

**The Ford Hall Forum
Fall 2008 programming**

JIMMY WALES with CHRISTOPHER LYDON

“Free Speech, Free Minds, Free Markets: Competition and Collaboration”

Thursday, Sept. 11, 2008

6:30-8 p.m.

C. Walsh Theater, Suffolk University

Across the globe we are building, editing and contributing to a growing body of knowledge and tools at everyone’s fingertips. Volunteers in leaderless organizations contribute to online initiatives and articles. Software developers spend their free time collaborating with complete strangers. Amazingly, these efforts are creating products of extraordinary quality, sometimes better than that of large for-profit organizations. Why do we do it? Why does it work? Wikipedia founder Jimmy Wales joins journalist Christopher Lydon to address these questions, where “Web 2.0” will take us next and how Objectivist philosophy guides his vision.

THOMAS S. BLANTON with ALASDAIR ROBERTS

“Secrecy in the United States: Priorities for the Next President”

Thursday, Sept. 18, 2008

6:30-8 p.m.

C. Walsh Theater, Suffolk University

Federal policymakers have struggled with contending claims about national security, executive privilege and open government over the last eight years. Is the current administration excessively secretive? Or are its methods simply the most effective way to protect our nation in the post-9/11 world? Tonight, in recognition of International Right to Know Day, Thomas S. Blanton, director of the National Security Archive at George Washington University, joins Professor Alasdair Roberts, who holds the Rappaport Chair in Law and Public at Suffolk University Law School, to discuss government transparency and suggest top reform priorities for the next President.

Book signing will follow lecture and discussion.

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LAURENCE H. TRIBE

“The Invisible Constitution”

Thursday, Sept. 25, 2008

6:30 - 8 p.m.

Moot Court Room, Suffolk University Law School

Between the lines of our parchment Constitution, renowned legal scholar Laurence Tribe argues, there is an "Invisible Constitution." Tribe purports that some of our most cherished and widely held beliefs about our constitutional rights are not even included in the written document. How does this "Invisible Constitution" impact the central constitutional debates of our time -- from gun control to abortion to wire-tapping? How has this framework for reading the Constitution evolved, and how does it work? Professor Laurence Tribe, Harvard Law School, joins us to discuss how we interpret our country's most important document.

Book signing will follow lecture and discussion.

Receive a free copy of the U.S. Constitution at the door.

JON KELLER with **JEFF JACOBY**

“The Bluest State: How Democrats Created the Massachusetts Blueprint for American Political Disaster”

Sunday, Oct. 5, 2008

6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

C. Walsh Theater at Suffolk University

Massachusetts. It is the proud birthplace of modern-day liberalism and the nation’s foremost test kitchen for its agenda and political practices. It is also, some say, home to sluggish economic growth, insular political culture and a government that often fails to deliver relief for the working-class people it claims to help the most. Are Massachusetts politics an ideal others should strive toward? Or have we led the rest of the country (or at least its Democrats) dangerously off course? Jon Keller, WBZ-TV News' political analyst, joins Jeff Jacoby, *Boston Globe* columnist, to review the ups and downs of our beloved state’s political culture and what can be done to carve out a “new frontier” of American leadership.

Book signing will follow lecture and discussion.

DOUGLAS J. FEITH

“War and Decision: Inside the Pentagon at the Dawn of the War on Terrorism”

Thursday, Oct. 23, 2008

6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Old South Meeting House

The following warnings appeared in a 2002 Bush administration memorandum:

“US could fail to find WMD on the ground in Iraq.”

“Post-Saddam stabilization and reconstruction efforts by the United States could take not two to four years, but eight to ten years.”

“Iraq could experience ethnic strife among Kurds, Sunnis and Shia...”

The author? It was Donald Rumsfeld, former United States secretary of defense, in a powerful analysis of the downsides of going to war in Iraq. Why then, did one of the decade's most important foreign policy decisions go the other way? Douglas J. Feith, former United States undersecretary of defense for policy (2001 – 2005), will discuss the dynamics of the first Bush term and how we make foreign policy decisions.

Book signing will follow lecture and discussion.

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Special Event

JAMES CARROLL

“Constantine's Sword”

Thursday, Oct. 30, 2008

6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

C. Walsh Theater, Suffolk University

Why are intolerance, violence and war so deeply ingrained in religion? *Constantine's Sword*, the latest film by Oscar-nominated documentarian Oren Jacoby, follows Suffolk University Distinguished Scholar-in-Residence James Carroll, who also is a *Boston Globe* columnist and author of the forthcoming book *Practicing Catholic*, in his search for answers to this question. Looking to his own past and that of his religion, Carroll addresses the darker side of Christianity and explores the consequences of religion's influence on United States foreign policy. In what ways can religion inspire us to be better people? How can it lead us astray? And where do we, as a society, draw the lines between our religion and public life? James Carroll joins us to screen the film and address the blessings and perils of religion.

The Frederic G. Corneel Memorial Lecture

GARY HIRSHBERG with **NANCY F. KOEHN**

“Stirring it Up: How to Make Money and Save the World”

Thursday, Nov. 6, 2008

6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

C. Walsh Theater, Suffolk University

Can one really do well by doing good? Savvy corporations of all sectors and sizes are now embracing an environmentally friendly outlook. Adobe is striving to make its campus carbon neutral. Car manufacturers are flocking to catch-up with Toyota's hybrid Prius. Even Wal-Mart has retrofitted its stores with high-efficiency lighting systems. What are the incentives for entrepreneurs and business owners to “go green”? And what are the challenges they face as they seek to provide value for shareholders while staying

true to their mission and morals? Gary Hirshberg, chairman, president and CEO of Stonyfield Farm, joins Professor Nancy F. Koehn, Harvard Business School, to discuss how businesses are leveraging quality products, creative marketing and cost-saving efficiencies to both enrich shareholders and make the world a better place.

Book signing will follow lecture and discussion.

ELECTION 2008: REVIEW AND FORECAST

Panel discussion. Speakers to be determined.

Thursday, Nov. 13, 2008

6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Old South Meeting House

Obama. McCain. Who will be sitting in the Oval Office on January 21, 2009? What does it mean for the future of our country? Supreme Court justices. The economy. Foreign policy. Global warming. Nuclear proliferation. Abortion. Energy security. Join us as we unravel the deciding factors that led one candidate into the winner's circle -- and then look forward to its impact on the coming years for our nation.

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