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FORD HALL FORUM AT SUFFOLK UNIVERSITY

ANNOUNCES ITS FALL 2011 LINE-UP OF OPEN LECTURES, DISCUSSIONS & FLASH FORUMS

THE REAL PAPER: JOURNALISM THEN & NOW

w/ Harper Barnes, Jan Freeman, Laura Shapiro,

Paul Solman, and Mark Zanger

moderator Monica Collins

September 15, 6:30-8 pm

CUTTING-EDGE CORPORATE GIVING

w/ Jim Koch, Stacy Palmer,

and Dr. Leonard Schlesinger

moderator George Donnelly

September 22, 6:30-8 pm

FROM THE GOVERNMENT AND HERE TO HELP

w/ Dr. Yaron Brook and Dr. David Callahan

moderator Dominick Ianno

September 29, 6:30-8 pm

THE NEW BOSTON MIRACLE

w/ Carmen Ortiz, David M. Kennedy, and

Rev. Dr. Emmett Price

moderator Donald Tye

October 13, 6:30-8 pm

THE LIFE OF A LEADER

w/ Gilad Sharon
moderator Wendy Ballinger
October 27, 6:30-8 pm

EVANGELICALS IN THE ELECTORATE

w/ Dr. John C. Green, Dr. Karl Giberson, and
Dr. Randall Stephens
moderator Eric Convey
November 10, 6:30-8 pm

FLASH FORUMS

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(Boston, MA 02114) The **Ford Hall Forum at Suffolk University** announces its Fall Season of six formal public presentations, addressing what's on our minds, whether it be national and international in scope or close to home. Ford Hall Forum is also poised to present a new Flash Forum this fall, held during the breakfast hour, in order to seize upon certain news items soon after they hit the airwaves. In all cases, the Forum hands over the microphone to the thinkers, doers, experts and opinion leaders – and then ultimately to you the audience – to discuss issues that affect us all. Equal time will be provided for speakers' remarks and audience members' questions. As always at the Forum, no speaker goes unquestioned and no view goes unchallenged.

All events are free, wheelchair accessible, and conveniently located near the MBTA. Details on specific events are listed below. For more information, call the Ford Hall Forum at 617-557-2007 or visit www.fordhallforum.org.

The Ford Hall Forum is pleased to announce The Boston Beer Company as their Fall 2011 season sponsor.

Ford Hall Forum at Suffolk University Fall 2011 schedule details:

The Real Paper: Journalism Then & Now

with Harper Barnes, Jan Freeman, Laura Shapiro, Paul Solman, and Mark Zanger (all formerly of *The Real Paper*); moderator Monica Collins (Ford Hall Forum Board VP and former *The Real Paper* journalist)

September 15, 6:30-8 pm

C. Walsh Theatre, Suffolk University

Ford Hall Forum Vice President and former *The Real Paper* journalist **Monica Collins** assembles this riveting *The Real Paper* reunion with **Harper Barnes, Jan Freeman, Laura Shapiro, Paul Solman, and Mark Zanger**. Hear how this free alternative weekly newspaper's laudable format of an employee-run collective was, ironically, its undoing as the opportunity to sell arose, as did interpersonal conflict. Their experience with *The Real Paper* yields surprising views on modern-day journalism, including sustainable and fair business models, the future of

free newspapers in a world of internet media, and whether journalists in today's economy should strike out on their own.



Cutting-Edge Corporate Giving

with Jim Koch (The Boston Beer Company), Stacy Palmer (Chronicle of Philanthropy), and Dr. Leonard Schlesinger (Babson University); moderator George Donnelly (Boston Business Journal)

September 22, 6:30-8 pm

Main Function Room, Suffolk University Law School

In a lagging economy, corporations get creative to achieve the most bang for their charitable buck, and the result is a variety of unique methods to lend a helping hand. **Stacy Palmer**, Editor of the Chronicle of Philanthropy, reveals which giving is most helpful to grantees and which is obsolete. **Dr. Len Schlesinger**, President of Babson University, tells us how businesses find causes that resonate with stakeholders, while **Jim Koch**, Founder of The Boston Beer Company, provides a prime example of innovative corporate philanthropy through his “Samuel Adams Brewing the American Dream” program. With moderator **George Donnelly**, Editor of the Boston Business Journal, they discuss fascinating new corporate giving trends.



From The Government and Here To Help

with Dr. Yaron Brook (Ayn Rand Institute) and Dr. David Callahan (Demos); moderator Dominick Ianno (Ford Hall Forum Board VP)

September 29, 6:30-8 pm

C. Walsh Theatre, Suffolk University

From the financial crisis to Obamacare to the budget debates, the size and scope of government is being debated across the country. One side calls for more regulation to foster equitable prosperity because the free market is out of control. The other side says government has grown too big and intrusive; we need to mitigate its powers while rediscovering the founders' principles. **Dr. Yaron Brook**, Executive Director of the Ayn Rand Institute, and **Dr. David Callahan**, Co-Founder of Demos, join Ford Hall Forum President **Dominick Ianno** to debate the fundamental social, economic, and moral ideas that underlie politics in America today.



The New Boston Miracle

with Carmen Ortiz (U.S. Attorney), David M. Kennedy (author of Don't Shoot), and Rev. Dr. Emmett Price (educator, business leader, musician); moderator Donald Tye (Ford Hall Forum Board VP)

October 13, 6:30-8 pm

Modern Theatre, Suffolk University

Gang and drug warfare fuels violence and leads to prison or death for countless youth, mostly minority males; this well-worn pattern plagues cities across the world. Criminologist and author of Don't Shoot, David M. Kennedy, tells how he addressed this scourge in the 1990s with the successful “Boston Miracle.” Rev. Dr. Emmett Price, who counsels at-risk Boston youth through

hip hop music, discusses funeral fatigue, copycat criminals, and the new rules of engagement. U.S. Attorney for Massachusetts Carmen Ortiz shares with us her plans to mitigate violent crime through the Organized Crime Strike Force/Gang Unit. The three come together with Ford Hall Forum Vice President Donald Tye for a conversation about the past, present, and future of inner-city youth violence in Boston and beyond.



The Life of a Leader

with Gilad Sharon (son of Ariel Sharon); moderator Wendy Ballinger (Ford Hall Forum Board Treasurer)

October 27, 6:30-8 pm

C. Walsh Theatre, Suffolk University

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's youngest son, **Gilad Sharon**, combed through his father's vast archives to offer an intimate look at this controversial figure in Middle Eastern politics. From 2001 until his stroke in 2006, Ariel Sharon walked a fine line between waging war on Israel's enemies and accommodating its allies, all while grappling with suicide bombings, the Iraq War, and Iran's nuclear program. Gilad Sharon gives moderator **Wendy Ballinger**, Treasurer of the Ford Hall Forum board, a rare glimpse into his father's private discussions with major heads of state, as well as an illuminating analysis of this global leader's unique views.



Evangelicals in the Electorate

with Dr. John C. Green, Dr. Karl Giberson, and Dr. Randall Stephens; moderator Eric Convey

November 10, 6:30-8 pm

C. Walsh Theatre, Suffolk University

Although some dismiss Evangelical Christians as zealots with uncommon social politics and little regard for science, this powerful voting bloc is a force to be reckoned with in our democracy, and likely misunderstood. **Dr. John C. Green**, Senior Research Advisor at the Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life, presents empirical data on what evangelicals actually believe based on surveys of clergy and parishioners. Authors of *The Anointed*, **Dr. Karl Giberson** and **Dr. Randall Stephens**, provide an analysis of intellectual authority within this group and examine themes ranging from Creationism to messaging. Ford Hall Forum Board member and former religion reporter for the Boston Herald **Eric Convey** converses with these sociological researchers to predict how Evangelical Christians' true values will translate into civic action.



Stay Tuned for Flash Forums

Flash Forums are programs that Ford Hall Forum will produce right when the news hits.

Arranged roughly a week in advance, Flash Forums will bring in an expert speaker, either in person or via Skype, to deliberate on a hot-off-the-press issue. Ford Hall Forum plans to inaugurate its Flash Forums as a breakfast program held at Suffolk University Law School.

About Ford Hall Forum at Suffolk University:

Ford Hall Forum is the nation's oldest free public lecture series. The Forum promotes freedom

of speech and fosters an informed and effective citizenry through public presentation of lectures, debates, and discussions. Its events illuminate the key issues facing our society, by bringing to its podium knowledgeable and thought-provoking speakers from a broad range of perspectives. These individuals speak in person, for free, and in settings that encourage frank and open debate.

The Forum began in 1908 as a series of Sunday evening public meetings held at the Ford Hall, which once stood on Beacon Hill in Boston. While the original building no longer exists, the public conversations have continued throughout the Boston area with the generous support of foundations, corporations, academic institutions, and individuals. In its 103rd year of programming, the Forum continues to build upon its partnership with Suffolk University. Suffolk is now housing the Forum's administrative offices just a block away from where the original Ford Hall once stood.

Ford Hall Forum programs are made possible through the generous contributions from individual members as well as corporations and foundations, including ACLU Massachusetts, AIG, The Barr Foundation, The Boston Beer Company, Choate Hall & Stewart LLP, Edwards Angell Palmer and Dodge, The Fred and Marty Corneel Fund, Fidelity Investment, Helen Rees Literary Agency, Houghton Chemical Corporation, Iron Mountain, Jackson & Company, Levine Katz Nannis + Solomon PC, The Lowell Institute, Massachusetts Cultural Council, the Nelli Mae Education Foundation, Penny Pimentel, The Pfizer Foundation, Plymouth Rock Assurance Corporation, Prince Lobel Tye LLP, Ropes & Gray, Suffolk University, WBUR 90.9 FM, and Wilmerhale.

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