

About the Educational Partnership

Committed to engaging students and educators, the Springfield Public Forum expanded its educational outreach in 2007. With the inauguration of the Springfield Public Forum Educational Partners program, resources related to the lecture topics are now made available to area educators and students through curriculum guides, discussion groups, small question and answer sessions with speakers, and student participation in Forum events and dinners. In addition, the Public Forum and the Springfield City Library have developed a two week series of educational programming focused on a Springfield Public Forum lecture topic each fall. This program, titled **The City Thinks**, is sponsored in 2008 by the American International College Honors Program.

This year's **City Thinks** program will be centered on China, leading up to China expert Rob Gifford's lecture on Thursday, November 13th. Rob Gifford is an NPR Bureau Chief and the author of *China Road: A Journey into the Future of a Rising Power*.

To visit our Educational Partnership and Resources webpage directly, with information on educational resources and "The City Thinks" programming and scheduling, please visit:
http://www.springfieldpublicforum.org/educational_partnership.html.

Springfield Public Forum - P.O. Box 5374
Springfield, MA 01101-5374 - (413) 732-2020
www.springfieldpublicforum.org

Educational Resources for City Thinks 2008: China

ROB GIFFORD



Author and NPR Bureau Chief
China Road:

A Journey into the Future of a Rising Power

- In-depth book feature with summaries of each of Gifford's seven-part series with photo galleries for each section:
<http://www.npr.org/programs/morning/features/2004/aug/china_road/>
- Video clip from *The Daily Show* guest appearance (6:08):
<<http://www.thedailyshow.com/video/index.jhtml?videoId=90433&title=rob-gifford>>
- Read over ten pages of Gifford's most recent published stories in a range of topics:
<<http://www.npr.org/templates/archives/archive.php?thingId=2100529&startNum=3>>
- "China Correspondent" Podcast interview of Gifford's experience in China, what he envisions for the future, and his newest work:
<http://www.here-now.org/shows/2005/09/20050906_2.asp>
- One-page biography of Gifford as an *NPR* Foreign Correspondent:
<<http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=2100529>>
- Interview archive with written and audio records from Travis Smiley of *PBS*:
<http://www.pbs.org/kcet/tavissmiley/archive/200707/20070726_gifford.html#>
- "China Rising" online article about China's re-emergence of important world power:
<http://www.signonsandiego.com/uniontrib/20050320/news_mz1e20nye.html>

More Resources for City Thinks 2008: China

- "China's Rising Power Status" video discussing China's increasing economic power (1:45):
<<http://www.gallup.com/video/104254/China-superpower.aspx>>
- Webpage with clear and detailed information of China's history, culture, and more. With videos, maps, music, and photo gallery:
<http://www3.nationalgeographic.com/places/countries/country_china.html>
- Printable resource guide for teachers for teaching Chinese Art and Culture. Includes lessons, glossary, times, handouts, etc. for classroom use:
<<http://www.google.com/search?client=safari&rls=en-us&q=curriculum+guide+china&ie=UTF-8&oe=UTF-8>>
- Lesson plan catalogue organized by Chinese region and school grade providing links to lesson plans for teachers teaching about China.
<<http://www.asiaeducation.edu.au/china/resource/lesson/index.htm>>
- "China Rises," four-part television series with sections on politics, economy, environment, and society. From the *New York Times*:
<<http://www.nytimes.com/specials/chinarises/intro/index.html>>
- Corresponding teacher's companion to the above videos with related articles and discussion questions framing different perspectives on the issues:
<<http://www.nytimes.com/ref/college/coll-chinarises.html/index.html>>
- "China: A Traveling Exhibit, 1903-1904" an online collection of photographs which capture the lifestyle of the rural Chinese in the wake of the Boxer Rebellion:
<<http://www.chinaexhibit.org/index.html>>

About the Springfield Public Forum

“Inspiring, cutting edge, urbane”: this is how audience members describe attending Public Forum lectures. One of the few surviving free public lecture series in the nation, the Springfield Public Forum brings an incredible array of nationally-known experts and commentators to the community from a range of fields, including foreign affairs analysts, political commentators, authors, historians, scientists, journalists, environmentalists, health experts, and economists. Their presence in the community provides unique opportunities for discussion, debate, and education on a variety of issues crucial to our times.

In 2008, the Springfield Public Forum celebrates its 73rd anniversary. Born from citizens’ “need to know” in the midst of the Great Depression, the Forum provided an opportunity for Springfield, Massachusetts residents to better understand the political, social, and economic issues confronting the nation and the world since its inception. By presenting knowledgeable speakers at no cost to the public, the Forum established a precedent for free speech and open debate that has endured in Springfield.

To learn more about the Springfield Public Forum, including information about speakers and membership, please visit our website: www.springfieldpublicforum.org.

*Springfield Public Forum - P.O. Box 5374
Springfield, MA 01101-5374 - (413) 732-2020
www.springfieldpublicforum.org*



Springfield Symphony Hall Springfield, MA

The *Springfield Public Forum* would like to thank our generous sponsors:

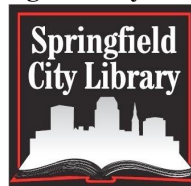
2008 Media and Corporate Sponsors:



2008 City Thinks Sponsor: American International College Honors Program



2008 City Thinks Partner: Springfield City Library



For more information, please visit:
www.springfieldpublicforum.org

Springfield Public Forum



*“Great Speakers,
Great Discourse,
Free to the Public”*

*Springfield Public Forum
P.O. Box 5374
Springfield, MA 01101-5374
(413) 732-2020
www.springfieldpublicforum.org*

2008 Season Sponsor

