2011 Third Annual Ethics Conference: Religion and Ethics. Keynote: Charles Goodman PhD.

**RELIGION and ETHICS: CONFLICT, TOLERANCE and PROMISE**

*Admission and lunch are free but registration is requested*

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**Keynote Speakers:**

**Charles Goodman** received his Ph.D. in Philosophy from the University of Michigan in 2002. He has been at Binghamton University since 2003. His areas of research and teaching include Buddhist Philosophy, Indian Philosophy, Analytic Metaphysics, and Comparative Ethics. His recent publications include “Vaibhasika Metaphoricalism,” *Philosophy East and West* (2005), “The Treasury of Metaphyiscs and the Physical World,”*The Philosophical Quarterly* (2004), and “Resentment and Morality: Buddhism on Moral Responsibility,”*American Philosophical Quarterly* (2002).  He is the author  of the book *Consequences of Compassion: An Interpretation and Defense of Buddhist Ethics*.

**Imam Kasim Kopuz** was born in Rize and lived in Istanbul Turkey.  He is the Imam of Islamic Organization of the Southern Tier at Binghamton, New York.  Kopuz has studied traditional Islamic sciences starting at a very early age.  He has memorized the entire Qur’an, which earned him the title of being Hafiz.  He studied traditional Islamic sciences in Rize and Istanbul, Turkey, and Cairo, Egypt.  In Cairo, he graduated from Al-Azhar University, which is a world renowned, oldest Islamic University in the world.  There he studied five years of Islamic Law as well as Modern European Law. In Istanbul, he earned BLL from Istanbul University School of Law.  He moved to Binghamton as Imam in 1993 and joined the Graduate Program at SUNY Binghamton, finishing MA in Middle East History at Binghamton University in 1999.

He has taught with Professor and Rabbi Lance Sussman, classes on World Religions and Biblical History at SUNY Binghatmon, Sufism at Broome Community College, and he has given lectures on Islam and Muslim Societies at various public forums, churches, schools and clubs in and around our locality. He is a member of Broome Country Council of Churches Interfaith Committee.  He has been Imam of the Islamic Organization  of the Southern Tier since 1993.  He is married and has three children,  Hafsa Hihal, Zehra Betul and Hamidullah Eren Kopuz.

Conference Participants

* Ann Clune, LeMoyne College Alumnae. Former President Broome County Peace  Action. Catholic hospitality worker.
* Jim Clune, LeMoyne College Alumnus.  President Broome County Peace Action, Catholic hospitality worker.
* Greg Caruso, MA PhD Candidate, Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Chair, Department of Humanities,  Corning Community College
* Mary Dickson, MA Dean, Dept. of Liberal Arts, Broome Community College
* Patricia Donahue,
* Lorenz Firsching, PhD,  Professor,  Dept. of History, Philosophy, and Social Sciences, Broome
* Community College
* Douglas Garnar, MA, Distinguished Service Professor, Dept. of History, Philosophy and Social Sciences, Broome Community College
* Charles Goodman, PhD, Associate Professor, Dept. of Philosophy, Dept. of Asian and Asian American Studies, Binghamton University
* Wendy Gonyea, Teacher, Writer, Onondaga Nation, Beaver Clan of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy
* Bradley Kaye, PhD, Adjunct Professor, Department History, Philosophy, Social Science, Broome  Community College
* Michael Kinney, Phd. Chairperson of the Department of Performing Arts, Broome Community College
* Harold Koster, PhD, Professor, Dept. of History, Philosophy, and Social Sciences
* Kasim Kopuz, Islamic Organization of the Southern Tier
* Akbar Muhammad, PhD, Associate Professor, Binghamton University.
* Kalil Abdur Rashid, Imam of Iqra Mosque, Brooklyn. PhD. Candidate, Columbia University.
* Gary G. Smith, Phd, Faculty, Human Development, Binghamton University
* Reverend Steven Johnson, PhD.  Adjunct Professor, Philosophy and Ethics, BCC. Pastor, The Federated Church of Maine
* Reverend Timothy J. Taugher,   Pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Church (previous assignment -Chaplain at Wilson and General Hospitals.)

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