/article/0,28804,1884779_1884782,00.html

b. DEEP ECONOMY: The Wealth of Communities and the Durable Future, by Bill McKibbin. (New York, Henry Holt and Co., 2007) *Rex says, "I expect to be drawing on this book a great deal since his primary focus is on re-thinking and revamping our economic communities. It is very readable and very practical."*

c. THE BETTER WORLD HANDBOOK: Small Changes that make a big difference, by Ellis Jones, Ross Haenfler and Brett Johnson (New Society Publishers, 2007) *Rex's message: "Specifically, I recommend Pp. 13-51 dealing with 'The Seven Foundations of a Better World'. These seven things are economic fairness, comprehensive peace, ecological sustainability, deep democracy, social justice, simple living, and revitalized community. The rest of the book is devoted to identifying actions that can be done to make a better world.*

d. STATE OF THE WORLD 2008: Innovations for a Sustainable Economy (Published by the WorldWatch Institute). *The most important chapter here would be Chapter 11, "Engaging Communities for a Sustainable World" by Erik Assadourian. There are two other good chapters -- Chapter 1, "Seeding the Sustainable Economy" and Chapter 10, "The Parallel Economy of the Commons".*

4. LATTICE Book Club, April 16

The next book club session will be held on Thursday, April 16, from 4:15 - 6:00 at the All Saints Episcopal Church. 800 Abbott Road, East Lansing. We will discuss "Copper Sun" by Sharon Draper and "Elijah of Buxton" by Christopher Paul Curtis.

The May LATTICE Book Club is scheduled for Thursday, May 14, 4:15 - 6:00 at the East Lansing Library, 950 Abbott Road. This time we will not be discussing a book. Instead, we ask people to bring books that they recommend or have heard about that they would like to tell others about. Then we usually have everyone write down their top three choices that they would like to read next year.

For questions about LATTICE bookclub, please email Book Club Coordinators:

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5. Congratulations to LATTICE members from Trinidad & Tobago and China

Alicia Trotman, a PhD candidate from Trinidad & Tobago, was awarded the Donald H. Nickerson Scholarship in Cultural Diversity and Minority Concerns. The scholarship is for minority graduate students in education studying to improve teaching and learning of diverse learners and underserved populations in the United States. The information on Donald Nickerson is available here: <http://www.educ.msu.edu/students/graduate/gradscholarships/nickerson.htm>

Kang Li, a PhD candidate from China, won the Janice Marston Memorial Scholarship Award, and the Dr. Jacqueline D. Taylor and Family Graduate Research Grant Award.

Big Congrats to both Alicia and Kang, We are so proud of you!

6. Soul of Africa Concert at Holt High School, April 17

ONE NIGHT ONLY! 7 p.m., Friday, April 17, 2009

Don't miss this amazing concert...

Samite, Soul of Africa performing a live multi-media concert at Holt High School's Margaret Livensparger Theater

The Washington Woods Choir and The Midway music program have arranged for Samite (Sah-mih-tay), an international recording artist, entertainer and political activist from Uganda, to visit Holt on Friday April 17th 2009. Washington Woods and Midway students will spend part of their day in an exclusive workshop with Samite to gain an understanding of the cultural aspects of East African music.

Samite will return to Holt High School's Margaret Livensparger Theater auditorium that evening at 7 p.m. for a multi-media performance featuring songs from his seven albums. Washington Woods choir students will accompany the world-renowned musician on stage during part of his performance.

Samite's evening performance at Holt High School will be open to the public.

Tickets for the Friday, April 17 performance are:

\$5 (suggested donation) for general admission

\$20 for preferential seating (the first several rows and the balcony)

FREE for Holt Public School's students (tickets should still be ordered in advance).

To learn more about Samite's music, visit his website: www.samite.com

ORDER YOUR TICKETS TODAY! Contact Melissa Sigh at msigh@hpsk12.net or the Holt Theater and Event Scheduling Office attes@hpsk12.net, 517-699-6439.

7. "Security, Democracy and Development" April 22

"Security, Democracy and Development"

Keynote Presentation by Ambassador Alexandre Addor-Neto

Secretary for Multidimensional Security, Organization of American States (OAS)

Wednesday, April 22, 2009

3:00-4:30 pm, Room 303/305 International Center, MSU

Reception following (open to the public)

<http://www.isp.msu.edu/clacs>

Contact: Kristin@msu.edu

Following the Summit of the Americas, where Heads of State and Government, including

President Barack Obama, will discuss greater security in the Americas, Ambassador Alexandre Addor-Neto, Secretary for Multidimensional Security at the Organization of American States, is set to speak on the same topic at MSU. The Ambassador's presentation will begin at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, April 22 on the third floor of the International Center. Sponsored by the Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, MSU. More information about the conference (April 22-24) can be found at: <http://www.isp.msu.edu/clacs> or contact Kristin Janka Millar kristin@msu.edu

"The concept of security, once framed largely in conventional military terms, must be expanded to take into account a range of evolving threats - transnational organized crime, in its different manifestations, such as drug trafficking, money laundering, illegal arms dealing, trafficking in persons, criminal gangs, institutional corruption, and international terrorism" says Ambassador Addor-Neto. "In some countries, poverty, disease, the lack of opportunity and hope and environmental degradation increase vulnerability and help undermine human security" (Alexandre Addor-Neto). These events are free and open to the public. Please share with others who might be interested.

8. Help the Lansing community change a boy 's life, a 12-year-old Iraqi boy

Severely injured by an exploding oil lamp when he was a few months old, Mohammed is badly burned along the left side of his head, face and body, and also has lost most movement in his left hand. He never received proper medical treatment. The "Saving Mohammed" Project brought Mohammed, a 12 year old Iraqi boy from Ramadi, Iraq to Lansing to receive humanitarian medical care.

Mohammed is expected to undergo several plastic and orthopedic surgeries and rehabilitation lasting 12 to 18 months. Dr. Edward Lanigan, a surgeon with MSU's College of Human Medicine who works at Sparrow and is offering his services for free, will be leading the medical efforts. A welcome ceremony for Mohammed was held April 9 at the Michigan National Guard headquarters.

To help cover costs, Maj. David Howell of Grand Ledge has set up a nonprofit organization called Martyr Medical Fund for Children, which will provide humanitarian medical assistance and treatment to the children of Iraqi interpreters killed in the line of duty. To make a donation or gather more information about the organization, visit www.martyrmedicalfund.com.

More news at this link: <http://news.msu.edu/story/6153/>

9. KIDS – an innovative educational program for school students

Kids Can Make A Difference (KIDS) is an innovative educational program for middle school and high school students. It helps them understand the root causes of hunger and poverty and how they as individuals can take action.

KIDS is a project of WHY (World Hunger Year), a leading advocate for community-based solutions to hunger and poverty.

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www.kidscanmakeadifference.org

10. Zimbabwe Celebration, April 18 – Invitation from Zimbabwe Together

Zimbabwe Independence celebration: Konzeresa Bash (Make it Happen)

Date: April 18, 2009
Venue: Quality Inn
Start Time: 6:30pm

If you follow international news you must have heard a lot about the rough situation in Zimbabwe. Even in the middle of that rough patch we are beginning to feel some optimism. Or we are creating a sense of optimism. The rough news is debilitating. Now is a time to sow and nurture seeds of hope through supporting the slow wheels of change at home.

You are invited to support an independence celebration event that promises to be refreshing for us. It is called the event Konzeresa bash (or Make it happen bash) because Zimbabweans crave a return to normalcy. At this time we want to mark a turning point. We ask for your support to boost our morale as we seek this illusive normalcy and peace at home. Come and celebrate with us this moment of optimism.

Tickets are limited and going for \$10 adults and \$5 children.
Contact: Gloria Katstande 517 488 1256 (katsande@msu.edu)
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Featuring: *Zimbabwean cuisine, The good people of Zimbabwe, Sense of optimism and return to normalcy, Your gracious presence and company Refreshing and powerful music, Zimbabwe artifacts, And more*

We thank you in anticipation of your generous support for this important event to mark a turning point for the people of Zimbabwe.

Bernard Gwekwerere
Secretary General, Zimbabwe Together (ZIMTO)
From: Bernard Gwekwerere gwekwer1@MSU.EDU

11. Diversity Day at Eastern High School, April 18

Diversity Day: Saturday, 4-18-09, noon - 4 pm, Eastern High School Field House

The 4th Annual Diversity Day is set for April 18, 2009. Last year's event welcomed nearly 1,000 Greater Lansing residents, who turned out to enjoy multicultural entertainment, sample world cuisine, explore the exhibits and applaud our school district art contest winners!

Lansing is unique for its diverse heritage and global connections. We are also very blessed in the numerous service, civic and heritage clubs and programs in our community.

I hope you will come out and enjoy this year's celebration, and let your organization know about this great event. Seize the opportunity to shine a light on your special projects and cultural heritage at the 2009 Diversity Day.

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12. The final LATTICE session is on May 7, 2009

May 7, 2009 – “Michigan’s Future Economy is Not an Oxymoron” by Charles Ballard, Ph. D. Department of Economics, MSU.

Suggested readings for May session:

“Michigan’s Economy: Past, Present, and Future,” by Charles Ballard; and the book Michigan’s Economic Future, by Charles Ballard, published in August 2006, which can be ordered from MSU Press.

Please see article at this link:

http://latticeworld.org/files/8/MichigansEconomicFuture_byBallard.doc

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

THANK YOU FOR READING ALL THE WAY TO THE END!

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Best wishes,

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