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<p>RD Sahl, MA</p> <p>Lecturer, BU School of Communications</p> <p><i>Moderator</i></p>	<p>RD Sahl is a Lecturer in the BU School of Communication, Dept. of Journalism. From 1997-2010 he was a Primary Anchor for NECN on “Right Now with RD Sahl”, “NECN Business”, and “NECN Tonight”. In the first week of March 2010, R.D. Sahl and photojournalist Mike Bellwin traveled to Haiti with Boston Cardinal Sean O'Malley for a first-hand look at a nation struggling desperately to recover from the devastation of the earthquake that killed more than 200,000 people.</p>
<p>Michael Mendillo, PhD</p> <p>Professor of Astronomy, BU College of Art and Science</p> <p><i>Morning Q&A</i></p>	<p>As Professor of Astronomy and Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering, Michael Mendillo leads a research group in space physics that has developed new low-light-level imaging techniques for observations of emissions from the Earth's atmosphere. Radio observations and modeling studies are merged with an optical tomography program to investigate various areas of "space weather" in the solar terrestrial system. Professor Mendillo is also known for his work on so-called Active Experiments - the technique of introducing (by space shuttle or sounding rockets) known gaseous perturbations into space plasmas, observing the induced effects, and then deriving the basic physical processes that govern the system. He was in Japan in March 2011 when the earthquake hit and will recount his experience.</p>
<p>Kerry Sanders</p> <p>NBC's Miami-based correspondent</p> <p><i>Keynote Speaker</i></p>	<p>Kerry Sanders has been NBC's Miami-based correspondent since 1996, covering news mainly in the South and throughout Latin America. Sanders contributes regularly to "NBC Nightly News with Brian Williams," "Today," MSNBC and occasionally to "Dateline NBC." Sanders covers breaking news and feature stories. He has more than 20 years experience providing in-the-field-reports during hurricanes. He was a member of the NBC Nightly News reporting team that was awarded a Peabody and the RTNDA Edward R. Murrow Award for coverage of Hurricane Katrina. Sanders was also one of NBC's embedded reporters during the Iraq war, traveling with the U.S. Marine Corps. He reported on various battles, including the harsh 11-day conflict in Nasariyah. In addition, Sanders has extensively covered the war on terror in Iraq, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and Afghanistan.</p> <p>Sanders has received other numerous national awards. He was awarded an Emmy as a member of the NBC News team reporting on the 2008 national election. He was also awarded an Emmy in 2005 as a member of the NBC News team reporting on Hurricane Katrina. In 2000, he won the Overseas Press Club Award for his coverage in Kosovo. In 1994 Sanders was honored with the prestigious Columbia-duPont, recognized for his reporting from Haiti as a military coup rocked the country. Sanders shared another Columbia-duPont award for his compelling coverage of the widespread devastation of Hurricane Andrew in 1992. Sanders was also a co-recipient of the RTNDA Edward R. Murrow Award, and the George Foster Peabody Award for coverage of Hurricane Andrew and the aftermath of the storm.</p>
<p>Jane Derenowski</p> <p>Producer, NBC News</p> <p><i>Keynote Speaker</i></p>	<p>Jane Derenowski is a producer for NBC Network News specializing in science and medical stories for NBC Nightly News, the Today Show, and MSNBC. She has traveled extensively covering public health issues including disaster-related medical care, swine flu, bird flu, SARS, AIDS, alzheimer's disease, and obesity, among others. Originally from a small desert town in Arizona, Jane now lives in the Bronx and enjoys reading, collecting Beat literature, and watching movies with her husband.</p>

	<p>Last year Ms. Derenowski was in Haiti 3 times post-earthquake producing stories about the enormous amount of wounded and the medical system's attempt to cope, and in Iceland as the volcano was erupting to produce stories on the science of eruptions and the geology of Iceland.</p>
<p>Larry Ronan, MD</p> <p>Physician at Massachusetts General Hospital</p> <p><i>Panel 1</i></p>	<p>Dr. Laurence J. Ronan is a staff physician at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, Massachusetts. Dr. Ronan is the Director of the Thomas S. Durant, MD Fellowship in Refugee Medicine at Massachusetts General Hospital ('03 -), co-founder and Executive Board Member of the MGH Center for Global Health, and Co Director of the Office of Disaster Response. He is on the Executive Committee for the Harvard Humanitarian Initiative (2007 -). He has participated as a volunteer with the military, Project Hope and the Uniformed Health Services in the medical responses to humanitarian disasters and has led medical teams in the tsunami, Katrina, and Haiti earthquake. He has worked in Iraq under a State Department contract with International Medical Corp to provide continuing medical education to Iraqi physicians (2004 – 2010). He is presently working in Haiti with IMC and the Haitian Medical Association on developing CME programs (2010 -).</p>
<p>Thea James, MD</p> <p>Physician at Boston Medical Center</p> <p><i>Panel 1</i></p>	<p>Thea James, MD, is an Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine at Boston Medical Center/Boston University School of Medicine, and president of the Medical and Dental Staff at Boston Medical Center. She is also the Director of the Boston Medical Center site of the Massachusetts Violence Intervention Advocacy Program. Dr. James has chaired and served on national committees within the Society for Academic Emergency Medicine (SAEM), served as a moderator, and has given public lectures and talks. She was appointed to the SAEM Women in Academic Emergency Medicine Task Force, is a member of the Boston University School of Medicine Admissions Committee, and in 2009, Dr. James was appointed to the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine, where she presently serves as chair of the Licensing Committee. Dr. James is the 2008 awardee of the Mulligan Award for public service.</p> <p>Dr. James' passion is in Public Health both domestically and globally. She is a Supervising Medical Officer on the Boston Disaster Medical Assistance Team, under the Department of Health and Human Services, which has responded to several disasters in the United States and across the globe. She has deployed to post 9/11 in NYC, Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans in 2005, Bam, Iran after the earthquake in 2003, and Port-Au-Prince Haiti after the earthquake of 2010. For many years Dr. James has traveled to Haiti, taking teams of emergency medicine residents. In 2006, Dr. James and a colleague co-founded a non-profit organization called Unified for Global Healing, and for the past three years this multidisciplinary team has worked in Ghana, West Africa, India and Haiti.</p>
<p>Nate Nickerson, RN, DrPH</p> <p>Executive Director, Konbit Sante</p> <p><i>Panel 1</i></p>	<p>Nate Nickerson is the Executive Director of At Konbit Sante Cap-Haitien Health Partnership, an organization whose mission is to support the development of a sustainable health care system to meet the needs of the Cap-Haitien community with maximum local direction and support. Prior to joining the Konbit Sante Staff as its first executive director, Nate Nickerson was previously director of public health for the City of Portland where he oversaw services related to infectious diseases, health care for the poor and homeless, health care for children and families, and health promotion services. Nate has BS degrees from Tufts and University of Southern Maine as well as a master's degree in nursing from Simmons College. In 2007 he received his doctorate in international public health from Boston University. Nate is a founding director of Konbit Sante and has special interests in infectious diseases, public health, and community outreach.</p>
<p>Monica Onyango, RN, PhD</p> <p>Clinical Assistant Professor, Dept. of Int'l Health, BUSPH</p>	<p>Monica Adhiambo Onyango, RNM, PhD, has over 25 years of experience in health care delivery and management. Currently, Dr. Onyango is Clinical Assistant Professor of International Health at Boston University School of Public Health, where she teaches courses in managing disasters and complex humanitarian emergencies, and sexual and reproductive health in disaster settings. Dr. Onyango served in the Kenya Ministry of Health for ten years as a nursing officer in management positions at two hospitals and as a lecturer at Nairobi's Medical Training College, School of Nursing. From 1992 to 1998, Dr. Onyango worked as a health team leader with</p>

<p><i>Panel 1</i></p>	<p>international nongovernmental organizations in relief and development in South Sudan, Angola, and in a refugee camp in Kenya. In South Sudan and Angola, she facilitated the design and implementation of community-based health services where there had been no services for several years. At Kakuma refugee camp in northwestern Kenya, she helped design the maternal and child health programs for over 20,000 refugees. In 2008 and 2009, Dr. Onyango participated in providing training for South Sudanese health workers on emergency obstetrics and neonatal care. Dr. Onyango’s current research interests focus on reproductive health, maternal and child health, HIV/AIDS, health care among populations affected by disasters, and the role of nurse midwives in improving maternal and child health.</p>
<p>Sam Kauffmann</p> <p>Professor, BU Dept. of Film and Television. Produced <i>Massacre at Murambi</i></p> <p><i>Lunchtime screening of his film, Massacre at Murambi</i></p>	<p>Sam Kauffmann was named a Guggenheim Fellow in Creative Arts—Film in 2009. He teaches film production and motion picture editing. He recently completed a film that exposes the many biases that are inherent in the SAT and ACT tests, called Act Out Against SAT, and his film Kids Living with Slim (2010), about African children who are HIV positive, won a CINE Golden Eagle Award. His previous film, Massacre at Murambi (2007), was aired on the PBS series P.O.V. It won top prizes and was screened at festivals all over the world. In 2004, he was a Fulbright Scholar, teaching production at Makerere University in Kampala, Uganda. In 2006 he was a Fulbright Senior Specialist teaching at the National University of Rwanda. He is the author of one of the world’s most popular motion picture editing books, Avid Editing: A Guide for Beginning and Intermediate Users, from Focal Press. It has been translated into Spanish, Russian and Mandarin Chinese editions.</p>
<p>Kwame Dawes</p> <p>Poet in Residence, University of South Carolina</p> <p><i>Lunchtime Poetry Performance</i></p>	<p>Born in Ghana and raised in Jamaica, Kwame Dawes is the award-winning author of fourteen books of poetry and many books of fiction, non-fiction, criticism and drama. His collection, <i>Back of Mount Peace</i>, appeared in 2010. He is Distinguished Poet in Residence at the University of South Carolina where he directs the SC Poetry Initiative. Kwame Dawes also teaches in the Pacific MFA Writing program in Oregon.</p> <p>Over the last year, Kwame Dawes has traveled to Haiti to report on and write poems about people’s experiences after the earthquake. His conversations with Jeffrey Brown were part of a series of reports in partnership with USA Today and the Pulitzer Center on Crisis Reporting.</p>
<p>Jonathon Simon</p> <p>Director, Boston University Center for Global Health and Development. Chair, Department of International Health, Boston University School of Public Health</p> <p>Moderator</p> <p><i>Panel 2</i></p>	<p>Jonathon Lee Simon, MPH, DSc, Director of the Center for Global Health & Development (CGHD), leads scientific and strategic efforts of the CGHD. Dr. Simon is also Chair of the Department of International Health and Professor of International Health at Boston University School of Public Health. Dr. Simon received his Doctorate of Science from the Harvard University School of Public Health, having completed dissertation research on the changing demography of Dhaka, Bangladesh.</p> <p>Dr. Simon has had extensive experience working in Africa and South Asia, particularly on issues including child survival, infectious diseases, and capacity strengthening. For the past seven years, he has been part of a core research team at the CGHD evaluating the social and economic impact of the HIV/AIDS epidemic while maintaining an active role in the center’s ongoing child survival research work. He serves as Principal Investigator (PI) of an applied research project on orphans and vulnerable children. He remains involved in the technical work on HIV economics and program evaluation studies. Dr. Simon teaches a master’s-level course on the history of the public health movement and advises doctoral students.</p> <p>Dr. Simon has been involved in applied child health research activities for 25 years, working in more than 20 developing countries. Before joining Boston University in 2001, Dr. Simon was a tenured Fellow of the Harvard Institute for International Development (HIID), and Director of the HIID Health Office. During his tenure at HIID, he was resident in Pakistan for two years as the regional advisor. He worked extensively on strengthening institutional and individual research capacity.</p>

<p>Donna Leinwand</p> <p>Reporter, USA Today</p> <p><i>Panel 2</i></p>	<p>Donna Leinwand is a reporter covering the Justice Department, major crimes, legal issues, disasters and terrorism at USA Today, the nation's largest circulation daily newspaper. Her reporting assignments have taken her to Hamburg, Germany in the path of the 9/11 terrorists, Jerusalem in the wake of suicide bombings, Baghdad to cover the war, Indonesia and Thailand after the tsunami and London during the subway bombings. She has covered more than 20 hurricanes, including Andrew, Katrina, Ike, Ivan, Isabel, Jeanne, Georges, Gustav, Alberto and Frances.</p> <p>Leinwand is the president of the National Press Club and has previously served as chairman of the Board of Governors. She serves on the Board of Visitors for the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Journalism and Mass Communications. She is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where she studied journalism and U.S. foreign policy. She has completed the Senior Journalist Seminar at the East West Center at the University of Hawaii, the Paul Miller Fellowship at the National Journalism Foundation and the Casey Fellowship at University of Maryland.</p>
<p>Rob Baker</p> <p>Coordinator, Universities for Ushahidi</p> <p><i>Panel 2</i></p>	<p>Rob Baker is the Director of Universities for Ushahidi and a lead developer/organizer of the Ushahidi Community website. He brings over 10 years of experience in supporting humanitarian organizations to further their goals through the effective use of technology, focusing on applications that perform in low-tech environments and training for sustainable, long-term implementation. Rob's recent work includes projects in Uganda, Iraq, Afghanistan, and Haiti. In addition to working with Ushahidi, Rob is CEO of Konpa Group, LLC, an Ushahidi deployment partner, and was Senior Developer of Web & New Media for Oxfam America.</p>
<p>Manolia Charlotin</p> <p>Editor and Business Manager, the Boston Haitian Reporter</p> <p><i>Panel 2</i></p>	<p>Manolia Charlotin is the Editor and Business Manager at the Boston Haitian Reporter. She is a social entrepreneur, advocate and community organizer who has worked in community development, immigrant civic engagement, political campaigns, youth organizing and cultural awareness for the last 10 years. Manolia is also the co-founder of Haiti 2015, a grassroots campaign to advance access to opportunities in Haiti, whose launch in January, connected community-based organizations all across the country. Immediately following the January 12, 2010 Earthquake in Haiti, this connected platform enabled several thousand survivors to receive humanitarian aid. Through the Haiti 2015 campaign and its partners, Manolia continues to advocate for a robust relief and rebuilding effort in Haiti. She has delivered remarks in congressional hearings, numerous international development conferences and human rights advocacy trainings.</p> <p>Manolia is a featured commentator on local and national radio and television programs, providing analysis on politics, Haiti and women's issues. She serves on several non-profit boards including the Women's Pipeline for Change, Press Pass TV and the Young Professionals Network of the Urban League of Eastern Massachusetts. Manolia is a multi-lingual who speaks English, French, Haitian Creole, Spanish and Portuguese.</p>
<p>Nancy Dorsinville</p> <p>Senior Policy Advisor of UN Office of the Special Envoy to Haiti</p> <p><i>Panel 2</i></p>	<p>Nancy Dorsinville is currently the Senior Policy Advisor for the UN Office of the Special Envoy to Haiti (OSE), where she focuses on policy issues for vulnerable populations, namely internally displaced populations (IDPs) and in particular gender main streaming, orphans and vulnerable children (OVC) and the handicapped. She is the liaison for the OSE and the government of Haiti (GOH) ministries responsible for these transversal issues. Originally from Haiti, she is an Anthropologist and prior to joining the OSE was a Research Associate at the Harvard School of Public Health, where her research areas included HIV stigma, health disparities and gender-based violence (GBV). She served as director of HIV prevention education for the city of NY and has a long standing affiliation with the Clinton Health Access Initiative (CHAI), under whose umbrella she conducted a country-wide diagnostic of the health care system in Haiti in conjunction with the Haitian Ministry of Health (MSPP) and Partners in Health. She has done extensive field work with Dr Paul Farmer and continues to be part of his Global Health teaching team at Harvard University.</p>

<p>Bill Wheeler</p> <p>Journalist, The Pulitzer Center</p> <p><i>Panel 3</i></p>	<p>William Wheeler has reported on political affairs from East Africa, Southeast Asia, and the Middle East. He's also covered immigrant detention in rural Virginia and subterranean explorers in the sewers of New York City. He holds a degree in English from Berkeley, as well as graduate degrees in journalism and international affairs from Columbia. He reported on the politics of water and climate change in India, Pakistan, Nepal, and Bangladesh with his partner Anna-Katarina Gravgaard. Their work, which was sponsored by the Pulitzer Center, appeared in print and multimedia formats in outlets such as <i>Foreign Affairs</i>, <i>TIME</i>, <i>Global Post</i>, <i>The Washington Times Magazine</i>, <i>GOOD Magazine</i>, and <i>World Politics Review</i>. His story on geopolitical tensions over the Indus River won an Earth Journalism Award at the 2009 climate summit in Copenhagen. He has been reporting for the Pulitzer Center over the past year from Haiti on reconstruction and development efforts.</p>
<p>Carroll Bogert, MA</p> <p>Deputy Executive Director for External Relations, Human Rights Watch</p> <p><i>Panel 3</i></p>	<p>Carroll Bogert, Deputy Executive Director for External Relations, has worked at Human Rights Watch since 1998. She oversees the organization's external relations and works with the executive director on advocacy and fundraising. Bogert previously served as Human Rights Watch's communications director, publicizing the organization's work and drawing attention to human rights issues in more than 90 countries worldwide. Before joining Human Rights Watch, she spent more than a decade in international news reporting for Newsweek magazine, beginning as a stringer in China, then moving to the Southeast Asia bureau as correspondent, becoming bureau chief in Moscow, and finally working as an editor and international correspondent in the magazine's New York office. Bogert holds an M.A. in East Asian Studies and a B.A. magna cum laude from Harvard University. She speaks Russian, French, and Mandarin.</p>
<p>John Hammock, MALD, PhD</p> <p>Associate Professor of Public Policy, Fletcher School, Tufts University. Former Executive Director, Oxfam America</p> <p><i>Panel 3</i></p>	<p>John Hammock is the co-founder of the Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative established to build a multidimensional economic framework for reducing poverty grounded in people's experiences and values. Dr. Hammock is a Professor of Public Policy at the Fletcher School at Tufts University. He teaches ethics, development and International NGO management. He was founder and Director of the Feinstein International Famine Center at Tufts University. The Famine Center undertakes research and provides technical assistance in humanitarian emergencies. Dr. Hammock was President of Oxfam America for eleven years and served as Executive Director of ACCION International that provides credit to microenterprises. He is President of Episcopalians for Global Reconciliation (EGR). He is also on the Advisory Board of the Haiti Fund at the Boston Foundation. He has recently published a book <i>Practical Idealists: Changing the World and Getting Paid</i>. He holds a doctoral degree in International Relations from Tufts University and an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Denison University. He was born in Cuba.</p>
<p>Enrique Silva, MScPI, PhD</p> <p>Assistant Professor and Faculty Coordinator, City Planning and Urban Affairs, Boston University</p> <p><i>Panel 3</i></p>	<p>Dr. Silva's field of expertise in city planning and urban affairs is comparative urbanization and the formation of public sector planning institutions and practices. He is currently analyzing the institutionalization of participatory planning policies in Chile and the U.S.A, as well as the formation of planning practices in post-earthquake Haiti. His research raises questions about the challenges inherent in the democratization of planning and policy-making in general, especially in the context of neoliberal economic-political regimes. This research contributes to broader theoretical debates on sovereignty, democracy and pluralism, but it also informs public sector and grass-roots strategies to improve participatory planning mechanisms.</p> <p>Silva teaches courses on the theory and history of city planning, comparative urbanization, politics and public participation, as well as qualitative research methods. In addition to his years working abroad in the fields of international development, philanthropy and human rights, Silva has several years of professional experience as a city planner and environmental permitting consultant in Greater Boston.</p>

<p>Leonard Doyle</p> <p>Country Spokesperson, Haiti, International Organization for Migration</p> <p><i>Panel 3</i></p>	<p>Leonard Doyle is an award-winning foreign editor and foreign correspondent turned communications specialist in disaster situations. He now works in Haiti for IOM where he has developed an innovative crowdsourcing system. It allows ordinary citizens normally locked out of the decision making process, a voice in monitoring the billions of dollars of aid due to pour into the country in the next few years.</p> <p>The World Bank’s Haiti Reconstruction Fund HRF has just endorsed IOM’s <u>Tanbou</u> system as a tool to gather the complaints of those who are more often than not often ignored in the aid business – the “beneficiaries” aid is meant to help. Using simple old-fashioned technology – letterboxes – as well as phone calls, SMS messages and even simple drawings the process gathers the feedback of the population and then visualizes it online in maps and rss feeds. The result is a transparent system that brings to the fore those with most to gain from a given projects success.</p> <p>A long time foreign editor of The Independent (UK), he has long been interested in finding ways of harnessing the voices of good communicators – citizen journalists - in ways that do not put peoples’ lives at direct risk. As the media faces meltdown in the developing world as much as the developed world, it is essential to find ways for citizens to be heard by professional journalists. This is one method that shows considerable promise.</p> <p>Mr Doyle is of Irish origin and was educated in Dublin and Bruges, Belgium before starting his career reporting on the European Union. He has been a UN correspondent and was most recently US editor of The Independent where he closely covered the election of President Barack Obama. He can be reached at LeonardDoyle@Gmail.com or Twitter.com/Leonarddoyle</p>
<p>Zili Misik</p> <p>Reception Performance</p>	<p>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!</p>