

**Ford Hall Forum
at Suffolk University**
presents

Bittersweet Humanitarianism
with
Ashley Judd

moderator **Candelaria Silva**

Friday, April 8, 6:30-8 pm

C. Walsh Theater

(Boston, MA 02114) **Ford Hall Forum at Suffolk University** presents "***Bittersweet Humanitarianism***" with **Ashley Judd** (actor/humanitarian); discussion moderated by **Candelaria Silva** (Roxbury Film Festival). Friday, April 8, 6:30-8 pm. Admission is free and open to all. C. Walsh Theater at Suffolk University, 55 Temple Street, Boston, MA. Wheelchair accessible and conveniently located near the Park St. MBTA Station. For more information, call the Ford Hall Forum at 617-557-2007 or visit www.fordhallforum.org <<http://www.fordhallforum.org/>> .

Almost a decade ago, **Ashley Judd** walked away from a career as a sought-after, award-winning actress to answer her calling as a humanitarian. Having visited countless slums and brothels around the world in the last decade, Judd has captured stories of survival and resilience in extensive diaries, and now in her memoir, *All That Is Bitter and Sweet*. During this time, Judd's journey compelled her to commit to in-patient treatment for her grief from childhood abandonment. Author and Roxbury Film Festival founder **Candelaria Silva** probes Judd's experiences in feminist social justice work to discover the relationship between healing oneself and healing others.

A book signing will follow the presentation.

Ashley Judd is an actor, author and humanitarian activist. Judd is a board member and global ambassador for YouthAIDS, a prevention program of Population Services International. She has addressed the General Assembly of the UN, spoken at the National Press Club, testified before the Senate Foreign Relations and served as an expert panelist at the Clinton Global Initiative. She is also active with Women for Women International, Equality Now, and other non-governmental organizations that focus on social, educational, health, economic, cultural, and financial funding for underserved populations. Judd is the author of *All that is Bitter and Sweet*.

Candelaria Silva is a facilitator, consultant, published writer, reviewer and essayist. From 1998 to 2007 she created and directed programs for ACT Roxbury, the cultural economic

development program of Madison Park Development Corporation which sponsored of the Roxbury Film Festival, Open Studios, Roxbury Literary Annual, and Roxbury Discussion Series.

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.

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For more information on Ford Hall Forum at Suffolk University, visit www.fordhallforum.org. Information about Suffolk University's partnership with the Ford Hall Forum can be obtained by contacting Mariellen Norris, (617) 573-8450, mnorris@suffolk.edu <mnorris@suffolk.edu> .

Coming up next at Ford Hall Forum:

“Never Say Die: Immortality and Overpopulation”

with John Seager (Population Connection) and Dr. Michael Fossel (Rejuvenation Research); moderator Sally Jackson (Ford Hall Forum Board member)

Thursday, April 14, 6:30-8 pm

Moot Court Room, Suffolk University Law School

Michael B. Fossel, MD, Ph.D., founder of Rejuvenation Research and author of *The Immortality Edge*, draws on Nobel Prize-winning genetic research to advise us on slowing the aging process. **John Seager**, President and CEO of Population Connection and former staffer at the Environmental Protection Agency, tempers the excitement over lengthening life spans by discussing effects including overpopulation and increased competition for already-scarce resources. They join **Sally Jackson**, a Vice President of Ford Hall Forum, to debate the critical issues facing a population nigh on a significantly extended life expectancy. A book signing will follow the presentation.

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