

NAJARIAN LECTURE ON HUMAN RIGHTS AT FANEUIL HALL

An endowed public program of Armenian Heritage Park on the Greenway, Boston

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FORMER SPEAKERS

Siddharth Kara, Cherie Jimenez 2013
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Protecting Human Rights Globally

Everyone has the right to seek, receive and impart ideas without fear and interference. Yet throughout the world, journalists, bloggers and others face harassment and imprisonment for exercising their right to free speech...Freedom of expression is essential to the attainment of all other rights...and is closely linked to the right to hold opinions and the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion... - Amnesty International 2014

Date & Time

Thursday, October 23, 2014
7:30pm

Place

Faneuil Hall
Boston, Massachusetts

Mayor's Remarks

Martin J. Walsh
Mayor, City of Boston

Introduction

Courtney Radsch, PhD
Advocacy Director, Committee to Protect Journalists

Speakers

Ray Suarez

Host, *Inside Story* on **Al Jazeera America** and *America Abroad* on
Public Radio International

Stephen Kurkjian

Founding member and former chief, Investigative *Spotlight Team* of
The Boston Globe and editor of its Washington Bureau

Thomas Mucha

Editor, **GlobalPost**

Free and open to the public

Reception follows at the **Millennium Bostonian Hotel** with the speakers and leadership from:

Boston University College of Communication - Thomas Fiedler, Dean of the College of Communications and Professor of the Practice in Journalism

Emerson College - Jerry Lanson, Associate Chair of Journalism and Associate Professor

New England Center for Investigative Journalism - Jenifer McKim, Assistant Managing Editor/Senior Investigative Reporter; **Clara Germani**, Investigations Editor and **Beth Daley**, Investigative Reporter/Director of Partnerships

Northeastern University School of Journalism - Dan Kennedy, Acting Director and Associate Professor

WGBH - Phillip Martin, Senior Investigative Reporter

About the Najarian Endowed Lecture on Human Rights at Faneuil Hall

The purpose of the annual lecture, endowed by K. George and Carolann S. Najarian, MD, is to advance understanding of human rights issues and the societal abuses faced by millions today, and to increase awareness of the work of individuals and organizations dedicated to eliminating these injustices so that we are all more actively engaged. The setting is in tribute to the New England women and men – intellectuals, politicians, diplomats, religious leaders and ordinary citizens - who, beginning in the 1890s at Faneuil Hall, heard the eyewitness accounts of the atrocities taking place against the Armenian minority of the Ottoman Empire during the First World War and were called to action... Philanthropists nationwide raised over \$100 million in aid. This was America's first internationally focused human rights movement.

This endowed lecture on human rights is in my father's honor as he taught so many about the need to pay attention, spot injustice and speak out wherever and whenever it occurs. - Carolann Najarian, MD

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