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SPRINGFIELD PUBLIC FORUM 2009



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The Public Forum offers excellent educational resources to incorporate into your curriculum to make your classes come alive! **FREE TO THE PUBLIC!**

With a combination of lectures and related activities, the 74th lecture season of the Springfield Public Forum presents an interactive experience for students and educators. The Public Forum considers foreign affairs, national politics, education and other topics relevant to students' lives and your classes.

Opportunities and resources for students and educators include:

- Articles, curriculum ideas, videos and more that relate to the Forum topics, at www.springfieldpublicforum.org (and available in hard copy by request).
- Participation in **The 2009 City Thinks: Education, Poverty and a Call to Action** programming which includes discussion groups, a mural project, film screenings, and other activities.
- Joining small group discussions with speakers prior to speeches.
- Attendance at Public Forum lectures at Symphony Hall.

The Springfield Public Forum provides unique opportunities to engage students in discussion, debate, and analysis on issues crucial to our times. Start planning and please help us to spread the word to fellow educators, students and their families!

2009 Lecture Schedule (Lectures begin at 7:30 p.m. at Springfield Symphony Hall.)

Peter Canellos Boston Globe (9/30/09)



As the Boston Globe's Editorial Page editor and former D.C. Bureau chief, Peter Canellos has covered local, state and national politics, including presidential campaigns in 1992 and 1996. Also, after extensive candid interviews with the Kennedy family, he has written "Lion of the Senate", an intimate biography on Ted Kennedy. Sponsored by MassMutual Financial Group.

Geoffrey Canada President and CEO of the Harlem Children's Zone (11/4/09)



Mr. Canada will speak on his innovative approaches to education and poverty eradication, which are producing astounding results. Mr. Canada has been awarded many accolades, including recognition as one of "America's Best Leaders" by *U.S. News and World Report*. Sponsored by The Irene E. and George A. Davis Foundation; Doherty, Wallace, Pillsbury and Murphy, P.C., and Springfield School Volunteers.

Mira Kamdar Senior Fellow at the World Policy Institute (11/18/09)



An authority on foreign affairs, Dr. Kamdar is an international commentator and prize-winning author who will speak on the rise of India. She is also a Senior Fellow at the World Policy Institute, a commentator for CNN International, the *Chicago Tribune* and many others. Sponsored by Wilbraham and Monson Academy, The Global School.

Ken Burns Documentary Filmmaker (12/1/09)



Director and producer of documentaries, Ken Burns is acclaimed for his style of using of archival footage and photographs to produce compelling films on some of America's most treasured cultural elements. Ken Burns will speak about his new documentary acclaimed for its stunning photography, "America's Best Idea: The National Parks". Sponsored by St. Germain Investment Management and United Bank.

For more information: All of our educational resources, curriculum suggestions and programming schedule are available on the Public Forum's website at www.springfieldpublicforum.org

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