

Earthstock/Provost's Lecture Series hosting Asha -Rose Migiro on Thursday, April 22 & Carl Safina on Friday, April 23

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Dear Colleagues,

In support of Stony Brook University's annual celebration of Earth Day, I am delighted to host two Provost's Lectures during our Earthstock 2010 week-long campus-wide event. I am extremely honored to welcome Dr. Asha-Rose Migiro, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations. She will present her lecture, "The Roles of Women and the Environment in Developing Countries," on Thursday, April 22, at 3:00 p.m. in the Charles B. Wang Center, Lecture Hall 2. I am especially pleased to hold a second lecture by Dr. Carl Safina, a prominent ecologist, marine conservationist and adjunct professor in marine sciences here at Stony Brook. Dr. Safina's lecture, "In the Same Net: Ocean Life, Ethics, and the Human Spirit," will be held on Friday, April 23, at 7:30 p.m. in the Charles B. Wang Center Theatre.

Dr. Asha-Rose Migiro of Tanzania was appointed Deputy Secretary-General in 2007. She also served as Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation from 2006 to 2007, becoming the first woman in the United Republic of Tanzania to hold that position since its independence in 1961. As Foreign Minister, Dr. Migiro spearheaded Tanzania's engagement in the pursuit of peace, security, and development in the Great Lakes Region. She served as Chair of the Southern African Development Community Ministerial Committee of the Organ on Politics, Defense, and Security Cooperation. As chair, Dr. Migiro coordinated assistance to the democratic process, including elections in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and support for national elections in Zambia and Madagascar. Dr. Migiro served as a member of Tanzania's Law Reform Commission in 1997 and the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women in 2000. She will speak about the important role of women and a healthy environment, and United Nations programs in developing countries.

Carl Safina is President of the Blue Ocean Institute, a local environmental organization based in Cold Spring Harbor, New York. Dr. Safina is a MacArthur Fellow and recipient of the Pew Scholar's Award in Conservation and the Environment. Safina was named among "100 Notable Conservationists of the 20th Century" by Audubon magazine. He has written or co-written several books including his first, "Song for the Blue Ocean," chosen as a New York Times Notable Book of the Year. His second book, "Eye of the Albatross," was selected by the National Academies of Science, Engineering and Medicine as the year's best book for communicating science. Safina is also the author of "Voyage of the Turtle," a New York Times Editor's Choice. In his talk, Safina will trace his global journey from fisherman to scientist and his exploration of the changing ocean and challenges faced by sea life and humankind.

Please join us for these two special lectures, which are intended for a general audience. Admission is free and seating is limited, so please arrive early. For more information on Earthstock 2010, scheduled for April 19 - 23, please visit: http://www.stonybrook.edu/earthstock

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