can become more difficult or impossible to fit a patient with a prosthetic limb if we don’t intervene soon.”

While in Haiti, Landry will also meet representatives from other aid agencies and analyse their needs.

“I’ll come back home and look to the greater University of Toronto community for help to fill those needs, but by reinforcing existing structures in the Haitian community, not by building some new organization,” Landry said. He added he hopes to arrange for students to accompany him on return trips and serve internships in Haiti, perhaps starting this summer.

“It will be very important to engage our students in Haiti,” Landry said. “It’s not just important for developing their skills and experience but also for fostering in them a deep sense of social responsibility and instilling that sense that we are responsible to each other as global citizens. U of T has a great track record of supporting such work ... I would challenge other universities to do the same.”

Leaving his wife and one-year-old daughter is “the last thing” Landry wants to do right now, “But I can’t not go; I would be miserable knowing I have something to offer based on my experiences.”

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We dance when we’re happy, we dance when we’re sad, we dance at church, so it’s totally appropriate for us to have music.’

DUA’s Black History Lunch celebration was initiated around 10 years ago by Glen Boothe, an information services officer. Boothe started the lunch to encourage others across the U of T campus to find ways to celebrate Black History Month. He hopes that those who attend the lunch not only enjoy the experience but learn from it.

“It’s an opportunity for me to share my culture with the broader community,” Boothe explained. “At the end of the day, aside from the food and the music, an important part of it for me is for people who come to take away something about black culture, some kind of learning.”

The event has become more popular over the years, with more attendees and a number of people offering a helping hand.

“I’m sort of thrilled about the way it has grown to be more inclusive and to be more diverse,” said Boothe. “One of my main goals was to open up the culture for other people to come in and share.”

Simon-Edwards also believes that the event is a great way to bring people together not only to enjoy the company of others but to discover new things as well.

“We are of African origin and a hodgepodge of cultures and people,” said Simon-Edwards. “It’s nice for people to see and experience that.”

In the years to come, Boothe hopes that more U of T divisions and departments follow in the DUA’s footsteps by initiating their own events to celebrate Black History Month. With the growing popularity of the lunch within the division, DUA has been receiving more help with the event every year. Boothe expressed his thanks to all of the volunteers and said, “Without them we couldn’t do it.”