

David L. Caprara – Bio Update Information

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Experience:

David L. Caprara is a nonresident fellow and Director of the Initiative on International Volunteering and Service with the Global Economy and Development Program. He previously served as National Director of Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA) at the Corporation for National and Community Service where he co-founded the International Roundtable on Volunteering and Service. He is presently serving on the board of the Africa Conference on Volunteer Action for Peace and Development and the Building Bridges Coalition. His current research includes studies on the effects of "soft power" strategies to promote development, peace-building and regional integration in sub-Saharan Africa through service initiatives fostering social capital and cohesion.

Past Positions:

National Director of VISTA, Corporation for National and Community Service
Director of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives, Corporation for National and Community Service
Deputy Assistant Secretary, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Director, Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development

Education:

Interdisciplinary Studies Program (1976)
Berry College

Undergraduate Studies in Political Science (1984)
University of Illinois

Legislative Institute for Member and Committee Staff
Congressional Research Service (1985)

Bio Attachments:

- 1 page bio, CV (Note: please use updated 1 page bio, enclosed. I will update CV upon returning from Africa; please hold CV till updated one sent)
- Enclosed: Updated JPEG photo

Topics:

International service and volunteerism
Smart power and citizen diplomacy
Faith-based initiatives in conflict prevention
Poverty and assets
Youth violence
Urban and rural community-driven development
Civic service in Sub-Saharan Africa

Geographic settings:

Sub-Saharan Africa
Northeast Asia
Middle East
United States

BI Blogs/Papers/Reports section:

PODCAST

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@ Brookings Podcast: International Volunteers and the 50th Anniversary of the Peace Corps

http://www.brookings.edu/multimedia/video/2010/1015_at_brookings_podcast.aspx

RESEARCH AND COMMENTARY

U.N. International Year of Volunteers Ignites Colombia's Youth to Volunteer

http://www.brookings.edu/opinions/2011/1206_youth_volunteers_colombia_caprara.aspx
December 6, 2011

Community-Centered Development and Regional Integration Featured at Southern Africa Summit in Johannesburg

http://www.brookings.edu/opinions/2011/1020_johannesburg_caprara.aspx
October 20, 2011

Perceived Impacts of International Service on Volunteers: Interim Results from a Quasi-Experimental Study

http://www.brookings.edu/reports/2010/0621_volunteering_mcbride.aspx
June 21, 2010

BLOGS

Huffington Post: Compassion Across Borders

http://www.brookings.edu/opinions/2010/0712_volunteering_caprara.aspx

July 12, 2010

The Role of the Corporation in Citizen Diplomacy

http://www.brookings.edu/opinions/2010/0722_citizen_diplomacy_caprara.aspx

July 22, 2010

PAST FORUMS

International Service and Smart Power Diplomacy

http://www.brookings.edu/events/2010/0623_volunteering.aspx

June 23, 2010

Congressional Briefing on Global Service Fellowships

<http://www.brookings.edu/events/2007/0524volunteering.aspx>

May 24, 2007

Image Gallery: (please advise what this may include and will send later)

RECOMMENDED RESOURCE/EXTERNAL LINKS

United Nations State of the World's Volunteering Report (2011)

www.unv.org/en/swvr2011.html

www.brookings.edu/topics/volunteering

Washington University Center for Social Development (Project Research Partner)

<http://csd.wustl.edu/CivicEngagementService/Pages/Overview.aspx>

Building Bridges Coalition

www.buildingbridgescoalition.org