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**Ford Hall Forum  
at Suffolk University**  
presents

***From The Government and Here To Help***

with  
**Dr. Yaron Brook**  
and  
**Dr. David Callahan**

moderator **Dominick Ianno**

September 29, 6:30-8 pm

C. Walsh Theatre

(Boston, MA 02114) **Ford Hall Forum at Suffolk University** presents ***“From The Government and Here To Help”*** with Dr. Yaron Brook and Dr. David Callahan; discussion moderated by **Dominick Ianno**. Thursday, September 29, 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) <<http://www.fordhallforum.org>>

From the financial crisis to Obamacare to the budget debates, the size and scope of government is being debated across the country. One side calls for more regulation to foster equitable prosperity because the free market is out of control. The other side says government has grown too big and intrusive; we need to mitigate its powers while rediscovering the founders' principles. **Dr. Yaron Brook**, Executive Director of the Ayn Rand Institute, and **Dr. David Callahan**, Co-Founder of Demos, join Ford Hall Forum President **Dominick Ianno** to debate the fundamental social, economic, and moral ideas that underlie politics in America

today.

Further background information on participants:

**Yaron Brook** serves as the Executive Director of the Ayn Rand Institute and the Ayn Rand Center of Individual Rights, ARI's Washington, DC-based public policy arm. He is a prominent advocate for Objectivism, the philosophy of novelist Ayn Rand. Dr. Brook is a contributing editor of *The Objective Standard*, contributing author to the anthology *Winning the Unwinnable War*, and co-author of *Neoconservatism: An Obituary for an Idea*. He is a weekly guest on *Front Page* hosted by PJTV, the first center-right online television network broadcasting over the Internet, and makes frequent guest appearances on national radio and TV with Objectivism's unique perspective on current events. A popular speaker at universities, public forums, industry conferences, academic panels, community and professional groups, his recent talks encompass the moral foundations of capitalism and individual rights.

**David Callahan** is co-founder of Demos, a public policy institute based in New York City where he now serves as a Senior Fellow and the Editor of PolicyShop.net, the Demos blog. He is regular commentator on television and radio, and his articles have appeared in numerous newspapers and magazines. In addition, he is the author of eight books, including *The Cheating Culture: Why More Americans Are Doing Wrong to Get Ahead* and *The Moral Center*. Callahan received his B.A. at Hampshire College and his Ph.D. at Princeton University.

**Dominick Ianno** is the current Director of Public Affairs, US Northeast, in Pfizer's Global Sites Public Affairs group. Ianno began his Pfizer career in January 2008, joining the company in a newly-created position as Director of Public Affairs in Worldwide Public Affairs and Policy, where he managed media outreach strategy for the company's interests on state policy and legislative issues throughout the Northeast. Prior to joining Pfizer, Ianno served four years as a Vice President at Gray Media in Boston, providing political and business counsel to a wide range of business, education, and political clients. He is a past Executive Director of the Massachusetts Republican Party and has worked as a research and media operative for several statewide Republican campaigns in Massachusetts. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science from the State University of New York at Oswego and a Juris Doctorate degree from the New England School of Law.

Coming up next at Ford Hall Forum:

***The New Boston Miracle***

with Carmen Ortiz (U.S. Attorney), David M. Kennedy (author of Don't Shoot), and Rev. Dr. Emmett Price (educator, business leader, musician); moderator Donald Tye (Ford Hall Forum Board VP)

October 13, 6:30-8 pm

Modern Theatre, Suffolk University

Gang and drug warfare fuels violence and leads to prison or death for countless youth, mostly minority males; this well-worn pattern plagues cities across the world. Criminologist and author of Don't Shoot, David M. Kennedy, tells how he addressed this scourge in the 1990s with the successful "Boston Miracle." Rev. Dr. Emmett Price, who counsels at-risk Boston youth through hip hop music, discusses funeral fatigue, copycat criminals, and the new rules of engagement. U.S. Attorney for Massachusetts Carmen Ortiz shares with us her plans to mitigate violent crime through the Organized Crime Strike Force/Gang Unit. The three come together with Ford Hall Forum Vice President Donald Tye for a conversation about the past, present, and future of

inner-city youth violence in Boston and beyond.

### ***Stay Tuned for Flash Forums***

Flash Forums are programs that Ford Hall Forum will produce right when the news hits. Arranged roughly a week in advance, Flash Forums will bring in an expert speaker, either in person or via Skype, to deliberate on a hot-off-the-press issue. Ford Hall Forum plans to inaugurate its Flash Forums as a breakfast program held at Suffolk University Law School.

### **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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