



GLOBAL AWARENESS!

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Travelogue Greece! Thursday April 9, 2009 6:00 -7:30 p.m. in the Stevenson Center for Higher Education, Room 1100.

MCC's Global Awareness Festival was another huge success! Over 1600 people enjoyed the events February 9–13. A wide variety of presentations focused on Africa all week long. Music, political discussions, art, folktales, artifacts, lectures and food showcased this important area of the world.

Here is what some of the participants had to say:

"I wanted to let you know how much I enjoyed Mr. N'jai's lecture last night. My 16 year old son attended with me and also found the event interesting. The main reason I attended the event was because I found the content interesting, along with the fact the speaker actually was born and raised in Africa and is an instructor here at MCC. I found his speech to be very informative and moving. I learned many things about the plight of the people of Africa that I did not know.



The Sudanese choir was also great! It was a perfect ending to Mr. N'jai's lecture. I really enjoy learning about other cultures and their people and this experience has further opened my eyes to life on our planet. Very Enjoyable!" Thank-You! **Dawn Coffee**



"I attended the Introduction to Africa seminar with Laurie Gasahl. I was very surprised to learn that the British and Dutch settled into Africa and spread Christianity, that many people think Africa is a country and not a continent and that Africa actually has 54 countries within it. The instructor made us aware that what happens in Africa with climate change, ethnic tension, and disease affects all of us." **Tammy Hart**



"I attended the Women's Issues in Sierra Leone, Africa. The woman who spoke is Douffi Sheriff from Sierra Leone and she is staying at MSU for one year to educate people about Africa and women's issues. Her main focus was women in Sierra Leone I learned a lot from Douffi Sheriff ... I think she gave a great presentation and it brought me to reality that no matter how hard I think I have it, sometimes there are a lot of other people in the world that are suffering a lot worse." **Sara Langlois**



Visit the website www.muskegoncc.edu/GAF for more pictures and information and don't forget to enjoy the upcoming Travelogue to Greece April 9th as well as other opportunities.

Remember think **Global** and enjoy this world we live in!

Kathy Tosa



UPCOMING INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

Travelogue Greece!



Knossos ruins in Crete

Join Tim Trainor and Diane Krasnewich as they present an exciting travelogue on their recent trip to Greece.

**Thursday April 9,
6:00 -7:30 pm
Stevenson Center for Higher Education,
Room 1100.**

A reception with ethnic food will be available at 6:00 pm and the **presentation will begin at**

6:30 pm. Tim Trainor is senior Computer Information Systems (CIS) instructor at Muskegon Community College and chairperson of the Faculty Association's Scholarship Committee.

Diane Krasnewich currently teaches all levels of math at MCC. She has a M.S. in Biometrics from the University of Michigan, and a B.A. in mathematics from Oakland University



The Acropolis

World Trade Week 2009 in West Michigan- May 4-8, 2009

Join the West Michigan Business community for a diverse array of events scheduled from May 4-8, 2009. With speakers hailing from places around the world, the 2009 World Trade Week Conference will provide attendees substantial insights on global trends. With a focus on the new realities of the global economy, speakers will offer implications on how to succeed in international markets. Meet and greet with the area's finest business executives, entrepreneurs, and internationally focused professionals.

Event Venue: 301 W Fulton St. Eberhard Center. Robert C. Pew Campus Grand Valley University, Grand Rapids, MI 49504 *For Inquiries, including sponsorship or event participation, please call: 616-331-6811.



Global Education Speaker Event

Jayaprada Ramamurthy at Oakland Community College

Topic: Performing Arts and Copyright in India

A renowned classical flautist and scholar from Hyderabad, India, Jayaprada will present her Ph.D. research. She will also take questions from the audience and give us an opportunity to understand the global issues surrounding performing arts and copyright in India. For questions about the event and to RSVP, please contact Preetha Ravikumar at pxraviku@oaklandcc.edu or at 248.942.3178. The event is free and open to all faculty, staff, and students. April 7, 2009 • Auburn Hills Campus, Room G-240 • 1:00 -3:00 pm



FOREIGN EXCHANGE/STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS FOR FACULTY AND STUDENTS

Through Muskegon Community College's membership in **The Midwest Institute for International/Intercultural Education (MIIE)** study abroad opportunities are 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, or the Business Department in Room 142.

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. The website for MIIE is located at: <http://orgs.kvcc.edu/midwest>.

For information on any of the following MIIE sponsored programs please email Theo Sypris, Director: tsypris@kvcc.edu, fax (269-488-4458):

- The Midwest Institute has received additional funding of \$12,000 from three Title VI Centers to fund 10 faculty stipends of \$1,000 each (and \$2,000 towards the workshop luncheons). Consequently, any interested faculty is invited to participate in the SE Asia workshops and develop a curriculum module (on some aspect or country of SE Asia). For an application and guidelines for participation and development of a module email (tsypris@kvcc.edu) or call (269-488-4283).
- The U.S. Dept. of Education, Fulbright program, on behalf of the Midwest Institute will allow 15 faculty to travel to China, Japan and S. Korea during the

summer of 2009 and undertake curriculum & professional development. All interested faculty in the areas of Arts, Communication-Foreign languages, Humanities, and Social Sciences (a restriction imposed by U.S. Department of Education, Fulbright GPA program) in our member colleges are eligible to participate.


- Study Abroad Programs to China, Costa Rica, France, Belize, SE Asia and Mexico in 2009.
- Lincoln Land Community College is offering a Marine Biology study program in Belize during May 17 - 22, 2009. For more information please see: <http://www.llcc.edu/dcox/Biology208MarineBiology/tabid/1383/Default.aspx>
- MIIIE 6th annual conference on April 3-4, 2009 at Monroe CCC, located half-way between Detroit & Toledo.



MCC CAMPUS HAPPENINGS



The Gulag: a Smithsonian Museum Quality Exhibit is coming to MCC in April 2009 and will be on display in the library LIT Center. The Soviet system of forced labor camps was first established in 1919 under the Cheka, but it was not until the early 1930s that the camp population reached significant numbers. By 1934 the Gulag, or Main Directorate for Corrective Labor Camps, then under the Cheka's successor organization the NKVD, had several million inmates. Prisoners included murderers, thieves, and other common criminals--along with political and religious dissenters. The Gulag, whose camps were located mainly in remote regions of Siberia and the Far North, made significant contributions to the Soviet economy in the period of Joseph Stalin.

 Smithsonian



MCC Connecting to the World

MCC students and faculty will travel to Stuttgart, Germany May 8-17!



For ten years Muskegon Community College has provided an opportunity for students and staff to participate in a bi-lateral exchange program with its sister college, Kaufmännisches Schule Stuttgart-Nord (KSN) in Stuttgart, Germany. The 2009 group includes Ursula Keith, Marla VerDuin, Christopher VanGeison, Stephan and Linda Fiorenzo, William Loxterman and Kathy Tosa.



This MCC/KSN bi-lateral exchange program has been building lasting friendships and offering insight into our perspective cultures and business practices.



Calendar of Events

April

MIIE 6th Annual Conference, April 3-4, Monroe, Michigan

Jayaprada Ramamurthy at Oakland Community College - April 7, Auburn Hills Campus, Room G-240, 1:00-3:00 pm

Travelogue Greece - Thursday April 9, in the Stevenson Center for Higher Education, Room 1100. Reception at 6:00 pm, Presentation begins at 6:30 pm

The Gulag, a Smithsonian Quality Exhibit, LIT Center the whole month of April

May

World Trade Week 2009 in West Michigan- May 4-8, GVSU Eberhard Center

June

Have a great summer!

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>.

