TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 2010

9:30-10 a.m.
Welcome Remarks
Leo A. Guthart Cultural Center Theater,
Axinn Library, First Floor, South Campus
Speaker: Ferentz Lafargue, Haitian-American essayist and memoirist,
Eugene Lang College, The New School

10-11 a.m.
Responding to the Emergency
Leo A. Guthart Cultural Center Theater,
Axinn Library, First Floor, South Campus
First responders share personal experiences of the earthquake and its aftermath.

11:10 a.m.-12:35 p.m.
Haiti and the United States
Leo A. Guthart Cultural Center Theater,
Axinn Library, First Floor, South Campus
The complex relationship between Haiti and the United States is explained from a variety of historical perspectives, covering the period from the Haitian Revolution to present day.

12:45-2:15 p.m.
“True Life: I am Haitian (-American)”
Rochelle and Irwin A. Lowenfeld Conference and Exhibition Hall, Axinn Library, 10th Floor, South Campus
Students with ties to Haiti will share their views.

2:20-3:45 p.m.
Haiti in the News: Porno-Misery and the Absence of Context in Post-Earthquake Media Coverage
Leo A. Guthart Cultural Center Theater,
Axinn Library, First Floor, South Campus
Leading journalists and activists critique media coverage of the catastrophe.

4:30-6 p.m.
Children, Education, and the Rebuilding of Haiti
Rochelle and Irwin A. Lowenfeld Conference and Exhibition Hall, Axinn Library, 10th Floor, South Campus
Panelists discuss how to create a sustainable future for Haiti’s children and young people, as well as their families and communities.

6-7 p.m.
Mobilizing for Haiti
Rochelle and Irwin A. Lowenfeld Conference and Exhibition Hall, Axinn Library, 10th Floor, South Campus
What can we do now? Come listen to speakers Doris Pradieu (Hofstra alumna and founding member of Edeyo School in Port-au-Prince) and Harvey Dupiton (United Nations Association of Haiti).

7 p.m.
A Night for Haiti: A Celebration
Main Dining Room, Mack Student Center, North Campus
Join us as we celebrate the rich culture and heritage of Haiti. Enjoy Haitian DJ Markensen, authentic Haitian food, live music and dance performances, and a PowerPoint presentation by Hofstra’s African Caribbean Society.

Celebrate — fè fèt!

The celebration continues with the renowned Haitian Mass Choir directed by Dickson Guillaume, as well as a Haitian dance troupe of former students from Elmont Memorial High School.

On display: The Drums of Haiti: My Recollection, a poster reproduction of the artwork, courtesy of Haitian artist Emmanuel Destinly from his recent exhibition at Half Hollow Hills Community Library.

These events are free and open to the public.
For more information, please call the Hofstra Cultural Center at (516) 463-5669.