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**ACTION SPEAKS! PRESENTS FALL 2012 SEASON:
PRIVATE RIGHTS AND PUBLIC FIGHTS**

PROVIDENCE, R.I.—TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2012 ‘Action Speaks! Underappreciated Dates that Changed America’ announces its Fall 2012 Program Schedule! With an expanded eight-week season and a prestigious grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, this year Action Speaks looks at moments when the rights of the individual have clashed with the needs or beliefs of the public—and where the line between private and public has been defined or blurred.

Join us **Wednesdays at 5:30 pm at the AS220 performance space from October 3-November 21** for the taping of this nationally-distributed radio show, with Host Marc Levitt, a trio of smart panelists, and contributions from our wonderful audience. Featured panelists in 2012 include American Civil Liberties Union President Susan Herman (October 31), and acclaimed microbiologist Ananda Chakrabarty (October 3).

Action Speaks looks at contemporary issues through the lens of history by using underappreciated moments of the twentieth-century, and provides a venue for fellow citizens to engage in thoughtful discussions about history, culture, and current events. *Action Speaks* democratizes public dialogue by bringing people from all walks of life together to discuss the unsung moments in our shared history. It is our hope that the *Action Speaks* program contributes to a more engaged and enlightened citizenry.

PUBLIC RIGHTS AND PRIVATE FIGHTS - 2012 LINEUP

October 3//1980 Diamond v. Chakrabarty

The Supreme Court case that helped put a ‘for sale’ sign on our genes.

This case that first secured the right to patent ‘life’, set the stage for the biotech revolution and a debate about what can be monetized.

October 10//1992 First Critical Mass Ride

Bicyclists take to the streets en masse in a fight over the ‘right to the city’.

The revolution may no longer take place first in the factories, but as Seattle anti-NAFTA Demonstrations and Occupy Wall Street has shown, might be in the streets, in the parks and—to the anger of many—in traffic.

October 17//1936 Chaplin’s ‘Modern Times’ Debuts

Factories closed; Unions ignored; The Tramp asks, ‘What’s Next?’

Chaplin previews a world beyond the factory and unionism where one’s identity is as fragile as one’s last pay

check and where even a walk into the sunset leads to nowhere in particular.

OCT 24//1965 Griswold v. Connecticut

Contraception as a right of privacy? The Supreme Court say, 'Yes!'

A law against the sharing of information about contraception even within marriage is overturned, but the argument about who has control over the body doesn't disappear. The woman's body as a site of contestation.

October 31//1992 The Invasion of the Body Scanner

Surveillance in America—needed or nightmare?

Our body is revealed in this latest ramping up of post-9/11 airport security. While the body is visible, the mechanisms and extent of surveillance might not be.

November 7//1908 Photographer Lewis Hine Hired to Document Child Labor

The camera, exposing social problems or becoming one?

Photographer Hine opens a lens on society's injustices. Social documentary photography and its role in making the private....public.

November 14//1944 FDR's 2nd Bill of Rights Speech

Can and should the government guarantee economic security?

Coming on the heels of FDR's Four Freedoms Speech, this speech clarified the meaning of 'Freedom from Want.' Is a promise of health care, housing and education an abuse of government power or a prerequisite for a healthy America?

November 21//1971 Powell Memo

A call to arms to protect business from the anti-capitalist rhetoric of the 1960's.

Soon-to-be Supreme Court Justice Lewis Powell issues a widely-read memo, sounding the alarm to protect the free market system from Left Wing radicals. Powell helps usher in the rise of contemporary pro-business conservatism.

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