

**FORD HALL FORUM  
AT SUFFOLK UNIVERSITY**

**ANNOUNCES ITS  
SPRING 2011 LINE-UP OF  
OPEN LECTURES & DISCUSSIONS**

***“WikiLeaks, OpenLeaks, and Our Right to Know”***

w/ Daniel Domscheit-Berg and Herbert Snorasson  
moderator Wendy Ballinger  
March 24, 8-9:00 am  
(special breakfast forum)

***“Haiti and Aid Effectiveness”***

w/ Ronald Bernard and Gregory Adams  
moderator William Dorcena  
March 31, 6:30-8 pm

***“The Weather at War”***

*Frederic G. Corneel Memorial Lecture*

w/ Dr. Rachel Kleinfeld, Carl Ferenbach, and Harold Naughton  
moderator Jack Wrobel  
April 7, 6:30-8 pm

***“Bittersweet Humanitarianism”***

w/ Ashley Judd  
moderator Candelaria Silva  
April 8, 6:30-8 pm

***“Never Say Die: Immortality and Overpopulation”***

w/ John Seager and Dr. Michael Fossel  
moderator Sally Jackson  
April 14, 6:30-8 pm

**Anthony Lewis**

2011 Louis P. and Evelyn Smith First Amendment Award  
moderator Floyd Abrams  
April 21, 6:30-8 pm

***“Trade-Offs: Can Free Be Fair?”***

w/ Rodney North and Dr. Donald Boudreaux

moderator Jeff Jacoby  
April 28, 6:30-8 pm

**“Politics and Pasta”**  
w/ Vincent A. "Buddy" Cianci, Jr.  
moderator Dominick Ianno  
May 19, 6:30-8 pm

(Boston, MA 02114) The **Ford Hall Forum at Suffolk University** announces its Spring Season of eight public presentations addressing what's on our minds, whether it be national and international in scope or close to home. 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](http://www.fordhallforum.org) <<http://www.fordhallforum.org>> .

Ford Hall Forum at Suffolk University Spring 2011 schedule:

**“WikiLeaks, OpenLeaks, and Our Right to Know”**

with Daniel Domscheit-Berg (former WikiLeaks staffer) and Herbert Snorasson (former WikiLeaks staffer); moderator Wendy Ballinger (Ford Hall Forum Board member)  
Thursday, March 24, 8-9:00 am [special breakfast forum]  
Moot Court Room, Suffolk University Law School

Although **Herbert Snorasson** and **Daniel Domscheit-Berg**, both former staffers at WikiLeaks, cannot enter the United States for fear of arraignment, they join us live by video from Iceland and Germany to answer questions about the necessity of and danger in leaking state secrets.

With **Wendy Ballinger**, Treasurer and former Executive Director of Ford Hall Forum, Snorasson and Domscheit-Berg discuss why their newest venture, OpenLeaks, is superior to Assange's WikiLeaks model and other various “Leaks” sites launching around the world. The two will tell us how and why they became involved with WikiLeaks, particularly their idea on the public's right to know *versus* global security. Signed copies of the book will be sold following the presentation.

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**“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  
Main Function Room, Suffolk University Law School

**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.



***“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.



***“Bittersweet Humanitarianism”***

with Ashley Judd (actor/humanitarian); moderator Candelaria Silva (Roxbury Film Festival)

Friday, April 8, 6:30-8 pm

C. Walsh Theatre, Suffolk University

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. She shares these stories in her memoir, *All That Is Bitter and Sweet*. 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.



***“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.



### **Anthony Lewis**

*2011 Louis P. and Evelyn Smith First Amendment Award*

Anthony Lewis (former NY Times journalist and Pulitzer Prize winner); moderator Floyd Abrams (First Amendment lawyer)

Thursday, April 21, 6:30-8 pm

C. Walsh Theatre, Suffolk University

The Ford Hall Forum is proud to present our 31st Annual Louis P. and Evelyn Smith First Amendment Award to **Anthony Lewis**, *New York Times* journalist and winner of the Pulitzer Prize for National Reporting in 1955 and 1963. Lewis has a legendary history of commitment to human rights and civil liberties marked by groundbreaking reporting throughout his career.

Joined by **Floyd Abrams**, America's leading First Amendment lawyer, Lewis will discuss his storied career as a Nieman Scholar at Harvard, Editor-in-Chief for the *Times London* office, professor of journalism, and longtime "at home abroad" columnist for the *New York Times*.

Signed copies of the book will be sold following the presentation.



### **"Trade-Offs: Can Free Be Fair?"**

with Rodney North (Equal Exchange) and Dr. Donald Boudreaux (George Mason University); moderator Jeff Jacoby (Ford Hall Forum Board member)

Thursday, April 28, 6:30-8 pm

Moot Court Room, Suffolk University Law School

**Rodney North**, communications consultant/former Board Chair of Equal Exchange and co-owner of the largest fair trade enterprise in North America, and **Donald Boudreaux, Ph.D.**, Professor of Economics at George Mason University and former President of libertarian think tank Foundation for Economic Education, will discuss with Ford Hall Forum board member and *Boston Globe* columnist **Jeff Jacoby** whether free trade can be fair and *vice versa*. From subsidies to tariffs to quotas, a variety of standards affect trade but are they effective or even sensible? What are the effects of a chosen trade method on international borders, environmental and labor regulations, and bureaucracy? Is there a compromise that combines partnership and transparency with unfettered commerce?



### **"Politics and Pasta"**

with Vincent A. "Buddy" Cianci, Jr. (former Mayor of Providence); moderator Dominick Ianno (Ford Hall Forum Board member)

Thursday, May 19, 6:30-8 pm

C. Walsh Theatre, Suffolk University

Perhaps one of the most charismatic mayors in U.S. history, **Buddy Cianci** served as the Mayor of Providence for an unprecedented 21 years. A champion of inner city revitalization, Cianci turned Providence into “the Renaissance City” and an example of sustainable urban renewal. However, his tenure was marred with controversy, leading to a forced resignation and conviction. These days, he hosts a daily radio talk show on 630 WPRO AM and 99.7 FM, as well as his own daily “Buddy TV” segment on ABC-6 in Rhode Island, and some speculate he may consider yet another run for mayor. Ford Hall Forum Board President **Dominick Ianno** draws outrageous anecdotes from the always-entertaining Buddy Cianci. A book signing will follow the presentation.

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#### 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 102nd year of programming, the Forum continues to build upon its new 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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