

WHEN DISASTER STRIKES

Reporting & Responding

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Photonics Center, Boston University

9th floor Colloquium Room

8 Saint Mary's Street, Boston, MA

FINAL CONFERENCE AGENDA

Time	Topic	Speaker
8:30 – 9:00	Arrival and registration	
9:00 – 9:05	Welcome and Conference Overview	RD Sahl, MA – Lecturer, BU School of Com., Dept. of Journalism, Former NECN anchor
9:05-9:20	Welcome by the Deans	Robert Meenan, MPH, MBA, MD – Dean, BUSPH Thomas E Fiedler, MA – Dean, BU COM
9:20 – 9:35	Q&A with Michael Mendillo, BU Professor of Astronomy, who was in Japan at the time of the earthquake.	RD Sahl, MA – Lecturer, BU School of Com., Dept. of Journalism, Former NECN anchor Michael Mendillo, PhD – Professor of Astronomy, BU College of Art and Science
9:35 – 9:45	Introduction of the Keynote Speakers	RD Sahl, MA – Lecturer, BU School of Com., Dept. of Journalism, Former NECN anchor
9:45 – 10:45	KEYNOTE ADDRESS: Reporting in Disasters	Kerry Sanders - NBC's Miami-based correspondent Jane Derenowski – Producer, NBC News
10:45 – 11:00	BREAK/ PANEL SET-UP	
11:00 – 12:15	<p>Panel 1: The Medical and Public Health Response to Disasters</p> <p>Moderator: RD Sahl, Lecturer, BU School of Com., Dept. of Journalism, Former NECN anchor</p> <p><i>This panel will present the direct experiences of health professionals who have worked in Haiti and other disaster areas. Panelist will recount their observations and offer lessons about on-the-spot crisis response.</i></p>	<p>Larry Ronan, MD – Physician at Massachusetts General Hospital</p> <p>Thea James, MD – Physician at Boston Medical Center</p> <p>Nate Nickerson, RN, DrPH – Executive Director, Konbit Sante</p> <p>Monica Onyango, RN, PhD – Clinical Assistant Professor, Dept. of Int'l Health, BUSPH</p>
12:15 – 1:15	<p>LUNCH – Brown bag lunch provided to attendees who pre-registered</p> <p>Video Screening: <i>Massacre at Murambi</i></p> <p>Poetry performance by Kwame Dawes</p>	<p>Sam Kauffmann – Professor, BU Dept. of Film and Television. Produced <i>Massacre at Murambi</i></p> <p>Kwame Dawes – Poet in Residence, University of South Carolina</p>
1:15-2:30	<p>Panel 2: Getting the Information Out – Immediate Crisis Response</p> <p>Moderator: Jon Simon, Director of the Center for Global Health and Development, and Chair of the Dept. of International Health</p>	<p>Donna Leinwand – Reporter, USA Today</p> <p>Rob Baker – Coordinator, Universities for Ushahidi</p> <p>Manolia Charlotin – Editor and Business Manager, the Boston Haitian Reporter</p> <p>Nancy Dorsinville - Senior Policy Advisor of UN Office of</p>

	<p><i>This panel will discuss the flow of information to communities, aid agencies, and the international community in the wake of a disaster. How do people find out what is going on when communication infrastructure is broken? How do aid agencies get relevant information to begin their work? The panelists will discuss how the scope of the crisis is assessed; decisions are made about priorities, and coordinating coverage.</i></p>	the Special Envoy to Haiti
2:30 – 2:45	BREAK/ PANEL SET-UP	
2:45 – 4:00	<p>Panel 3: The aftermath: keeping the story alive, chronic disasters</p> <p>Moderator: Jon Sawyer, Director of the Pulitzer Center on Crisis Reporting</p> <p><i>Panelists will address the implications of prolonged disasters that often fly under the radar of public awareness. In addition, panelists will look at what happens when a catastrophic event—such as the Haitian earthquake—adds to existing crisis, producing extended challenge throughout a culture. Finally, panelists will consider how to battle disaster fatigue among journalists and their public, focusing on how to maintain interest in a long-term disaster without distorting it.</i></p>	<p>Bill Wheeler – Journalist, The Pulitzer Center for Crisis Reporting</p> <p>Carroll Bogert, MA– Deputy Executive Director for External Relations, Human Rights Watch</p> <p>John Hammock, MALD, PhD - Associate Professor of Public Policy, Fletcher School, Tufts University. Former Executive Director, Oxfam America</p> <p>Enrique Silva, MScPI, PhD - Programs in City Planning and Urban Affairs, Department of Applied Social Sciences</p> <p>Leonard Doyle – Spokesperson for the International Office of Migration in Haiti</p>
4:00 – 4:15	What we Learned	RD Sahl, MA - Lecturer, BU School of Com., Dept. of Journalism, Former NECN anchor
4:15 – 5:00	<p>Cocktails and live music Caribbean music performance by Zili Misik</p> <p><i>Zili Misik is a 7-piece all female band that performs New World SOUL:dance and roots music of the African Diaspora! Zili music reconnects Haitian roots, jazz, highlife, reggae, samba, Cuban son, gospel and neo-soul. Zili Misik is an aural, visual, and kinetic experience!</i></p>	Zili Misik Performance