

WHEN DISASTER STRIKES

Reporting & Responding

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Photonics Center, Boston University
Boston, MA

TENTATIVE CONFERENCE AGENDA

Time	Topic	Speaker
8:30 – 9:00	Arrival and registration	
9:00 – 9:05	Welcome and Conference Overview	RD Sahl – 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 Dr. Thomas E Fiedler, MS – Dean, BU COM
9:20 – 9:30	Introduction of the Keynote Speakers	Raleigh D Sahl, PhD – Lecturer, BU School of Com., Dept. of Journalism, Former NECN anchor
9:30 – 10:30	KEYNOTE ADDRESS: Reporting in Disasters	Kerry Sanders - NBC's Miami-based correspondent Jane Derenowski – Producer, NBC News
10:30 – 10:45	BREAK	
10:45 – 12:00	<p>Panel 1: The Medical and Public Health Response to Disasters 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 Thea James, MD – Physician at Boston Medical Center Nate Nickerson, RN, DrPH – Executive Director, Konbit Sante Monica Onyango, RN, PhD – Clinical Assistant Professor, Dept. of Int'l Health, BUSPH</p>
12:00 – 1:00	<p>LUNCH</p> <p>Poetry Reading Video Screening: Massacre at Murambi</p>	<p>Kwame Dawes – Poet in Residence, University of South Carolina Sam Kaufman – Associate Professor, BU Dept. of Film and Television</p>
1:00-2:15	<p>Panel 2: The Immediate Crisis Management Moderator: Jon Simon, Director of the Center for Global Health and Development, and Chair of the Dept. of International Health</p> <p><i>This panel will examine what happens in the urgent first hours and days after a disaster occurs. Drawing from first-hand experience, panelists will discuss how decisions are made about priorities, assessing the scope of the crisis, coordinating coverage and care, working with regional organizations and determining logistics.</i></p>	<p>Donna Leinwand – Reporter, USA Today Rob Baker – Coordinator, Universities for Ushahidi Manolia Charlotin – Editor and Business Manager, the Boston Haitian Reporter Nancy Dorsinville - Senior Policy Advisor of UN Office of the Special Envoy to Haiti</p>

2:15 – 2:30	BREAK	
2:30 – 3:45	<p>Panel 3: The aftermath, keeping the story alive, never-ending disasters 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 – 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>
3:45 – 4:00	What we Learned	RD Sahl - Lecturer, BU School of Com., Dept. of Journalism, Former NECN anchor
4:00 – 5:00	Cocktails and Music	