



Building Diverse Institutions

Dr. Haile Debas

Thursday, February 5

Lecture: 1:00 p.m.

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Reception: 5:00 p.m.

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To continue to build on the dialogue of diversity inspired by the visits of Drs. Virginia Valian and Nancy Hopkins last year, Gladstone will be hosting two additional distinguished guests for the upcoming year: Dr. Haile Debas, dean and chancellor emeritus of UCSF, and Dr. Joycelyn Elders, former U.S. surgeon general.

Born in Asmara, Eritrea, Dr. Debas received his undergraduate degree from University College in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, and his medical degree from McGill University in Montreal, Canada. He completed his surgical residency at the University of British Columbia (UBC) in Vancouver and postdoctoral fellowships at the University of Glasgow and UCLA. After a year in private practice in the Yukon Territories and northern British Columbia, Dr. Debas was a member of the UBC surgery faculty from 1970 to 1980. He later served on the faculty of UCLA and the University of Washington until he was recruited to UCSF as chair of surgery in 1987. He is the Maurice Galante Distinguished Professor of Surgery at UCSF.

Dr. Debas is exceptionally well suited to speak on the topic of building diverse institutions. In 1998, he was honored by the UCSF Council of Minority Organizations for “outstanding leadership in promoting diversity and advancing social and economic justice at UCSF.” After Dr. Debas stepped down from his position as dean of the School of Medicine and vice chancellor for medical affairs at UCSF, chancellor J. Michael Bishop asked him to develop a new interdisciplinary program in global health sciences. This summer, Dr. Debas was appointed by United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan to a UN commission to investigate the profound impact of HIV/AIDS on governance in Africa. The commission is expected to play an important role in helping African officials respond to the AIDS crisis.

Dr. Debas will visit Gladstone on the afternoon of **Thursday, February 5**. His visit will include a 1:00 p.m. lecture, followed by an extended discussion period. A late afternoon reception is planned for 5:00 p.m.

Our second distinguished speaker, Dr. Joycelyn Elders, former U.S. surgeon general, will visit Gladstone on **Friday, March 12**. Details of her visit will be included in the February edition of *The Messenger*.

These visits have been organized in collaboration with the UCSF Center for Gender Equity. For further information, please contact Laura Napolitano, Jutta Neuenburg, Wendy Peters, or Vanessa Soros.