

Acupuncturist's work in New Orleans, Haiti Bergren Forum topic

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Graham Marks of Alfred will host "Disaster Acupuncture" as part of Alfred University's ongoing Bergren Forum series. All are welcome free of charge.

The forum will take place in Powell Campus Center's Nevins Theater on Thursday, Sept. 27 and will begin at 12:10 p.m.

Nationally certified and NYS-licensed acupuncturist Marks will discuss his experiences while working with Acupuncturists Without Borders (AWB) in post-disaster New Orleans and Haiti.

AWB is a tax-exempt organization formed in September 2005 after the devastation of Hurricanes Rita and Katrina. Between October 2005 and November 2006, the coalition provided free acupuncture to evacuees, residents, first responders, emergency personnel and other care providers following the storms.

The organization continues to provide acupuncture to those affected by natural disasters or human conflict and creates alliances with local community-based organizations. The group's mission is to provide care to all people affected by disaster, including survivors and their care providers.

Marks holds a master of acupuncture degree and is the owner of Traditional Acupuncture, located at 29 W. University St., Alfred. He has also been a staff member of the Jones Memorial Hospital in Wellsville.

The Bergren Forum, sponsored by the Alfred University Division of Human Studies in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, meets Thursdays during each academic semester at the University. Participants are encouraged to bring a lunch; coffee and tea will be available.