

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the University Community
FROM: Mark B. Rosenberg, President
SUBJECT: Teach-In on Haiti
DATE: January 14, 2010

FIU experts on Haiti and issues related to the aftermath of natural disasters will come together this weekend to discuss the current situation in Haiti and begin to look forward after Tuesday's devastating earthquake.

The teach-in is scheduled from 1 to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 16, 2010 at the Graham Center Ballrooms, located on FIU's Modesto Maidique Campus, 11200 SW 8 Street.

Presenters will explore a variety of topics including critical issues in earthquake recovery, economic ramifications for Haiti, the role of the Haitian Diaspora in relief/recovery efforts, the role of churches and faith-based charities, rebuilding infrastructure, and migration.

The discussion, organized by the School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA), will be led by [FIU's experts on the region](#) including:

- Richard Olson (Dept of Politics & International Relations, SIPA)
- Juan Pablo Sarmiento (Disaster Risk Reduction Program, Latin American and Caribbean Center, SIPA)
- Jessy Devieux (Stempel School of Public Health & Social Work)
- Troy Elder (College of Law)
- Alex Stepick (Dept of Global and Sociocultural Studies, SIPA)
- Jean Claude Garcia Zamor (Dept of Public Administration, SIPA)

"The purpose of this teach-in is to share some of our collective knowledge about Haiti with our students and the community in general," said event organizer and SIPA Director John Stack. "Even more importantly, however, we hope that by engaging in forward-looking dialogue on Haiti, we can contribute to a long-term strategy for the poorest nation in our hemisphere."

The teach-in is free and open to the public. Members of the Haitian community are especially invited to participate.

For more information on this teach-in, please call SIPA at 305-348-7266.