



# World Religions and Faith Practices

## International Education Week

November 13 – 17, 2017

Schedule – Downtown Campus

### Visit the Wellness Promotion Center

Stop by and see the new Wellness Promotion Center and our dedicated space for prayer and contemplation. Hours are Monday – Friday from 8:45 am – 4:45 pm.

### Geography Awareness Week: The World Maps Gallery poster display

Walk among The World Maps Gallery posters to see what maps have been installed in the permanent collection mounted throughout the Brighton Campus. What kind of maps would you like to see on the Downtown Campus?

### Monday, November 13

#### TWO Faculty Sessions – Globalize Your Curriculum through COIL and Fulbright

2<sup>nd</sup> floor 200B

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. with Patrick Callan and Christina Lee

3:00 pm – 4:00 pm with Sherry Tshibangu and Christina Lee

Learn about Collaborative Online International Learning (COIL) and Fulbright opportunities that will help globalize your curriculum.

### Tuesday, November 14

#### Reverend James Simmons from Baber AME Church, Rochester, N.Y.

2<sup>nd</sup> floor lounge

11:00 am – Noon

The Reverend James C Simmons is the Senior Pastor of Baber African Methodist Episcopal Church, Rochester, New York, and chairman of Rise Up Rochester, Incorporated. Born in Waynesboro, Pennsylvania, Reverend Simmons is the son of Ralph Simmons and the late Rena (Waltz) Simmons. He graduated from Howard University in Washington, DC with a degree in Public Administration and Policy and certification in nonprofit management. Reverend Simmons further received his Masters of Divinity from Wesley Theological Seminary at American University in Washington, DC.

In the Rochester Community, Reverend Simmons is the chairman of Rise Up Rochester, Incorporation – a human service agency that empowers the community to establish and maintain a nonviolent culture and supports families of homicide victims. He is also the member of numerous boards, councils, and organizations in the City of Rochester.

### **Wednesday, November 15**

#### **International Education Week Flag Celebration and Keynote Speaker**

**Dr. Muhammad Shafiq from the Hickey Center for Interfaith Studies and Dialogue, Nazareth College  
“Globalization, Diversity and Dialogue”**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Student Lounge with participation from  
12 noon – 1 p.m.**

Join us for a flag parade and then gather in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Student Lounge to kick off International Education Week and talk with our keynote speaker, Dr. Muhammad Shafiq. Dr. Shafiq is the executive director of the Brian and Jean Hickey Center for Interfaith Studies and Dialogue and professor of Islamic and religious studies at Nazareth College. He also holds the IIIT Chair in Interfaith Studies at Nazareth College. He was the imam of the Islamic Center of Rochester, Inc. until 2007. Dr. Shafiq holds a Ph.D. from Temple University, and a M.A. and B.A. from the University of Peshawar.

### **Thursday, November 16**

**Rabbi Alan Katz from Temple Sinai, Rochester, NY**

**“Diversity, Particularism and Universalism in Judaism and the Jewish People”**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Student Lounge  
11 am – Noon**

Rabbi Alan J. Katz has served as rabbi of Temple Sinai in Rochester since 1986. A graduate of Lehigh University and Hebrew Union College where he received a MAHL (1975), rabbinic ordination (1976) and a Doctor of Divinity (2001). He also studied in the graduate program for pastoral counseling at Iona College for two years.

Rabbi Katz has served on numerous community organizations including the Rochester Board of Rabbis (past president), The Jewish Community Federation (board member and chair of the Department of Community Relations), the Martin Luther King, Jr. Greater Rochester Commission, the commission of Christian-Jewish Relations (past chair), Pastoral Care UIV/AIDS Committee, The Brennan Goldman Commission, the Inter Faith Forum of Rochester, and the advisory board for the Hickey Center for Interfaith Study and Dialogue at Nazareth College. He has also taught courses in Judaism and Christian-Jewish Relations at Nazareth College.

Many of Rabbi Katz’s activities include reaching across racial, ethnic, and religious lines to create understanding and friendship. He is part of Muslim-Jewish Dialogue group, Commission of Jewish Muslim Understanding (CJMU) and has fostered a relationships between Temple Sinai and AME Baber Church, The Parcels Historic Church, and The Islamic Center of Rochester.

**It’s Geography Awareness Week! Attend our Map-a-thon Mapping Party!**

**With SUNY Geneseo GIS Association students – Youth Mappers Geneseo Chapter**

**Downtown Campus Computer Lab Room 406**

**3:30 – 5 pm then pizza and drinks for all participants**

**RSVP recommended but not required to [cle40@monroecc.edu](mailto:cle40@monroecc.edu)**