

USF Haiti Teach-In Confirmed Speakers

ANNE BARTLETT

Bio: Bartlett is a professor of sociology and director of the graduate program in international studies at the University of San Francisco. Bartlett has studied the Darfur crisis for close to 10 years, with PhD research related to the growth of insurgent politics in the region. Bartlett was the chair of a United Nations panel on Darfur at the U.N. Commission on Human Rights in Geneva in 2004. She has published and presented extensively worldwide on the crisis in Darfur. She is currently involved in a project that examines the effect of humanitarian intervention in the region.

Perspective: Bartlett will discuss the ethics of humanitarian intervention and how to make it more effective. She will highlight the contrast between the band-aid approach, such as giving food and clothing, and dealing with the more complex structural issues involved.

ANNIE BLACKSTONE

Bio: Blackstone is the U.S. director for Sion Fonds, an NGO that works to improve the quality of life for rural Haitians by providing education, job training, community improvements, and healthcare. The organization runs three schools in Haiti. Blackstone lives in the Bay Area and became involved in Haiti after adopting two children there.

Perspective: Blackstone will discuss her organization's efforts to create jobs, feed children, and provide education in Haiti. She will talk about how needs have changed since the earthquake, including an increase in people leaving Port-au-Prince and going to rural areas for aid and support.

RICHARD BOSWELL

Bio: Boswell is a professor at UC Hastings College of the Law, where he teaches immigration law and directs the Immigrants' Rights Clinic. He is a frequent lecturer on immigration law and was recently the co-editor-in-chief of the *Clinical Law Review*, a joint publication of the Clinical Legal Education Association, New York University Law School and the Association of American Law Schools. Boswell has been involved in rule of law/justice projects in Central Asia, Columbia, Guatemala, Palestine, and Venezuela. He is author of *Immigration and Nationality Law: Cases and Materials* and many other articles and books on immigration law.

Perspective: Boswell will speak about the Hastings to Haiti Partnership, a program he co-founded at UC Hastings. As part of the program, Hastings law students visit a sister law school in Haiti that is a Catholic school founded to teach law with a social justice perspective. The goal of the program is to help strengthen the rule of law in Haiti through support of legal education.

JEFFREY BRAND

Bio: Jeffrey Brand is the dean of the USF School of Law. His scholarly and professional work has focused on human rights, global justice, constitutional law, and various civil procedure and evidence issues, including recovering statutory attorney's fees in civil rights actions. He is the founder and chairman of the USF School of Law Center for Law and Global Justice and has spearheaded numerous global justice and international legal assistance projects in countries including Cambodia, Vietnam, Indonesia, China, and East Timor.

BRIAN CONCANNON

Bio: Concannon is founder and director of the Institute for Justice and Democracy in Haiti. He co-managed the BAI in Haiti for eight years, from 1996–2004, and worked for

the United Nations Human as a human rights officer in 1995–1996. He helped prepare the prosecution of the Raboteau Massacre trial in 2000, one of the most significant human rights cases anywhere in the Western Hemisphere. He has represented Haitian political prisoners before the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, and represented the plaintiff in *Yvon Neptune v. Haiti*, the only Haiti case ever tried before the Inter-American Court of Human Rights.

Perspective: Concannon will put the current challenges faced by Haiti into a broader historical perspective by reviewing the history of U.S.-Haiti relations and providing additional cultural perspective. He will also discuss the Lawyer's Earthquake Response Network, a group of nearly 350 lawyers and law students volunteering to respond to the earthquake.

HOLLY COOPER

Bio: Cooper is a lecturer and associate director of the Immigration Law Clinic at the UC Davis School of Law. Her legal expertise is in the areas of immigration law and policy and detained immigrant rights. Previously she was a senior staff attorney with the Florence Immigrant and Refugee Rights Project in Arizona, an attorney with the Law Offices of Fellom and Solorio in San Francisco, and worked for La Raza Centro Legal in San Francisco and the National Network for Immigrant and Refugee Rights.

PERSPECTIVE: Cooper will discuss her recent trip to Haiti as part of a human rights delegation of doctors and lawyers focused on identifying Haitians who are candidates for humanitarian parole in the United States. Informed by her work with the delegation, which included interviewing dozens of Haitians, she will address the general health and safety concerns Haitians are facing and discuss the need for humanitarian parole.

MARIAM DANIELYAN

Bio: Danielyan is a third-year law student at the USF School of Law and president of the Student Bar Association. As part of the law school's International Human Rights Law Clinic, she recently gave a presentation to the United Nations Human Rights Council 13th Session in Geneva regarding the right to food.

Perspective: Danielyan will discuss her research on the right to food in Haiti and the role food aid plays in Haiti. Specifically, she will discuss how over time U.S. food aid to Haiti has hurt Haitian markets.

CONNIE DE LA VEGA

Bio: De la Vega is a professor at the USF School of Law, writes extensively on international human rights law, and participates in United Nations human rights meetings. She has submitted amicus briefs detailing international law standards to U.S. courts for juvenile death penalty and affirmative action cases, including *Roper v. Simmons* and *Graham and Sullivan v. Florida*. De la Vega is co-author of *Human Rights Law: An Introduction* and serves on the advisory group for the Human Rights Institute at Columbia University. She established the Frank C. Newman International Human Rights Law Clinic at USF and is a founding member of Human Rights Advocates.

Perspective: De la Vega will give an overview of the work of the USF School of Law International Human Rights Law Clinic, which focuses on critical human rights issues including child labor, juvenile death penalty, and right to food. Participating students research and prepare presentations for the U.N. Commission on Human Rights and many present their cases to the commission in Geneva.

DOLORES DONOVAN

Bio: Donovan is a professor at the USF School of Law. She specializes in constitutional and comparative law, with publications concerning the legal systems of developing

nations and criminal justice systems. Donovan was the South Asia regional senior equity advisor to the U.S. Agency for International Development, a senior Fulbright Professor at the Ethiopian Civil Service College, a visiting scholar at Harvard Law School, and a visiting professor at the UC Hastings College of Law and the East China Institute of Politics and Law in Shanghai.

Perspective: Donovan will moderate the humanitarian aid panel, and share her insights on USAID and aid to developing countries generally.

BILL ONG HING

Bio: Hing is a professor at the USF School of Law. He is the author of numerous academic and practice-oriented publications on immigration policy and race relations, including *Ethical Borders: NAFTA, Globalization, and Mexican Migration* (Temple University Press, 2010) and *Departing Our Souls: Morality, Values, and Immigration Policy* (Cambridge University Press, 2006). Previously, he was a professor at UC Davis School of Law, where he directed the clinical program. Hing is the founder of the Immigrant Legal Resource Center in San Francisco, is on the board of directors of the Asian Law Caucus and the Migration Policy Institute, and serves on the National Advisory Council on the Asian American Justice Center in Washington, D.C.

Perspective: Hing will discuss the history of how Haitian refugees have been treated in the U.S. since the 1970s, and the hurdles that the U.S. has erected to their resettlement here. U.S. policies have long labeled them “economic” refugees, and fail to recognize that the Haitian people have been victims of brutal political regimes that have made them among the poorest people in the world.

PAMELA KEENAN

Bio: Keenan is the resource development coordinator for the What If? Foundation, a nonprofit in Berkeley that has funded food and education programs for impoverished children in Haiti for more than 10 years. Previously, she worked on population and environment issues for Population Action International in Washington D.C., and for Planned Parenthood and other NGOs.

Perspective: Keenan will give an overview of the What If? Foundation and its food program in Haiti, which has been praised as a model of efficiency meriting duplication by visitors to the program in recent weeks. She will also discuss the challenges faced in trying to register with the World Food Program and at food cluster meetings after the earthquake.

JEANNE KRAFFT

Bio: Krafft is a registered nurse with practice areas including maternal/child, pediatrics, ER, ICU, hospice and home health care. She has worked for Kaiser Permanente for 20 years in the San Francisco Bay Area. For the last 42 years, Krafft and her family have been instrumental in fundraising for Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos (Our Little Brothers and Sisters), which has orphanages, schools, and medical centers in nine Latin American and Caribbean countries, including Haiti.

Perspective: Kraft will her recent experience spending one month in Haiti opening a maternal/child and neonatal unit at St. Damien Hospital, which is located just outside of Port Au Prince and run by by Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos. She will discuss the grim prognosis for small babies and children—50 percent of the deaths in Haiti are in children under 5 years of age due to malnutrition, disease, abject poverty and lack of education.

PIERRE LABOSSIERE

Bio: Labossiere is a Haitian-born activist and cofounder of the Haiti Action Committee. In addition, he serves on the board of the Haiti Emergency Relief Fund. He has long been involved in campaigns to free political prisoners in Haiti.

LOIS ANN LORENTZEN

Bio: Lorentzen is chair and professor of social ethics in the USF Department of Theology and Religious Studies Department, co-director of USF's Center for Latina Studies in the Americas (CELASA), and principal investigator for The Religion and Immigration Project. Her research and teaching interests include immigration, environmental ethics, bioethics, gender and religion. She has conducted research in El Salvador and Mexico.

KAREN MUSALO

Bio: Musalo is clinical professor of law and director of the Center for Gender and Refugee Studies at UC Hastings College of the Law. She has written numerous articles on refugee law issues, with a focus on gender asylum, as well as religious persecution, and conscientious objection as bases for refugee status. Musalo has contributed to the evolving jurisprudence of asylum law not only through her scholarship, but through her litigation of landmark cases. Her current work examines the linkage between human rights violations and migration. She is a co-coordinator, with Richard Boswell, of the UC Hastings "Hastings to Haiti Partnership."

Perspective: Musalo will discuss U.S. immigration policy toward Haitians from the 1980s to the present. She will also talk about how Haitians as a group have been singled out for discriminatory treatment, including when they have fled persecution and applied for asylum.

BARBARA NEWMAN

Bio: Barbara Newman, MD, MPH has worked as an emergency physician in Northern California for 15 years. Since 1995 she has participated in six medical missions in the developing world, most recently in Haiti in the aftermath of the earthquake. She had already worked in Haiti for six months in 1998 in a rural health center, training local health workers and setting up preventive programs.

Perspective: Newman will discuss her recent experience in Haiti and provide an overview of Haiti's health situation. She will talk about how the country's history of foreign intervention and poverty has influenced its health institutions and the health of its population. She will also reflect the difficulties and paradoxes faced by NGO's as they attempt to help the Haitian people.

MARGARET O'SHEA

Bio: O'Shea is a senior associate with DPK Consulting, which provides technical, management, and advisory services as a client to the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) on justice reform and rule of law programs throughout the world. Formerly, she was the human rights program officer for the Ford Foundation, handling direct grant-making to organizations mainly in Latin America. She is a graduate of Stanford University and University of Pennsylvania Law School.

Perspective: O'Shea will discuss DPK Consulting's rule of law project in Haiti which began in July 2009. Funded by USAID, the project aims to help establish stability and security, curb human rights abuses, aid economic development, and improve confidence in the court system. She will talk about the project's challenges post-earthquake, and how the priorities have shifted to address immediate emergency needs for the justice sector in Haiti.

NICOLE PHILLIPS

Bio: Phillips is an attorney with the Institute for Justice and Democracy in Haiti.

Previously, she spent 10 years as a union labor lawyer at Weinberg, Roger & Rosenfeld in the San Francisco Bay Area, serving as general counsel to unions and benefit trust funds across the country. She has been a fellow at Leonard, Carder, Nathan, Zuckerman, Ross, Chin & Remar, interned with the Legal Aid Society of San Francisco, Employment Law Center and San Francisco District Attorneys Office, and served as an investigator at the Department of Labor Employment Benefits Administration. She is also president of the Board of Human Rights Advocates, a non-governmental organization based in Berkeley that has consultative status with the United Nations. She has directed the USF School of Law Center for Law and Global Justice's Haiti and Dominican Republic human rights programs since 2006.

Perspective: In 2006, Phillips helped create and direct the Haiti human rights program at the Center for Law and Global Justice, which provides a "virtual internship" with the Institute for Justice and Democracy in Haiti. The internship allows law students to work on current human rights issues in Haiti from the USF campus. Students learn about the root causes of poverty and injustice in Haiti, while producing targeted advocacy pieces.

WALTER RILEY

Bio: Riley is a civil rights attorney with law offices in Oakland, Calif. He is chair of the Haiti Emergency Relief Fund.

DOUG SOVERN

Bio: Sovern is a reporter with KCBS Radio. He has won more than 125 broadcast journalism awards, including national honors from the Society of Professional Journalists, the RTNDA/Edward R. Murrow awards, and the National Headliner Awards. He was the first three-time winner of the AP's Reporter of the Year Award for California/Nevada, honored in 1999, 2003 and 2004.

Perspective: Sovern will discuss his experience reporting from Port-Au-Prince following the earthquake and show clips of the segments he produced. He will talk about his reports on the continuing crisis there, the Bay Area volunteers who are trying to help, and the types of opportunities available to those who want to get involved.

JAMES TAYLOR

Bio: Taylor is a professor at the University of San Francisco, where he teaches in the areas of American politics, Black politics, political leadership, and race and ethnic politics. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Southern California and focused his dissertation on contemporary Black politics and political involvement as reflected in the Million Man March. He contributed a chapter to *Taking Religious Pluralism Seriously* (2005) and to *Religious Leaders and Faith-Based Politics* (2002).

Perspective: Taylor will discuss the role of religion in the Haitian Revolution and the national myth that Haitians made a deal with the devil that haunts the island to this day through poverty, rape, disease, corrupt leadership, and natural disasters. He will discuss the issues surrounding this myth including Haiti's slavery regime, forced reparations to France, a U.S. embargo and 20-year occupation, and puppet dictators. He will talk about interpretations of the earthquake as both theodicy (divine justice) and as human cruelty (injustice).

ENNA TRAVETHAN

Bio: Trevathan is an adjunct professor at the USF School of Nursing and nurse manager for ambulatory care at the VA Palo Alto Hospital.

Perspective: Trevathan will discuss the health status of Haitians before and after the earthquake.

STUDENT PANELISTS:

Anthony Phillips (Law), who prepared an op-ed article on Haiti's odious debt to France, will give a historical perspective of Haiti's colonial legacy.

David Smart (Law) will speak about Haiti's onerous debt to International Financial Institutions.

Jeff Kaloustian (Law) will discuss economic and social rights of Haitians in Haiti and the Dominican Republic.

Dana Isaac (Law) will share experiences from USF's spring break program in Miami, where she prepared Temporary Protected Status (TPS) immigration applications for Haitians.

USF undergraduates will speak about the Haiti relief bingo fundraiser, dinner and raffle they spearheaded in February, which raised more than \$18,000 for relief efforts.