

# “Coping with and Responding to the Apocalypse: the Past, Present and Future of Haiti after the Earthquake and Cholera”

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## **Opening Remarks: 8:00-8:10 AM**

Chip Carey and Ryan Carlin, *Dept. of Political Science, Georgia State University*

## **Panel 1: Child and Health Hurdles, 8:10-9:30 AM**

Chair: Kim Reimann, *Dept. of Political Science, Georgia State University*

Jonathan Todres, *College of Law, Georgia State University*, “A Rights-based Approach to Social Challenges facing Children”

Matthew Kaye, *Claremont Graduate University / San Diego State University*, “Immigrant Haitian Access to Education in the Dominican Republic in the 2010 Post-Earthquake Era: Primary Schools in Elias Piña province on the Dominican Haitian Border”

Tess Kulstead, *University of Florida*, “Post-earthquake Fosterage of Children on the Haitian-Dominican Border: Impacts of Disasters on Child Fosterage”

Barbara Lynch, *Georgia Institute of Technology*, “Post-Earthquake Interventions in Haiti and the Legitimacy of the Development Project”

John O’Kelley (VIA SKYPE), *Executive-Director, World Relief, Haiti* “World Relief’s Approach to Development”

## **Coffee Break: 9:30-9:40AM**

## **Panel 2: Social Challenges and Religion, 9:40-11:00AM**

Chair: Mario Feit, *Dept. of Political Science, Georgia State*

Karen E. Richman, *University of Notre Dame*, “The Earthquake and Religion at the Epicenter: Facts and Fables”

Leslie Desmangles (via SKYPE), *Trinity College (Hartford)*, “Religion in the Aftermath of the Earthquake

Kiran Jayaram, *Columbia University*, “The Class, Gender, and Property Relations of Reconstruction in Haiti”

Alexandra Morgan, *Tapping Brilliance*, “Revolutionary Retort: e-Learning as a Practice of Freedom”

Guyma Noel, *Dept. of Political Science, Georgia State*, “The Roman Catholic Church and the Crisis”

### **Pane 3: Public Opinion and Civil Society, 11:00AM-12:10PM**

Chair: Jason Reifler, *Dept. of Political Science, Georgia State*

Patrick Sylvain, *Brown University*, “Haiti’s Structural Vulnerability and the Junction of Ineptitude”

Dominique Zephyr, *Vanderbilt University*, “The Impact of the 2010 Earthquake on Citizen Lives and Perceptions”

Ryan Carlin, *Dept. of Political Science, Georgia State*, Elizabeth Zechmeister, *Vanderbilt University*, and Gregory Love, *Vanderbilt University*, “Trust Shaken: Earthquake Damage and Interpersonal Trust in Comparative Perspective”

### **Lunch: 12:10-1PM, Room 1004, General Classroom Bldg.**

Welcome: Lauren Adamson, *Dean, GSU College of Arts and Sciences*

### **Panel 4: International Linkages, 1:00-2:25PM**

Chair: Carrie Manning, *Dept. of Political Science, Georgia State*

David Adams, *Editor, Poder Hispanic magazine*, “Historical Lessons Explaining Why Haiti Keeps Failing When the International Community Tries”

Muireann Brennan, *International Emergency and Refugee Health Branch, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention*, “The CDC’s Role after the Twin Disasters”

Jocelyn (Johnny) McCalla, *JMC Strategies*, “The Failure in the Last 25 years to Build a Judicial System”

Mikhail Furnace, *Independent Scholar*, “The Role of Haitians and the Diaspora in Addressing the Past, Present and Future of Haiti”

April Mayes, *Pomona College*, “Has the Dominican Republic Cooperated Effectively since the Earthquake”

Greg Hodgin, *Dept. of Political Science, Georgia State*, “MINUSTAH’s Record since the Earthquake”

### **Panel 5: Economic Debates, 2:25-3:50PM**

Chair: Charles Hankla, *Dept. of Political Science, Georgia State*

Mats Lundahl, *Stockholm School of Economics (Sweden)*, “Underdevelopment and Post-Disaster Prospects”

Cornelia Butler Flora and Jan L. Flora, *Iowa State University*, “Building Food Security or Food Sovereignty for Haiti”

Rebecca Sager, *Independent Scholar*, “The Promise of Decentralization and Cultural Policy in Haitian Civil Society”

Weibert Arthus, *Université Paris 1 - Panthéon-Sorbonne*, “The Effect of Withholding US Foreign Aid: the Papa Doc Experience”

Katleen Félix, *Haitian Diaspora Liaison, Fonkoze*, “Fonkoze and the Diaspora experience with Zafen”

## **Coffee Break: 3:50-4:00PM**

## **Panel 6: Elections and Politics, 4:00-6PM**

Chair: Jennifer McCoy, *Dept. of Political Science, Georgia State*

Robert Fatton, Jr., *University of Virginia*, “Evolution or Revolution: the Unending Failure of Elections”

Alex Dupuy, *Wesleyan University*, “The International Community and Haiti One Year Later: Lessons of a Failed Imperial Trusteeship”

Robert Maguire, *Trinity College*, “The Interaction of Domestic and Foreign Actors”

Mark Weisbrot, *Co-Director, Center for Economic and Policy Research*, “The Failure of the 2010 Elections”

Marcelo Varela-Erasheva, *Secretariat of the Group of Friends of the Inter-American Democratic Charter*, “The Haitian Political crisis: an Assessment of the Role of the International Community

François Gélinau, *Laval University (Canada)*, “Political Culture in 2006 and 2010”

Henry (Chip) Carey, *Dept. of Political Science, Georgia State*, “The 2010 Elections in Historical Context”

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