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Topic: Public's Right To Know *versus* Global Security [book signing following discussion]
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**Ford Hall Forum
at Suffolk University**
presents

WikiLeaks, OpenLeaks, and Our Right to Know

with

Daniel Domscheit-Berg and **Herbert Snorrason**

moderated by **Wendy Ballinger**

Thursday, March 24, 8-9:00 am
(special breakfast forum)

Moot Court Room, Suffolk University Law School

(Boston, MA 02108) **Ford Hall Forum at Suffolk University** presents "***WikiLeaks, OpenLeaks, and Our Right to Know***" with **Daniel Domscheit-Berg** (former WikiLeaks staffer) and **Herbert Snorrason** (former WikiLeaks staffer); moderated by **Wendy Ballinger** (Ford Hall Forum Board member). Thursday, March 24, 8-9:00 am [special breakfast forum]. Admission is free and open to all; a complimentary light breakfast will be available. 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>> .

Although **Herbert Snorrason** and **Daniel Domscheit-Berg**, both former staffers at WikiLeaks, cannot enter the United States for fear of arraignment, they join Ford Hall Forum 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, Snorrason 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 Inside WikiLeaks: My Time with Julian Assange at the World's Most Dangerous Website by Daniel Domscheit-Berg will be sold following the presentation.

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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Coming up next at Ford Hall Forum:

"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.

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