Explore Africa at MSU
June 29 - July 4, 2008
9:00-5:00 daily

Overview
Teachers are invited to a unique learning experience this summer. Explore Africa at MSU is a residential program for gifted and talented students, and we are offering teachers the opportunity to join the daily academic and cultural portions, knowing that will create additional layers of learning for all.

Participants will…
- Attend daily language classes in Swahili, taught by a graduate student whose first language is Swahili.
- Hear detailed presentations on African history, cultures, societies, economies and politics.
- Participate in sessions on African literature, which are modeled on an undergraduate discussion seminar, led by African graduate students from the humanities and social sciences.
- Develop self-selected projects on African topics, based on their teaching needs. Resource materials will include an extraordinarily rich web-based curriculum, Exploring Africa, developed at Michigan State University; projects will be presented in Power Point, which participants will be taught how to use effectively.
- Participate in African music and dance, as well as assist an African chef in making a traditional dinner.

Teachers will be able to team with other teachers, while students team with other students. All will join in the discussions and the cultural activities, bringing a variety of important viewpoints.

Credit Options
Teachers may take the course in one of three ways:

- For no credit or for 3 SB-CEUs. Cost: $270.00

- For 1, 2 or 3 MSU Academic Credits through Lifelong Education Enrollment status for TE 890 (independent study) at a cost of $345.75 per credit. For those earning credits, additional independent study work outside of class will be expected, commensurate with the number of credits.

Enrollment/Registration Information

Those wishing credit for TE 890:
If you have taken a course in the past year through MSU, please call John Metzler, 517.353.1700 or email: metzler@msu.edu to enroll. (Have your PID and PAN ready.)

If you have not taken a course through MSU in the past year, go to www.reg.msu.edu for a Lifelong Education application, and send that in as directed. You will then receive a letter from MSU with your PID and PAN. Once you have those, call John Metzler, 517.353.1700 to enroll. (On section 7 of the application if you don’t check that you intend to earn a teaching certificate or endorsement, your application will be processed much more quickly.)

For non-credit enrollment, please see other side.

For more information, contact
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Kathee McDonald, 517.432.2129
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Non-Credit Enrollment

Explore Africa at MSU
Teacher Registration

Name ________________________________
Phone ______________________________
Address ______________________________
City ___________________ State _________
School _____________________________
Grade level(s) ________________

Please mail this completed form to:

John Metzler
African Studies Center
Michigan State University
East Lansing, MI 48824.

Questions??
Call John Metzler, 517.353.1700 or Kathee McDonald, 517.432.2129, or email: metzler@msu.edu or mcdon288@msu.edu.

Lead Faculty

John Metzler, Assistant Professor of African Studies and Teacher Education and Coordinator of Outreach Programs for the African Studies Center at Michigan State University will be the instructional leader of the program. Dr. Metzler led the team that developed Explore Africa, the virtual curriculum that will be used as a core resource in the web-based projects. Dr. Metzler has taught and done research in Africa since 1972, where he started his career as a high school history teacher. Each summer since 1993 he has led an MSU study abroad program to southern Africa. In addition, he has taught courses on Africa in American high schools and universities since 1979.

Daily Schedule

Each day (9:00 0- 5:00) will consist of 60 – 90 minute sessions on Swahili, Africa literature, music, and dance. Teachers will also participate in the computer-based team projects.

Location

Classes will be held on the MSU campus in the International Center and several other campus locations.

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A Unique Learning Opportunity for Teachers

Sponsored by the Office of International Studies and Programs, the African Studies Center, the Office of Gifted and Talented Education and the Honors College at Michigan State University