

**Ford Hall Forum
at Suffolk University**
presents

Trade-Offs: Can Free Be Fair?

with
Rodney North & Dr. Donald Boudreaux

moderator **Jeff Jacoby**

Thursday, April 28, 6:30-8 pm

Suffolk University Law School

(Boston, MA 02114) **Ford Hall Forum at Suffolk University** presents “***Trade-Offs: Can Free Be Fair?***” with **Rodney North** (Equal Exchange) and **Dr. Donald Boudreaux** (George Mason University); discussion moderated by **Jeff Jacoby** (Ford Hall Forum Board member). Thursday, April 28, 6:30-8 pm. Admission is free and open to all. Suffolk University Law School, McLaughlin Moot Court 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>> .

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?

Further background information of participants:

Donald Boudreaux has a Ph.D. in economics from Auburn University and a law degree from University of Virginia.

Rodney North serves as Vice-Chair on the board of Equal Exchange, the Massachusetts-based organization that markets *Fair Trade* coffee, tea and coco products. He has been a worker-owner of Equal Exchange for over a dozen years and also serves as “the Answer Man,”

responsible for public relations. The organization is composed of 80 worker-owners, has 105 employees, and \$34 million in annual sales.

Ford Hall Forum board member, **Jeff Jacoby** is a long time Ford Hall Forum supporter and a *Boston Globe* journalist.

About Ford Hall Forum at Suffolk University:

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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:

“Politics and Pasta”

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

Thursday, May 19, 6:30-8 pm

C. Walsh Theater at Suffolk University

A champion of inner city revitalization, **Buddy Cianci** served as the Mayor of Providence for an unprecedented 21 years, turning it into the Renaissance City through sustainable urban renewal. While his tenure was marred with controversy, including a forced resignation and conviction, Buddy is still in the public eye through his daily radio and TV shows, and might even be considering yet another run for mayor. Ford Hall Forum President **Dominick Ianno** draws outrageous anecdotes from the always-entertaining Buddy Cianci. *Cianci will be signing and*

selling copies of his memoir, "Politics and Pasta: How I Prosecuted Mobsters, Rebuilt a Dying City, Dined with Sinatra, Spent Five Years in a Federally-Funded Gated Community, and Lived to Tell the Tale," at the end of the presentation.

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