

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the University Community
FROM: Mark B. Rosenberg, President
SUBJECT: FIU Teach-In: Approaches to Haiti Relief and Reconstruction
DATE: February 26, 2010

For the second time since the tragic earthquake struck Haiti last month, FIU's School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA) is gathering academic and community experts for a teach-in.

The event will be held on Saturday, March 6, 2010 from 1 to 4 p.m. in the College of Law's Rafael Diaz-Balart Hall Auditorium on the Modesto A. Maidique Campus. I urge all of you to attend.

As with our previous event in January, this teach-in is meant to bring community members and Haiti experts together to discuss how we can best help our friends and neighbors—here and in Haiti—cope with this lingering tragedy and rebuild the country's economic, political, and social institutions. Our experts, some of whom have spent time in Haiti since the earthquake, will also discuss how best to preserve the country's vibrant culture and address the mounting public health issues.

Our distinguished FIU panelists will be joined by noted Haiti expert Robert Maguire, associate professor of international affairs at Trinity University in Washington, DC, who will discuss the best ways to reconstruct the battered nation.

This discussion is free and open to the public and we are encouraging students, faculty, staff and all members of our community, particularly the Haitian community, to participate.

As I said when the earthquake first struck, recovery is the work of years, not just weeks. Our challenge is to provide a sustained base of support for the country. Our Hope for Haiti Task Force continues to meet on a regular basis to determine how FIU can best help our Haitian brothers and sisters.

Please RSVP by clicking [here](#) and continue to stay updated on FIU's efforts by visiting the [Hope for Haiti website](#). I hope to see you on Saturday. For more information on this teach-in, please call SIPA at 305-348-7266.