

## MSU Receives National Excellence in International Education Award

Michigan State University's innovative international resources and training for current and future K-12 teachers earned the university the Goldman Sachs Foundation's prestigious 2004 Prize for Excellence in International Education in the higher education category.

The annual prize, which includes a \$25,000 award in each of five categories, is sponsored by the Goldman Sachs Foundation and the Asia Society. MSU was represented at the November award ceremony in Washington, D.C., by David Porteous, chair of the MSU Board of Trustees; Jack Schwillie, assistant dean for international studies in education, College of Education; Sally McClintock, organizer of LATTICE, an innovative collaboration between MSU and area K-12 schools; and John Metzler, outreach coordinator for the African Studies Center. Former Michigan Governor John Engler was among those presenting the awards.

"This award is tremendous recognition for the College of Education and all of the units under the dean for International Studies and Programs that work with K-12 teachers and schools," said Schwillie. "For more than 20 years, we've been different from other universities and schools of education in doing everything we could to integrate an international dimension into all the research, teaching, and service in education, throughout the college and throughout MSU. Receiving the award is a big step in validating this approach and an indication of how well that integrated approach has been working."

MSU's strength in international education is a product of having more than 25 internationally focused centers, institutes, offices, and programs; 1,200 current faculty involved in international scholarship, teaching, and overseas work in more than 120 countries; more than 200 study abroad programs in more than 60 countries on all continents; and more than 4,000 international students and scholars on campus.

MSU international initiatives recognized by the award include:

- LATTICE (Linking All Types of Teachers to International and Cross-Cultural Education), a partnership between MSU and 14 Michigan school districts that links international students and Michigan teachers to heighten teachers' awareness, sensitivity, and understanding of global issues. Groups of 25 teachers and administrators meet with 20 international students eight times a year to provide professional development, give teachers international perspectives that will influence their teaching, and offer the students a chance to become acquainted with and be more involved in American schools. For more about LATTICE, visit their website at [www.latticeworld.org](http://www.latticeworld.org)
- Original web-based materials for K-12 educators and students nationally and sponsored by MSU's International Studies and Programs and developed by the African Studies Center, Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, and Asian Studies Center that are available through three websites: Exploring Africa ([exploringafrica.matrix.msu.edu](http://exploringafrica.matrix.msu.edu)), LASER—Latin American School and Educational Resources ([www.laser.msu.edu](http://www.laser.msu.edu)), and Windows on Asia ([www.asia.msu.edu](http://www.asia.msu.edu)).
- A nationally recognized five-year teacher-preparation program that infuses international content into the student experience—from a required undergraduate course on issues of diversity and equity that draws on Africa, Asia, Latin America, and Europe to study abroad and preteaching programs throughout the world. For more on MSU's undergraduate teacher education program, visit the website at <http://ed-web3.educ.msu.edu/programs/default.htm#undergrad>
- Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad programs that take Michigan K-12 teachers and other educators to developing countries. In return for travel grants, participating educators develop teaching and curriculum resources for Michigan schools. In the last five years, Michigan teachers have traveled to South Africa, Mexico, Nepal, and Vietnam.



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Accepting the Goldman Sachs award on behalf of MSU are John Metzler, Jack Schwille, Sally McClintock, and David Porteous (second, third, fourth, and fifth from left, respectively). They were joined by former Michigan Governor John Engler (left), Asia Society President Vishaka Desai, and Goldman Sachs Foundation President Stephanie Bell-Rose.

“At MSU, we are deeply committed and proud of our involvement in international education across the university,” then-MSU President Peter McPherson said. “This award recognizes MSU’s core function of advancing knowledge and transforming lives around the world.”

The Goldman Sachs Foundation and Asia Soci-

ety created the Prizes for Excellence in International Education in 2003. The purpose of the prize program is to identify and recognize the best of the growing number of innovative examples of international education for K-12 students and teachers in the United States and those who are working to replicate these models.

## MSU Linguist Honored with Polish Officer’s Cross

**D**ennis R. Preston, University Distinguished Professor of Linguistics, was awarded the Officer’s Cross of the Order of Merit of the Republic of Poland in November 2005. The award, conferred in Warsaw, recognizes Preston’s efforts on behalf of Polish linguistic scholarship and his development of faculty-student exchange programs between institutions of higher education in Poland and the United States.

The Officer’s Cross is the second-highest honor awarded to non-Polish citizens for public service to the Republic.

Preston is on the faculty of the Department of Linguistics and Germanic, Slavic, Asian, and African Languages in the College of Arts and Letters. He has studied the Polish language in America, focusing on the preservation of Polish dialects, and has developed English language teaching models for Polish higher education. He first went to Poland in 1972 as a senior Fulbright scholar to teach sociolinguistics to Polish graduate students. Subsequently he facilitated numerous scholarly exchanges between Poland and the

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United States and provided training to Polish scholars interested in methods in language variation research.

“This awarding of the Officers Cross of the Order of Merit from Poland is an especially emotional one for me,” Preston said. “I went to Poland and helped train young linguists and establish exchange programs between the U.S. and Poland in the very early days of my career. I know that collaboration enhanced my professional life, and this award indicates that the Polish side also felt it was worthwhile.”



—Kris Tetens, *University Relations*

## International Winners of MSU Diversity Awards

Two of four 2005 MSU Excellence in Diversity awards for teams, units, and organizations have gone to international initiatives with close ties to ISP: Community Volunteers for International Programs (CVIP) and LATTICE (Linking All Types of Teachers to International and Cross-Cultural Education). One of the individual awards went to Joseph Cousins, coordinator for international visitors in the Institute of International Agriculture.

Award recipients were honored at the annual awards convocation and reception in April 2005. These annual awards sponsored by the MSU Office of Affirmative Action, Compliance, and Monitoring recognize individuals, teams, units, and organizations at MSU "that have demonstrated outstanding leadership and creativity in the area of diversity."

CVIP received the Excellent Progress Toward Advancing Diversity Within Community organization award. Founded in 1959, CVIP strives "to increase international understanding between foreign visitors, scholars, students, and their families and members of the American community by participation in mutually enriching educational and cross-cultural activities." CVIP's educational, cultural, and social activities include a speakers bureau that links MSU's international students with local schools and organizations; scholarships for the spouses of inter-

national students; and the annual Global Festival that draws thousands of people from MSU and the surrounding community.

LATTICE received the Sustained Effort Toward Excellence in Diversity team award.

LATTICE is a partnership between MSU and 14 area school districts to help teachers bring international perspectives and curriculum content to their classrooms. The organization has been active for ten years, sponsoring monthly meetings for teachers, administrators, MSU international students, and others. It has also been a partner in Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad study tours.

Joseph Cousins received the Lifetime Achievement award. Before his current position with the Institute of International Agriculture, Cousins worked for many years in the Office for International Students and Scholars. During that time, he received the MSU Distinguished Academic Staff Award for extraordinary academic achievement, excellence, and exceptional contributions. He has served as interim resident director of the Japan Center for Michigan Universities, president of the Asian Pacific American Faculty and Staff Association, adviser to the Japan Club, and cofacilitator of the International Associations Council.

Visit the CVIP website at [www.isp.msu.edu/cvip](http://www.isp.msu.edu/cvip)

Visit the LATTICE website at [www.latticeworld.org](http://www.latticeworld.org)

## \$10,000 DACOR Graduate Fellowship Awarded to

Katherine Pitsch, a James Madison College senior, has been selected as the MSU recipient of a prestigious graduate fellowship sponsored by Diplomatic and Consular Officers, Retired (DACOR), an association of retired U.S. Foreign Service officers with offices in Washington, D.C. Pitsch is majoring in international relations with a specialization in Muslim studies. She has studied Arabic and Kazakh at MSU and is also fluent in Spanish.

MSU is one of only eight institutions nationwide chosen in fall 2004 to nominate students for this year's award, which includes a 2005-06 academic year tuition stipend of up to \$10,000 for master's-level study in international affairs at a U.S. university. The fellowship, in memory of Margaret Niles Butler, is awarded primarily on the basis of academic excellence, although a career objective in public service may be a factor in the decision. Three seniors were nominated by MSU after an on-campus appli-

# Mechanical Engineering Globalization Project Recognized by National Academy

Jack Lloyd, University Distinguished Professor of mechanical engineering, and Tim Hinds, academic specialist in the Department of Mechanical Engineering, received a 2004 Curriculum Innovation Award Honorable Mention from the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. They are recognized for their work on a dispersed-design-team approach for globalization of engineering education that links students across international boundaries who are working on a common design project.

The award was a result of international competition with entries from 35 programs around the world. “It is an important award,” Lloyd said. “It shows that our department is among a small and elite group of curriculum innovators from around the world.”

The original approach evolved from the INTEnD (International Networked Teams for Engineering Design) course innovation. The principal aim of the INTEnD project is to conduct research on how to improve the performance of geographically distributed teams of engineers.

The project started in 1997 and involved faculty from MSU, the Netherlands, Germany, China, Spain, Finland, Russia, and Mexico. Since that time, MSU

has received more than \$1 million in external funding for the project from the National Science Foundation and many private companies. Lloyd estimates that “over 100 engineering students from around the world have participated on engineering design and manufacturing teams with our MSU students thus far in the EGR 475 INTEnD course offering.

The Instituto Tecnológico de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey (commonly known as Monterrey Tech) in Mexico and the University of Texas Pan American are involved in this year’s project. In addition to Lloyd and Hinds, the team included MSU Professors Ken David (anthropology) and Moon Jung Chung (computer science and engineering), as well as Professors Miguel González and Douglas Timmer of the Department of Manufacturing at the University of Texas Pan American in Edinburg, Texas.

“We believe that our INTEnD program will be an important foundation for keeping U.S. engineering and manufacturing competitive in the global economy,” Lloyd added. “According to the recent National Academy of Engineering report *Engineering 2020*, we are on target with what engineering education needs to keep our engineers leading the global profession of engineering.”

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education process and were interviewed by the DACOR Bacon House Foundation Education Committee in March.

Pitsch reports that she is currently deciding between a master’s program in Arab studies at Georgetown University’s Walsh School of Foreign Service (with subdisciplines in history, linguistics, and political science) or a master’s program in modern Middle Eastern and North African studies at the University of Michigan. She intends to continue her

study of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and the greater Middle East. After earning a master’s degree, she plans to pursue a doctorate in preparation for a career in academia or the foreign service.

Pitsch has been the recipient of numerous merit-based scholarships while at MSU and has been active in a variety of student organizations.

For more information about the DACOR fellowship, visit the website at <http://www.dacorbakon.org/DBHF/Fellowships.htm>