



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

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Subject: LATTICE Newsletter # 489

TO: ALL LATTICE members and friends,
Newsletter highlights:

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1. LATTICE THEME FOR 2009-2010: *GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP*

On June 12, a group of LATTICE members met at Connie Detjen's house for the purpose of choosing a LATTICE theme and topics for the 2009-10 school year. The group decided on the theme of "Global Citizenship" for the LATTICE Sessions for the upcoming school year. We live in a diverse society, and learning how to be Global Citizens gives children the tools to counter ignorance and intolerance within it. As Professor Patricia J. Williams, of Columbia University said, when she gave the 1997 Radio 4 Reith Lectures on 'The Paradox of Race' (1997: 14):

"I do think that to a very great extent we dream our worlds into being ... an optimistic course might be charted, if only we could imagine it."

It's up to us, as educators, to imagine it and to transmit the dream to our students. So, we hope you will join us at each LATTICE session this coming year! Save these dates:

- October 1st noon – 4:30
- November 5th noon – 4:30
- December 3rd noon – 4:30 (regular session; not a movie night)
- January 7th noon – 4:30
- February 4th noon – 4:30
- March 25th noon – 4:30
- April 22 (4:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. meeting so that districts don't have to pay for substitutes)

2. LATTICE VIDEOS

The LATTICE videos are now available on the net – thanks to Guven Witteveen! Now you can let your friends and family view what LATTICE is all about! You can access the videos directly from our home page on our website or you can use the following links:

- LATTICE Introduction – What is LATTICE? (8 minute video): <http://tinyurl.com/whatislattice>
- Creating LATTICE (23 minute video): <http://tinyurl.com/makelattice>

3. PREVIOUS LATTICE SESSION

For the LATTICE session on May 7th, 2009 you will find the link for:

May Session Report

<http://latticeworld.org/files/8/MaySession09.pdf>

The *LATTICE 08-09 Yearbook and Annual Report* is also available!

<http://latticeworld.org/files/8/LATTICEReport.pdf>

4. **WELCOME TO ELISABETH OSEBE MAYIENGA**, born June 9 to Damaris and Jonathan Mayienga. Elisabeth weighed 7 pounds 2 ounces. Congratulations to the family!

5. LATTICE BOOK CLUB, FALL PREVIEW

From: Mary Hennessey

Here are the dates and titles for the LATTICE Book Club for next year. I would suggest you try to get the books from your local library, or through interlibrary loan (MELCAT). I will give the titles to Schuler's, but they usually don't give a discount until the month we are reading that book. I will also pass it along to Everybody Reads.

September 17th

Home of the Brave by Katherine Applegate

No English by Jacqueline Jules and Amy Huntington

October 15th

Things Fall Apart by Chinua Achebe

The Night Has Ears: African Proverbs by Ashley Bryan

November 12th

After Tupac and D Foster (Newbery Honor Book) by Jacqueline Woodson

Remember: The Journey to School Integration (Bccb Blue Ribbon Nonfiction Book Award (Awards)) by Toni Morrison

6. 4-H INTERNATIONAL DINNER

Please join us at the annual International Dinner being held at Ionia High School, 250 East Tuttle, Ionia (Thanks to Judy Huynh!)

Date: August 5th 2009; **Time:** 5:00 – 7:00 pm; **Cost:** Donation; **Event:** [Elyer](#)

Foods from Vietnam, Japan, Thailand, India, Middle East, China, Italy, Mexico, Ethiopia, Korea, the U.S.A. and more will be featured.
Money raised for Heifer International for World Hunger;

7. ENGLISH LANGUAGE CENTER JOB POSTING

Matinga Raqatz, a member of the LATTICE Alumni has started a non-profit organization to help the needs of the people in her family's home country of Equatorial Guinea. The organization (<http://interface-global.org/>) is called Interface Global Alliance. Their mission is to find a need in a community, then find economic development funding and find relevant professional experts to help and then interface all three elements together. They are in the process of opening an English Language Center at the Universidad Nacional of Guinea Equatorial (UNGE). The Language Center is in need of a Center Director (also includes curriculum development and some teaching). Attached is the job posting and salary is negotiable – [Job Posting](#).

8. MSU ENGLISH LANGUAGE CENTER WEEKEND HOME-STAYS

Weekend Home-stays are taking place at MSU this summer. They are being coordinated by the English Language Center (<http://elc.msu.edu>). These home-stays provide opportunities to international visitors to taste American home life. Are you interested in helping welcome an international visitor into your home for a couple of days? Or do you know anyone who would like to share their homes with the visitors or learn about other cultures? This is their chance! Dates are below and the attached flyer gives more information. Host families would come to East Lansing to pick up their visitor, so that limits the field to mid-Michigan in general unless persons are willing to drive a little farther.

1. **July 24th to 26th for the Royal Thai Scholars** - These scholars are graduate students and the Center is looking for families for 15 of the 22 that are coming.
2. **July 31st to August 2nd for Korean adult English teachers** from Gangwon Province - The Center is looking for families for 20 of the 30 that are coming.
3. **August 7th to 9th for Korean adult English teachers** from Korea National University of Education - The Center is looking for 22 of the 36 that are coming.

If you are interested and you need more information, you can contact Carol Wilson-Duffy who is the External Programs Coordinator and Faculty Lecturer at the English Language Center at A727 Wells Hall – Phone: 517-884-1497; Fax: 517-432-1149; Email: wilson77@msu.edu ; You can also access this [flyer!](#)

9. SEEKING ASSISTANCE FROM FOREIGN LANGUAGE TEACHERS

Are you a foreign language teacher? Have you ever been involved in a project, program or activity that has helped you connect with teachers and classrooms in other countries? If you have, an MSU professor, Dr. BetsAnn Smith, would like to know more about your experience either participating in a project that made those connections or coordinating a project that fostered those connections. She is looking for sample activities, programs or models for these kinds of connections. These samples will aid the design of a new upcoming project directed by Dr. Smith that connects American teachers who teach Spanish to Chilean teachers who teach English. If you would like to share information or your experiences, you can contact Dr. Smith (Email: bas@msu.edu ; Phone: 517-353-8646)

10. LANGUAGE SUMMER CAMPS FOR KIDS AT MSU

The Center for the Support of Language Teaching at MSU is offering language camps for kids this summer in Chinese, French, German, and Spanish.

Our unique programs introduce children to different languages and cultures by providing a fun learning environment that focuses on games, songs, and other playful interactions. The curricula are theme-based and include topics such as numbers, things in my room, animals, our town, activities and hobbies, my friends, directions, or fruits and vegetables. Different activity types are alternated with games and hands-on as well as visually activated learning. In our lessons, we try to connect the new knowledge with the community by utilizing, for example, the animals in the historical museum on campus, the children's garden at MSU, or the dairy store.

No previous knowledge is required and children of higher levels can be accommodated.

Multiple-program discounts are available for all programs. One week options are available for French, German, and Spanish. All camps will take place on MSU's campus.

French

Monday-Thursday, July 13-23 from 1-4 pm, cost \$175, open to children ages 7-13

German

Monday-Friday, July 27-31, 1-4 pm, cost \$95, open to children ages 7-14 OR

Monday-Friday, July 27 - August 7, 1-4 pm, cost \$175 OR

Monday-Friday, August 3-7, 9 am - 4 pm, cost \$210 (lunch provided by parents)

OR Entire program (week 1 afternoon, week 2 all-day), cost \$300 (lunch prov. by parents)

Spanish

Monday-Thursday, August 10-20, 1-4 pm, cost \$175, open to children ages 7-11

Chinese

Monday-Thursday, August 24-27, 8 am - 12 pm, cost \$120, open to children ages 7-11

The program flyer can be accessed at <https://www.msu.edu/user/grmreach/KidsLgCamps.pdf>

If you are interested in signing up your child/children, please go to <http://webapp.llc.msu.edu/CommunityLanguageSchool/> Feel free to share this information with other interested parents.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Angelika Kraemer who is the Co-Curricular/Outreach Coordinator at MSU's Center for the Support of Language Teaching at A-605 Wells Hall – Phone: 517-884-1511; Fax: 517-432-2736; E-Mail: kraemera@msu.edu

11. TEACHER GRANT PROGRAM

Kids In Need Foundation Invites Innovative Learning Projects for Teacher Grants Program

Grants of up to \$500 will be awarded to K-12 certified teachers working to create unique learning opportunities for their students at public, private, and parochial schools. To get more information, please visit: http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=259000018 . The deadline is *September 30, 2009*

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12. OPPORTUNITIES FOR EDUCATORS

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U.S.-China Teachers Exchange Program National Committee on U.S.-China Relations

Established in 1996 with funding from the Freeman Foundation, the U.S.-China Teachers Exchange Program sends American K-12 teachers to China and brings Chinese secondary school teachers to the United States. The American teachers teach oral English in secondary schools in Chinese cities including Anqing, Beijing, Changzhou, Chengdu, Dalian, Hefei, Hohhot, Jiangdu, Luoyang, Nanjing, Suzhou, and Yangzhou. The exchange program provides the teachers a unique opportunity to improve their own language and teaching skills; deepen their understanding of another culture; and share new curriculum, pedagogy, and experiences in their home classrooms upon their return.

The National Committee sponsors an orientation program in the United States prior to departure for China. It covers “survival” Chinese, the teaching of English as a foreign language, and an introduction to China and its schools. We provide health insurance coverage, round-trip economy airfare, and partial salary replacement. The Chinese host schools offer free housing, usually on campus, and a salary supplement. In addition to the exchange itself, conferences and workshops for current participants and program “alumni” in both countries are organized to help them form networks and enable them to share curriculum and other information for their own classrooms and with their colleagues at their home schools and districts.

For additional information, please see our website: <http://www.ncuscr.org/programs/tep> For an application, contact Margot Landman at mlandman@ncuscr.org or 212-645-9677, ext. 23.

Next Europe is a public forum and “international experiment in collaborative journalism” where people can discuss the changes taking place in Europe. The project is sponsored by the Center for Transatlantic Relations at SAIS and hosted on “PostGlobal,” a site operated by Newsweek and the Washington Post. You are encouraged to visit the site <http://newsweek.washingtonpost.com/postglobal/sais/nexteuropa/> and add your voice to the conversation.

Presenters sought for Wednesday, Nov. 4th, 16th Annual Conference of the Michigan Council for History Education, with Dale Van Eck, an education leader from Colonial Williamsburg as key note speaker. MCHE is seeking proposals for sessions on “Lessons and Assessment: Making the Connection.” You can access the presenter proposal form [here](#). If you cannot open it, contact Jim Cameron at cameronj@saline.k12.mi.us.

Nominate an Outstanding Michigan History Teacher for Odyssey Award The Michigan History Foundation is now accepting nominations for the 2009 Odyssey Award, given annually to up to three exceptional teachers of Michigan history. Award recipients will receive a \$500 cash prize and an engraved plaque at special recognition ceremonies. Nomination forms are available online at www.michigan.gov/odysseyawards or by calling the foundation office at (517) 373-2565. Deadline is August 3, 2009.

The Lenawee ISD is pleased to announce a new Grade 4 SS Regions resource. Maggie Patterson from Nystrom and Stan Masters, the Social Studies Consultant at LISD, have teamed up to provide a free teacher resource on the concept of region, focusing on United States regions. All of the instructional resources needed for classroom use are free and located at the site. <http://www.lisd.us/curriculum/Content/SS/soc.aspx>

THANK YOU FOR READING ALL THE WAY TO THE END!

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