



GLOBAL AWARENESS! - The International e-Newsletter of Muskegon Community College

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The Global Awareness Festival 2008! February 11 – 15. Focus on Asia.

WELCOME BACK STUDENTS AND FACULTY!

The world is coming to MCC in February – at least information about the **Asian World** during the **Global Awareness Festival** February 11 - 15th. Sasamon Parker, a native of Thailand living in Muskegon, will be our keynote speaker. The Vally Vietnamese Oriental Food, Gifts and Market will be on campus. Martial arts demonstrations and individual experiences of teaching in China, Thailand and volunteering at Mother Theresa's mission in India will be presented. Discussions of Korean foreign policy and a unique view of the brothels of Calcutta will be part of the Festival. International flags will fly, unique ethnic displays will instruct and wonderful foods will be sampled. So come be a part of the festivities.

This year Chinese New Year begins February 7 and continues for the following 10 days. MCC's International Student Club plans to raise awareness of Asia and Global Awareness Festival by sharing information about Chinese New Year and raffling off an Asian meal. Don't forget to buy your ticket.

Around the world a variety of New Year's traditions and customs greet the new year. In Germany fireworks explode as you "slide (Rutsch)" into the New Year, in China traditional red paper cuttings hang in the windows to ward off evil spirits and in Japan special rice cakes (Mochi) are made by the family. Brazilians wear white clothes on New Year's Eve to bring good luck and peace. If they are in a beach city, after midnight, they go to the beach, jump seven waves and throw flowers in the sea while making a wish. In Venezuela, people usually wear yellow underwear on New Year's Day. It means good luck. Most people also eat twelve grapes at midnight for good luck. People who want to travel take a suitcase and carry it around the house. The Thai New Year is celebrated on April 13 and on this day, Thai people play with water, throwing it on each other for good luck.

These and others can be found on the web-site <http://www.topics-mag.com/internatl/holidays/new-years-page.htm>.

So no matter what your customs, enjoy a wonderful opportunity filled 2008.

Kathy



UPCOMING INTERNATIONAL EVENTS



CONTEMPORARY ASIAN PRINTS – Monday, February 11, from 6:30 to 8:00 pm there will be a gallery reception in the Overbrook Gallery. Beginning at 7pm Dr. David Ihrman, one of the nation's leading historians on Asian prints will present a 30-40 minute formal talk with slide/digital images followed by questions and answers.



GLOBAL AWARENESS FESTIVAL February 11 - 15, 2008 Focus on Asia



Monday, February 11

Overbrook Gallery Exhibit

“Contemporary Asian Prints” Opening talk and reception by Dr. Ihrman of GVSU, national authority on Asian prints. 6:30 – 8:00 pm Overbrook Gallery. **Free Film Festival** begins.

Tuesday, February 12

Political Policy Discussion

US relations past, present and future with David Takitaki, Kurt Troutman, and Michael Clark, a former Demilitarized Zone soldier - Blue and Gold from 2:30 – 4:30 pm

Teaching About China

A Teacher Workshop: Dr. Laurie Gasahl. The MCC Food Service will provide an authentic Asian meal. Teaching materials will be provided. Stevenson Center Room 1204 from 3:00 – 9:00 pm

Wednesday, February 13

Introduction to Asia – Laurie Gasahl and Papa N'jai, Room 1100 from 9:00 – 10:00 am

Global Topic Investigations will explore teaching at Dongbei University in Dalian, China, the practice of yoga and meditation, English instruction in Thailand and much more. Blue and Gold Room from 9:15 – 3:00 pm.

Information Fair will feature booths highlighting international opportunities for students to study and work abroad as well as cultural differences around the world.

Collegiate Hall from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm.

Wild & Wacky Wednesday - 11:00 am – 1:00 pm Martial Arts Demonstration

Gerber Lounge 12:00 – 12:30 pm

Keynote Speaker – Sasamon Parker - Gerber Lounge at 7:00 pm.

Thursday, February 14

Born into Brothels, Academy Award Winner for Best Documentary Feature, will be shown with discussion lead by Phi Theta Kappa – Caesar Lounge from 4:00 – 5:30 pm

Seminar-Women Researching Women's Issues – Gender Issues in Asia

Gerber Lounge from 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Friday, February 15

Free Film Festival Concludes

Events spanning the entire week: An International Film Series will be available daily free of charge. International cuisine will be featured by the campus food service. International artifacts collected from the community will be displayed at the main college entrance along with flags representing approximately 200 nations.

WATCH FOR MORE DETAILS ABOUT THESE EVENTS AT THE GLOBAL AWARENESS FESTIVAL!



Teaching About China

Tuesday, February 12, 2008

2:45 – 9:00 pm

Stevenson Center Room 1206

Muskegon Community College

The workshop will provide an introduction to China - – its geography and regions, its population policies, its economic development and its outlook for the future. It will provide background information, but it will also offer some suggestions to teachers for future use in their classes. The workshop will also provide a forum to ask questions on current issues and will also provide some visual materials to help with a better understanding of the region. The workshop will be presented by Dr. Laurie Gasahl, specialist in Geography of China, Economic Development and Population Policies.

Workshop space is limited. Reserve by Friday, February 8, 2008.

An authentic multi-course Chinese banquet will be served featuring the five cuisines of China: Spicy, Ethnic, Vegetarian, Medicinal and Royal.

This meal will be prepared and served by The Muskegon Community College Food Service. Dinner reservations received by January 31 are \$10.00.

Those received after January 31 are subject to availability.

Global Topic Investigations Wednesday

In the Blue and Gold Room



9:15 – 10:00 am - “Under the Red Umbrella: Our Life in China 2006-07” Jane and Wally Ewing
10:15 – 10:45 am - Lu Xiao Li
11:15 – 11:45am - Kundalini Yoga – Gretchen Cline
12:45 – 1:15 pm - Hapkido, Korean Martial Arts – Joe Prescott
1:45 – 2:15 pm - Teaching in Thailand – William Jacobs
2:30 –3:00 pm - Volunteering for Mother Theresa in Kolkata, India – Alberta Brown
Moderated by Kurt Troutman

In Room 234

10:15 – 10:45 am - China in the News – Laurie Gasahl
11:15 – 11:45 am - The DMZ from a Soldier’s Point of View – Terry Zahniser
12:45 – 1:15 pm - China’s Population Policies – Laurie Gasahl

SEMINAR: Women Researching Women’s Issues: Gender Issues in Asia Thursday, 7 – 8 pm, Gerber Lounge



Amita Chudgar: Equity in access to education in India. Assistant Professor of Educational Administration and Educational Psychology, MSU.

Marilyn McCullough: Women's issues in urban and rural China. Assistant Director of the Asian Studies Center, MSU. A reception of ethnic foods will be provided following the question and answer period.

For more information visit our new Global Awareness Website at:
<http://www.muskegoncc.edu/pages/1485.asp> or contact

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We look forward to your participation in Muskegon Community College’s
Global Awareness Festival



MCC CAMPUS HAPPENINGS



SINGAPORE - Asia 101. Join Kathy Tosa on a virtual trip to the ethnically diverse, historically fascinating Asian powerhouse of the 21st century where everything works but you can't chew gum in public. Come Wednesday, April 2 from 12:30 to 1:30 pm to the Blue and Gold Room for a glimpse of Singapore. Asian desserts will be provided during the question and answer period following the presentation.

The New International Students Club continues to meet biweekly throughout the semester. The ESL Corner will continue to be a place for their meetings and a place for students to gather and socialize as well as study together. For more information contact Lynda Ferry at ext 406.



MCC FOREIGN EXCHANGE/STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS FOR STUDENTS

Germany Exchange Program 2008! MCC faculty and students are preparing to go on the 11th annual German Exchange Program this Spring Term (May 24 – June 1). They will participate in the exchange program with the technical college, Kaufmannische Schule Nord, in Stuttgart Germany. A new addition this year is a three day trip to Berlin, Germany! The following students and faculty are schedule for the trip: MCC students Keegan Richards, Nathan Derks, Jennifer Bates, Christopher Pollock, Joshua Pickel, Wilhelmina Korpi, Gary Hoag, and Margitta Rose. MCC faculty Tom Wolters, Duane Schecter, Harry Brown, and Kathy Tosa.

Hosting opportunity! German students and faculty will arrive in Muskegon for eight days in June 2008 to visit area businesses and experience many tourist attractions. If you are interested in hosting a German faculty or student in June, please contact Kathy Tosa at extension 376.



FOREIGN EXCHANGE/STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS FOR FACULTY



MCC instructor and frequent Thai visitor, Harry Brown will be taking a group of faculty to Thailand where they will enjoy and experience the friendly people, ancient culture, incredible food, and tropical landscape of this fascinating country February 28 to March 10, 2008



OTHER EXCHANGE/STUDY ABROAD OPPORTUNITIES

Through Muskegon Community College's membership in **The Midwest Institute for International/Intercultural Education (MIIE)** other opportunities are also available. For more details about all these opportunities, please see the International Opportunities Folder found in the Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL), the Student Life Office in Room 200, or the Business Department in Room 142.



The Midwest Institute's 2008 student trip to the amazing land of Costa Rica. May 10 – May 23, 2008.

Escorted by experienced, knowledgeable collegiate instructors acting as your chaperone, guide, and educator, your group will be exploring specific aspects of Costa Rican life from a historical and contemporary perspective. The experience relies on the active participation of students, faculty, and local experts. Learning takes a hands-on approach by integrating field trips, lectures, walking tours, readings and group discussions. Contact anthony.squiers@wmich.edu for more information.

St. Louis Community College Greece Study Abroad Program May 15 – 27, 2008

Estimated program price: \$3,215. For more information, please contact:

Libby Fitzgerald – Faculty Coordinator - 314-644-9237 – lfitzgerald@stlcc.edu

Chris Sulincevski – Int'l Education Coordinator- 314-539-5350 – csulincevski@stlcc.edu



2008 China Teaching Trip: Bluegrass Community and Technical College (Lexington, Kentucky) has had an exchange agreement with Changsha Education College in Changsha, Hunan, China for more than 13 years. Each of the 13 summers, Dr. David Wachtel has taken a group of Americans to that small education college in the middle of a city of 6 million (bigger than Chicago but only a medium size city in China). In fact, Dr. Wachtel was made an honorary citizen of Changsha in November of 2004. If you would like to join us on our next trip or want further information please email Dr. Wachtel (david.wachtel@kctcs.edu) and he will put your address on my listserv-no obligation, of course. **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: David Wachtel, 859-246-6324 or David.wachtel@kctcs.edu**



CONFERENCE/PROGRAMS: Through Muskegon Community College's membership in **The Midwest Institute for International/Intercultural Education (MIIE)** these programs are available to you.

The Midwest Institute for International/Intercultural Education (MIIE) will be holding their 15th ANNUAL CONFERENCE Friday-Saturday, April 18-19, 2008, at Lorain County Community College in Elyria, Ohio. More details can be obtained from: <http://www.roanestate.edu/keyword.asp?keyword=INTERNATIONAL%20EDUCATION&keywordSub=EVENTS>.

The Midwest Institute for International/Intercultural Education (MIIE) is organizing a 3-week study program to **Ireland in May, 2008**. For more information contact Theo Sypris at 269-488-4283 or at tsypris@kvcc.edu. If you are interested in study trips to Europe, Germany, Greece, and Italy see www.macomb.edu/mmii/travel.asp.

The Institute for Historical Studies at UT-Austin invites applications for residential fellows for 2008-09. We will host four external fellows and will aim to replace their full salaries at their home institutions. The fellows will include junior, mid-career, and senior faculty. The closing date for applications for the fellowships is February 15, 2008. Our first two year theme is "Global Borders." Please note that we conceive of borders very broadly in conceptual (for instance, legal, cultural, aesthetic, gender and so on) as well as political or geographic terms. For full details of the fellowships and the theme as well as other matters, see: <http://www.utexas.edu/cola/insts/historicalstudies/>.

The Midwest Institute for International/Intercultural Education (MIIE) is organizing the following activities and projects for 2007-2008:

1. A three-year curriculum project (2007-2010) that will involve **90 faculty** and 12 colleges.
2. Summer 2008 Workshops: July 27-August 1 (Japan), August 4-8 (Human Rights and Cultural Diversity), August 11-15 (Global Healthcare Issues).
3. Fulbright Group Project Abroad (GPA) to Armenia-Georgia, China, India, Japan-S.Korea, Malaysia, for the summer of 2008.

MIIE is a self-funded consortium of two-year colleges located in the Midwest region. Its primary objective is to support curriculum and professional development by organizing curriculum workshops, fall and spring conferences, overseas projects for faculty and students and to assist with grant development, provide faculty mentoring and professional networking. **For more information contact Theo Sypris at 269-488-4283 or at tsypris@kvcc.edu**. The website for MIIE is located at: <http://orgs.kvcc.edu/midwest>.



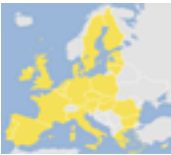
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Center for Russian and East European Studies 2008 Post-Secondary Curriculum Development Grant Program in Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies:

Through funding provided by the U.S. Department of Education grants will be made to faculty at two- and four-year colleges and universities in the Midwest and at historically and predominantly black colleges and universities to strengthen teaching related to the countries of the former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe. Grant recipients may do library research, examine instructional materials, screen films, and consult with University of Michigan faculty.

Awards: Grants will cover travel to the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, meals and lodging near campus for three to five nights, and a \$150 allowance for books and photocopying. Awards must be used between May 12 and August 14, 2008.

Application: For additional information and an application please contact: Sylvia M. Meloche, Phone: 734.647.4185, Fax: 734.763.4765. E-mail: meloches@umich.edu. Deadline for receipt of applications: March 14, 2008.



Call for Applications: 2009 EU Visitors Program

The European Union Visitors Program (EUVP) provides professionals in their mid-twenties to mid-forties who have career-related interests in the EU with a unique opportunity to spend 5-8 days in Brussels learning how the EU works from the inside through an extensive program, which includes meeting specialists in fields of their choice.

Since its institution in 1974, more than 600 Americans have participated in the EUVP, which provides an invaluable career-enhancing opportunity, especially for those interested in the policy areas with which the European Union is concerned. These range from classic foreign policy issues, like the Middle East, to consumer protection, product safety, trade, anti-trust law, agriculture, public health and cross-border crimes.

All programs are coordinated and arranged by the EUVP Secretariat, taking individual participants' professional interests and future involvement with the European institutions into consideration. The deadline for 2009 participation is March 1, 2008. For more information: <http://www.eurunion.org/delegati/ppd/euvp.htm>

Fulbright GPA Projects for the summer of 2008. For more information contact Theo Sypris (tsypris@kvcc.edu, 269-488-4283).

In October, 2007, the Midwest Institute submitted five Fulbright GPA proposals to the U.S. Department of Education for the summer of 2008. Each project will involve 15 faculty, who will travel overseas for about 4-5 weeks to develop curriculum (modules) and undertake non-curricula projects of their choosing. The faculty will be selected based on an application and the fulfillment of certain criteria and obligations.

The U.S. Dept. of Education Fulbright GPA program allows only full-time faculty who are currently teaching in the disciplines of Art, Communication-English, Foreign Languages, Humanities, and Social Sciences. Each participating faculty and/or his/her college must contribute \$1,500 in matching-funds towards the project and the overseas trip (it is due two months before the overseas trip).

The application, a project abstract, and a draft itinerary is available at the Midwest Institute's website at: <http://orgs.kvcc.edu/midwest/Projects/>.

Fulbright GPA Projects (Traveling dates are tentative)

1. Armenia-Georgia: June 4 thru July 3, 2008.

<http://orgs.kvcc.edu/midwest/Projects/?ProjectName=ArmeniaGeorgia2008>

2. China: June 2 thru July 3, 2008.

<http://orgs.kvcc.edu/midwest/Projects/?ProjectName=China2008>

3. India: July 7 thru August 3, 2008.

<http://orgs.kvcc.edu/midwest/Projects/?ProjectName=India2008>

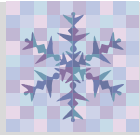
4. Japan-S. Korea: May 29 thru July 2, 2008.

http://orgs.kvcc.edu/midwest/Projects/?ProjectName=Fulbright_Japan_SKorea2008

5. Malaysia: June 21 thru July 17, 2008.

http://orgs.kvcc.edu/midwest/Projects/?ProjectName=Fulbright_Malaysia2008

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SINGAPORE – A TRAVELOGUE WIITH KATHY TOSA! Wednesday, April 2, 12:30pm-1:30 pm in the Blue & Gold Room.

We welcome your input! Send us your travel stories with pictures to the editor: Tom.Schurino@muskegoncc.edu Also, visit our new website at: <http://www.muskegoncc.edu/pages/301.asp>.