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## CARE Recent Events and Announcements

### CARE joins the “No Hate in Our Town” Campaign.

On September 1, 2007, while supporters of the Hazelton mayor’s anti-immigration ordinance held a rally in Harrisburg to breed more fear and distrust of immigrants, a “No Hate in Our Town” press conference was held in Harrisburg by a coalition of groups to speak out against hate and in support of all workers. “No Hate in Our Town” is a joint venture of six state wide organizations (including the Pennsylvania Network of Unity Coalitions in which CARE participates). It is an effort to unite Pennsylvanians in support of fair and inclusive communities. In the face of divisiveness caused by discriminatory local anti-immigration ordinances and other forms of scapegoating, the coalition calls for unity in addressing the root causes of economic, health and public safety issues in our state.

As a show of support, the photo below was taken on Sunday, September 2, 2007 in Lewisburg by Mary Hague, who initiated the event. Across the back row: Helen Nunn, unidentified mother & daughter in arms, Alex Wilce, Doug Sturm, Kerry Walters, Kim Daubman. Middle row: Adrian Levin, Margie Sturm, Caroll Bloom, Cindy Peltier. Front row: two unidentified children. For more information about this campaign, please contact [mhague@bucknell.edu](mailto:mhague@bucknell.edu).



## Upcoming Events

"African Muslims in the Americas" – Public Lecture  
Michael Gomez, New York University  
September 24, 2007  
7:00pm, Langone Center Forum



Bucknell University's Center for the Study of Race, Ethnicity, and Gender announces the 21st Annual Black Experiences Lecture given by Michael Gomez. Professor Gomez is Professor of History, Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies at NYU and Director of the Association for the Study of the Worldwide African Diaspora. He is the author of [Black Crescent: The Experience and Legacy of African Muslims in the Americas](#) (Cambridge, 2005).

All are welcome to attend!

### Annual Bucknell/Lewisburg "Unity Jam; Stop the Hate Rally"

Tuesday, September 25, 2007  
7:00 p.m., Hufnagle Park

The annual rally is part of a national effort calling for people of faith and good will to act nonviolently as agents of healing in their communities, to speak up for the victims of hatred and intimidation, and to raise a united voice against hate-inspired violence. The national rallies began the year after the Hate crimes & killings of James Byrd, Matthew Shepard, and others.

**(Meet in the Academic Quad at 6:30 p.m. to march to the park)**



Previous Co-sponsors included: Social Justice College, Turkish Cultural Association, Bucknell Unitarian-Universalists, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., Burmese Cultural Organization, St. John's United Church of Christ, SoTech College, Sirens, Rooke Chapel Congregation, Multicultural Student Services, Students for Asian Awareness at Bucknell, Inter-Religious Council, I-Council, SVWIT, Environmental College, V-Day Bucknell, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, FLAG & BT, Humanities College, International Student Services, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Women's Resource Center, Bucknell Hillel, South Asian Students Association, Arts College, Office of LGBT Awareness, Global College, POSSE 1 & 2 *and many others*

If you would like to take the lead as a co-sponsor to the rally this year, please contact:

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Do you have any news or suggestions for us? Please contact us at 570-524-2273 or email to [care@dejazzd.com](mailto:care@dejazzd.com)

## 2007-2008 Weis Center Series at Bucknell

All performances are at 8 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

Friday, October 5, 2007 ILYA YAKUSHEV, *piano*~ all Russian music

Saturday, October 20, CAPITOL STEPS~ political satire

Saturday, October 27, 11 a.m., "*I Went for a Walk and Ran into an Orchestra...*" with Pro Musica Prague

This free family matinee is made possible through the generosity of Clayton and David Lightman and members of the Weis Center Green Room Board.

Friday, November 16, Heidi Grant Murphy, *soprano* / Kevin Murphy, *piano* / St. Lawrence String Quartet

The program includes a setting of *Landino* texts of Jewish origin.

Saturday, December 1, Avantango: music and dance from Argentina

Saturday, December 8, 1 p.m. The Paper Bag Players

Free family matinee, made possible through the generosity of Janet Weis

Friday, January 25, 2008, *Raisin' Cain* with Jasmine Guy and the Avery Sharpe Trio - a celebration of the Harlem Renaissance

Friday, February 1, Sofia Festival Orchestra from Bulgaria

Friday, February 15, Alonzo King's LINES BALLET

Saturday, February 23, Israel Kammerer Orchestra

Friday, February 29, (The late) Sekou Sundiata's 51st (dream) state (from a poetic inquiry into citizenship, America, and our collective state of mind...)

Friday, March 28, Sherrie Marical & DIVA Jazz Orchestra

## *In the News* - from the desk of Doug Sturm

### Notes on "Illegal Immigration": Happenings, Thoughts

The Daily Item (August 2, pp. A1, 8)

"Police find 7 illegal aliens" is the headline of an article that reports that East Buffalo Township police, with the assistance of Immigration and Naturalization Service, picked up four Mexicans now residing in Milton, but lacking registration papers. Later four more illegal aliens were picked up in Milton and placed in prison awaiting deportation. In its straightforward reporting, the article ignores the larger controversy over "illegal immigration" currently troubling many across the United States.

The New York Times (July 7)

Excerpts below from an article by Julia Preston provide hints of that larger controversy from a legal angle as manifested in recent happenings in Hazleton, PA.

"A federal judge in Pennsylvania yesterday struck down ordinances adopted by the City of Hazleton to bar illegal immigrants from working or renting homes there, the most resounding legal blow so far to local efforts across the country to crack down on illegal immigration....

"Judge [James M.] Munley ruled that ordinances first passed last July by the Hazleton City Council interfered with federal law, which regulates immigration, and violated the due process rights of employers, landlords and



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illegal immigrants....The judge emphasized that illegal immigrants had the same civil rights as legal immigrants and citizens....

“According to the Puerto Rican Legal Defense and Education Fund, more than 100 municipalities have considered ordinances to crack down on illegal immigrants....

“Mr. Barletta [Mayor of Hazelton] and his campaign against illegal immigrants have remained popular in Hazelton, a faded coal-mining center...that has recently seen a manufacturing revival....”

USA Today (July 8)

From another angle, Emily Bazar describes an emerging “Sanctuary Movement” among some synagogues and churches to protect so-called “illegal immigrants” from efforts to arrest and to deport them. Within this movement, such peoples deserve to be treated as fellow human persons in need of respect and support.

“[T]he New Sanctuary Movement, [is] a small but growing coalition of churches, synagogues and other houses of worship that is challenging the immigration system, despite legal risk, as the nation debates how to deal with the estimated 12 million illegal immigrants in the USA....The congregations say the immigration system mistreats immigrants and breaks families apart. They want to end raids of job sites that have led to the arrest of thousands of undocumented workers, and they’re lobbying for policies that would help keep the families of illegal immigrants together and in the USA....

“We don’t accept a broken law that causes separation of families,” says Richard Estrada, an associate pastor at Our Lady Queen of Angels Catholic Church in Los Angeles. “We will protect families, those in danger of being separated. ... We’re doing what we think is the right, moral thing to do.’...

“Peter Schey, the lawyer advising the sanctuary movement and president of the Center for Human Rights and Constitutional Law in Los Angeles, says the churches are within the law. He advises congregations that they’re not guilty of harboring if the immigrants aren’t in hiding and have active cases pending to legalize their status....”

## Global News - Poverty Reduction

### Shea butter initiative empowers Ghanaian women

Report from the UN Development Programme Website – July 24, 2007

<http://content.undp.org/go/newsroom/2007/july/ghana-shea-butter.en?categoryID=349425&lang=en>

Capitalizing on shea butter’s global popularity, UNDP and Japan have teamed up to bolster female entrepreneurs in Ghana and strengthen the African country’s economy by increasing production of the nut-based fat.

The UNDP-Japan project aims to provide Ghanaian women with the self-confidence to distribute and sell the popular butter -- a project which the local women said has increased shea butter sales, boosted their take-home income and raised the standard of living in their households.

Titled “Empowering Rural Women and Alleviating Poverty by Strengthening the Local Shea Butter Industry in Northern Ghana,” the partnership has proved a valuable resource for local women and has increased the quality of life for many Ghanaian families.



Because of the shea butter project, the Ghanaian entrepreneurs have learnt to work in groups and acquired skills to improve their productivity. They added that they are happy because the training center also serves as an evening adult school, and that the skills have enabled them to participate better in at-home decision making.



Mrs. Adisa Lansah Yakubu, the Executive Director of Africa 2000 Network, UNDP's implementing partner on this project, said shea butter production has typically been a profession for females. It is her hope that with the Japan-UNDP support and intervention and additional support from government, shea butter production will witness new heights as a foreign exchange earner for Ghana.

Traditionally used as a cooking fat in African homes, shea butter has gained global popularity in the chocolate industry, as a substitute for cocoa butter, and in the cosmetics field, as an ingredient in moisturizers.

Japan's Ambassador to the African Union and Ethiopia, Mr. Kinichi Komano has also thrown his weight behind the project. While visiting one of the project sites at Sagnarigu in the Tamale Metropolis July 12, Ambassador Komano underlined the importance of the project and said he wished that Ghanaian and Japanese business firms would come together to exchange experiences and create awareness of the shea butter enterprise.