THURSDAY
JUNE 10, 2010
7:30 PM
NOYES 147 AUDITORIUM

FREE, no tickets required.
Reception after event!

Net Impact & the Caltech Y Social Activism Speaker Series Present

CAL-EARTH
HOUSES FOR HAITI
With Sheefteh & Dastan Khalili

The January 12th earthquake in Haiti left an estimated more than a million Haitians homeless, many now using make shift-tents or sheets for shelter -- less than adequate for the rainy season coming in June. Cal-Earth’s Sheeftah Khalili recently visited Haiti and met with government officials, took soil samples, and most importantly, met and interviewed people who have lost their homes so that Cal-Earth can design a prototype shelter specific to their needs.

Nader Khalili (1936-2008) is a world-renowned Iranian-American architect, author, humanitarian, teacher, and innovator of the Geltaftan Earth-and-Fire system known as Ceramic Houses, and of the Superadobe construction system. Khalili received his philosophy and architectural education in Iran, Turkey, and the United States. Khalili was the founder and director of the Geltaftan Foundation (1986), and the California Institute of Earth Art and Architecture (Cal-Earth) (1991). At Cal-Earth, Khalili taught his philosophy and earth architecture techniques. His sustainable solutions to human shelter have been published by NASA, and awarded by the United Nations, and the Aga Khan award for Architecture, among others.

Sheefteh and Dastan Khalili will give a power point presentation on the prototype home Cal-Earth is designing called Haiti One, and their fund-raising efforts to get a Cal-Earth crew in Haiti to train Haitians how to build earthquake resistant, affordable structures for their families.

For more information visit: http://calearth.org/

For more information about this event or the series, please contact the Caltech Y: (626) 395-6163 or email: caltechy@caltech.edu
Visit the SASS website at: http://sass.caltech.edu/

The 2009-2010 Social Activism Speaker Series is made possible with the generous support from the Moore-Hufstedler Fund, the GSC, Student Affairs, the Alumni Association and the Caltech Y.