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### **Fr. Michael Calabria to give Feb. 1 talk on Islam**

St. Bonaventure University's Fr. Michael Calabria, O.F.M., will give a lecture on Islam and its practices at 5 p.m., Monday, Feb. 1. The lecture will be in Jamestown Community College's Magnano Reception Room on North Clinton Street in Olean.

The lecture will include the following topics:

- What is goodness according to Islam?
- What is atonement?
- What values do Muslims share with people of other faiths?
- How are they different?

Fr. Calabria, a Franciscan friar, is a lecturer in Arabic and Islamic studies at the university. He holds degrees in Near Eastern Studies, Egyptology and Theology. He has traveled to the Middle East many times and teaches at an Egyptian seminary during the summer.

JCC and the Olean Public Library will sponsor the talk, which is part of their Community Reads Project. This year's is "The Kite Runner," a story of two boys in Afghanistan, one of a prominent and wealthy family and one of a shunned ethnic minority, who become friends during the final days of the monarchy to the present.

The talk is free and open to the public. For more information, visit <http://jccoleanreads.blogspot.com>.

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### **Boot drive to raise money for Haiti**

St. Bonaventure University students will team up with area firefighters Friday morning for a boot drive to raise money for devastated Haiti.

Students and firefighters will be stationed at busy intersections in the Olean area from 7 until 10 a.m. Friday.

All the money raised will go toward Haitian relief efforts, including Food for the Poor, Hands on Direct Relief and the Carroll County Haiti Mission Project, said Dr. Todd Palmer, adviser for SBU's Students in Free Enterprise.

"St. Bonaventure has a history of working with local firefighters," Palmer said. "We raised \$45,000 during a boot drive after Hurricane Katrina."

Want to help Haiti? St. Bonaventure University has organized a number of relief efforts and educational opportunities. Find out how you can help at [www.sbu.edu/haiti](http://www.sbu.edu/haiti).

The boot drive is co-sponsored at the university by SIFE, BonaResponds, University Ministries, and the Center for Community Engagement.

Since 2005, BonaResponds and SIFE have been actively involved in local, national and international disaster relief efforts.

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## **Bonaventure -- HAITI -- Response**

The massive earthquake that struck Haiti on Jan. 12 reduced much of the capital city of Port-au-Prince to rubble and killed an estimated 150,000 people.

St. Bonaventure University has joined the worldwide effort to help. Through the consolidated efforts of SBU offices and organizations, St. Bonaventure students and staff have organized collections for money, personal care items and other supplies desperately needed by the Haitian people.

### **Five First Responses**

Ways in which the St. Bonaventure has helped or is planning to help the Haiti relief effort:

**Collection for Food For The Poor** organized by University Ministries, Sunday, Jan. 23.

**Boot Drive**, Friday, Jan. 29, 7-10 a.m. Students in Free Enterprise and local volunteer firefighters will be out in the community collecting cash donations. Ten volunteers are needed for each collection point. Additional sign holders are needed to raise awareness along the collection routes.

Collection drop site to be set up in Hopkins Hall.

**50 Minutes Haiti.** This multi-media educational piece is being developed to introduce the campus community to Haiti – the country, the people and the impact of the disaster. The purpose of the material is to provide a focused effort to help the campus community get a sense of the situation in Haiti. It will include a 10-minute reflection component. Project Coordinator is Larry

Sorokes, director of the Center for Community Engagement.

**Direct Service:** BonaResponds will explore opportunities for direct involvement in a variety of relief-related efforts. As health and safety concerns in Haiti are stabilized, and volunteer opportunities open, a service trip(s) to Haiti could be organized.

**AmeriCorps Cattaraugus County**, Jan. 25-Feb 3.

The organization Mission Central of Mechanicsburg, Pa., will send a truck to Olean to collect supplies that have been donated and boxed (e.g., hand towels, washcloths, bath-size soap, combs, toothbrushes and other personal care products that can be distributed).

Donate items at the Center for Community Engagement in Merton Center.

Volunteer to pack items for AmericCorps through Larry Sorokes at the CCE.

### **What can SBU students, faculty and staff do?**

Volunteer to hold a sign or collect money during the Jan. 29 Boot Drive from 7-10 a.m. Contact Dr. Todd Palmer or SIFE. An organizational meeting is set for Tuesday, Jan. 26, at 6 p.m.

Contribute to the creation of the 50 Minutes Haiti educational segment. Contact Larry Sorokes.

AmeriCorps Cattaraugus Collection, contact Larry Sorokes in the Center for Community Engagement.

Donate personal care items at the Center for Community Engagement in Merton Center.

Volunteer to pack items for AmericCorps through Larry Sorokes at the CCE.

Make a donation to the Boot Drive of the Bonaventure-Haiti-Response Fund at University Ministries in Merton Center.

Keep an eye out for notices of other opportunities to become more personally involved in a direct service opportunity through BonaResponses or SIFE.

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## Career Center News

### **FREE practice GRE, LSAT, MCAT and GMAT available**

- A representative from Kaplan will offer FREE practice GRE, LSAT and MCAT paper tests at St. Bonaventure on Tuesday, Feb. 9, beginning at 6 p.m. Advance registration by e-mailing [career@sbu.edu](mailto:career@sbu.edu) by Friday, Feb. 5, is required.

- Also, new this year, students have the opportunity to take a FREE full-length online practice GMAT test at various times throughout the semester. For more information or to register for a practice GMAT, visit [www.kaptest.com/practice](http://www.kaptest.com/practice) and click

GMAT.

## Friday Forum

**Date:** Jan. 29

**Time:** 12:30 - 1:30 p.m

**Location:** University Club

**Speaker:** Lance Brennan, Allegany Village Justice

Title: Ways to get out of a ticket

**Summary:** In regards to both students and adults, I will cover basic laws that are most common in my courtroom and also laws that many of us do not know about. I will also cover things we should know when sending our kids off to college. Go over fines and prison potential for things many of us will do in a given year. Describe the differences of local laws, violations, misdemeanors and felonies and how employers may track or find out about past situations. Along with whatever topics may come up with your questions.

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### Newsmakers

Dr. Paula Scraba in the School of Education has had a chapter in the book “Service-Learning in Physical Education and Related Professions: A Global Perspective” published. The chapter, “Service-Learning in Physical Education and Activity: Blending Social Responsibility,” was co-edited by Dr. Marybeth Miller, former chair of SBU’s Department of Physical Education, and Jim Nendel. The publisher is Jones and Bartlett Publishers of Boston.

Read part of the Introduction:

... The perspective of this chapter for blending social responsibility and justice articulates the pedagogy of Dr. Paula Scraba, a physical educator and a Franciscan. Drawing on her work with indigenous peoples in Central and South America and various service trips with students from two Franciscan Universities, Dr. Scraba attempts to reconcile her theology with her practice as a physical educator. Dr. Scraba will provide a more contemporary theological framework, based on the teachings of St. Francis, that informs her critical pedagogy when teaching in the borderlands of Native America or in service projects with students in marginalized areas in the Midwest, Southwest and east Coast of the United States. This chapter is a call to service in the attitude of peace, on behalf of social justice, and with a deep and abiding respect for the integrity of all creation. The service programs involved physical educators engaged in University-sponsored service-learning programs integrating students across disciplines.

In addition, Scraba was named the 2009-2010 Professional of the Year in Higher Education by Global networking Cambridge Who’s Who of executives, professionals and entrepreneurs. The selection was based upon personal achievements within the profession, exemplary leadership skills and personal commitment and dedication to altruistic endeavors to such programs as Special Olympics, international service programs and mentoring students in and outside the classroom.

Dr. Kimberly Young, professor of management sciences, published the article "Internet Addiction: Diagnosis and Treatment" in the Journal of Contemporary Psychotherapy. The article reviews current models of diagnosing online problems and compulsive disorders.

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