



To the Campus Community,

The Niagara Reads committee is pleased to announce that our **2010 selection** is ***Escape From Slavery* by Francis Bok**. Some of you will recall that we used this book in 2006, and it was very well received by students and staff. This compelling biography recounts Bok's ten years as a child slave in Sudan in the late 1980s-early 1990s. It is a true story of courage and resilience in the face of a lost childhood. A summary of the book is at <http://library.niagara.edu/escape.html>.

All first-year students will receive a copy of *Escape From Slavery* at CARE sessions and they will be expected to read it during the summer. They will discuss the book in their NUS 102 classes, and they will be required to attend a related event in the fall. We are pleased to announce that the major event will be a talk by Francis Bok on Tuesday, September 28. He will give two talks that day – the first at 4:00 pm and the next at 7:30 pm, both in the Gallagher Center, upper level. His 7:30 pm talk will be followed by a book signing.

If you teach first-year students, please keep this book in mind as you plan your fall courses. Whether it has direct or indirect connections, students' reading experience are enriched when their professors make reference to this book or integrate it, where appropriate, in their fall classes. If you would like to read the book, the library has five copies.

Finally, if you integrate the book into your classes, kindly send us a 1-2 sentence summary of what you did so we can acknowledge you on our web page (see <http://www.niagara.edu/nr-faculty-support/>). This can also provide ideas for other instructors.

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