

John Sears Political Forum



WGBH's Emily Rooney and distinguished panel to consider current election

Beacon Hill Village's first John Sears Political Forum will feature the 2016 presidential election, which John would be following closely and wryly enjoying if he were alive.

Emily Rooney, the former host of WGBH television's *Greater Boston* and current moderator of WGBH's *Beat the Press*, will lead a panel of seasoned observers as they hold a thoughtful discussion—rare in this election—considering why and how this unprecedented presidential race has come about and what it means.

The panelists are Ira Jackson, former head of the McCormack Institute at UMass Boston and now Vice Provost there; award-winning foreign correspondent and *Boston Globe* foreign affairs columnist Stephen Kinzer; former Massachusetts Republican Party chair and attorney Jennifer Nassour; and Dante Ramos, one of the *Boston Globe's* recent and most interesting additions to its line-up of columnists.

John Sears left a bequest to the Village to use as the organization saw fit, and its officials decided a political forum would be right up Sears's alley. The forum will take place on Monday, September 26, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. in the Johnson Building's newly renovated Rabb Hall, at the Boston Public Library in Copley Square. The event is open to BHV members as well as members of the public.