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FREE ONLINE SERVICE FEATURES RESOURCES AND EXPERTS AVAILABLE TO COMMENT ON CRISIS IN HAITI

**Multiple perspectives on history, revolution, culture included
in new *Books for Understanding* resource**

NEW YORK (March 5, 2004) – With peace-keeping troops arriving and the political situation in Haiti becoming increasingly volatile, questions continue to rise about what's next for the troubled nation.

To help navigate news reports and opinions, the Association of American University Presses (AAUP) has posted a new list on its Books for Understanding website. The list (<http://www.aaupnet.org/news/bfu/haiti/list.html>) includes categorized books and experts illuminating the nation's history, culture, and legacy of revolution and turmoil.

Books for Understanding is the permanent, easy-to-use, free online resource for anyone looking for in-depth information, research, and expertise on the news of the day. Sponsored and managed by AAUP, Books for Understanding features subject-specific bibliographies on the critically important topics in the headlines. It is a dynamic resource, with new bibliographies compiled when a major news story breaks or heated public debate takes place. Lists now archived at the site include resources on voting behavior, civil liberties, environmental issues, taxation, space flight, Iraq, North Korea, and more.

While the site is designed for general use, there is also a section expressly for journalists with detailed contact information for authors available to talk with members of the press.

For many of the books listed, the publishers have also indicated whether the titles are primarily directed to a general reader or to a special interest or scholarly audience. Every book listed is in print or soon to be published, available at bookstores, libraries, online booksellers, or directly from the presses.

Included in the dozens of books on the new list about Haiti:

The award-winning title, *Taking Haiti: Military Occupation and the Culture of U.S. Imperialism, 1915-1940* by Mary A. Renda (University of North Carolina Press, 2001)

The most recent book by physician Paul Farmer, noted founder of the group Partners in Health, which has focused much of its work on AIDS in Haiti: *Pathologies of Power* (University of California Press, 2003)

Avengers of the New World: The Story of the Haitian Revolution by Laurent Dubois (Harvard University Press, March 2004)

Walking on Fire: Haitian Women's Stories of Survival and Resistance by Beverly Bell with a foreword by Edwidge Danticat (Cornell University Press, 2001)

Silencing the Guns in Haiti: The Promise of Deliberative Democracy by Irwin P. Stotzky (University of Chicago Press, 1999)

The idea for “Books for Understanding” was sparked by Sanford Thatcher, Director of Pennsylvania State University Press. Immediately after September 11, he noticed a surge of requests for two backlist titles on terrorism and approached AAUP with a request to compile a field-wide listing for people looking for information and insight. The program has since expanded into a dynamic public service web resource, and new lists are created as news warrants. The Association of American University Presses is the world’s largest organization of not-for-profit scholarly publishers. Formally established in 1937, AAUP promotes the work and influence of its 125 university press members.