

**Ford Hall Forum
at Suffolk University**
presents

Haiti and Aid Effectiveness

with
Ronald Bernard and Gregory Adams

moderator **William Dorcena**

Thursday, March 31, 6:30-8 pm

Suffolk University Law School
Main Function Room

(Boston, MA 02108) **Ford Hall Forum at Suffolk University** presents "***Haiti and Aid Effectiveness***" with **Ronald Bernard** (Heller School of Social and Policy Management at Brandeis) and **Gregory Adams** (Oxfam America); moderator **William Dorcena** (Ford Hall Forum Board member). Thursday, March 31, 6:30-8 pm. Admission is free and open to all. Suffolk University Law School, Main Function Room, 120 Tremont St., Boston. Wheelchair accessible and conveniently located near the Park St. MBTA Station. For more information, call Ford Hall Forum at 617-557-2007 or visit www.fordhallforum.org <<http://www.fordhallforum.org>>

Ronald Bernard, Haitian aid recipient and graduate student at The Heller School for Social and Policy Management at Brandeis University, and **Gregory Adams**, Aid Effectiveness Director at Oxfam America, join moderator **William Dorcena**, Ford Hall Forum board member and co-founder of *The Boston Haitian Reporter*, to give voice to the troubled recovery after Haiti's devastating earthquake. Bernard reviews demonstrated drawbacks in U.S. aid delivery to Haiti while Adams presents how the experience in Haiti has revolutionized international relief organizations. From the spread of cholera to difficulties in texting donations, the glacial pace of observable healing in Haiti prompts the question of whether our nation sincerely intends to help.

Ronald Bernard served as a volunteer interpreter and facilitator with The Saint Rock Haiti Foundation from 2004 to 2010. Saint Rock is an American based charity providing food, medical and educational aid. At present Bernard is living in the U.S. while pursuing his MA in Sustainable International Development, at Brandeis University. He received his BA in International Relations at the Academie Nationale Diplomatique et Consulaire, Port au Prince, Haiti, in 2008.

Gregory Adams is the Director of Oxfam America's Aid Effectiveness Team. He has more than ten years of experience working for members of the US House of Representatives covering national security and foreign affairs. He most recently served as legislative director for Representative Diane E. Watson of Los Angeles, who is a member of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs and vice chair of the Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health. In that role, he helped craft Representative Watson's positions on the Millennium Challenge Corporation, the F process, and other dimensions of US foreign aid. He has a B.A. in political science from the University of Illinois at Chicago.

William Dorcena is a Ford Hall Forum board member and the President and CEO of CenaMaven a public relations and marketing firm. Mr. Dorcena co-founded the *Boston Haitian Reporter* in 2001. The newspaper stands as New England's leading source for news about the region's growing Haitian-American communities.

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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.

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Coming up next at Ford Hall Forum:

"The Weather at War"

Frederic G. Corneel Memorial Lecture

with Dr. Rachel Kleinfeld (Truman National Security Project), Carl Ferenbach (Environmental

Defense Fund), and Harold Naughton (MA State Representative); moderator Jack Wrobel (Ford Hall Forum Board member)

Thursday, April 7, 6:30-8 pm

C. Walsh Theatre, Suffolk University

The Pentagon has declared our dependence on fossil fuels a security threat; their primary planning document acknowledges the instability and conflict that climate change will create. In response, the CIA has opened a new Center for Climate Change, the Navy and Marines have committed reducing carbon use, and the Army is creating carbon-neutral bases. **Rachel Kleinfeld, Ph.D.**, CEO and President of the Truman National Security Project, **Carl Ferenbach**, Chairman of the Board of the Environmental Defense Fund, and **MA State Rep. Harold Naughton**, Iraq War veteran, join Ford Hall Forum Clerk **Jack Wrobel** to discuss why the weather is suddenly a national security issue.

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