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**The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum presents
LISTENING TO THE ROOSEVELTS:
FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT -- THE WAR YEARS
Wednesday, September 28, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.
Henry A. Wallace Center at the
FDR Presidential Library and Home**

HYDE PARK, NY -- The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum will present **LISTENING TO THE ROOSEVELTS: FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT -- THE WAR YEARS** at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 28, 2016, in the Henry A. Wallace Center at the FDR Presidential Library and Home. Hosted by Library Director Paul Sparrow -- in conversation with **Mary E. Stuckey**, author and professor of communication at Georgia State University -- this program will include selected audio recordings of FDR during World War II. Attendees are invited to put down their mobile devices and experience Franklin D. Roosevelt as listeners did in the age of radio. This is a free, public event.

FDR was a master of radio, using it to bypass the press and speak directly to his fellow citizens. Days after entering office, he began an innovative series of radio addresses that reporters labeled "Fireside Chats." He did not orate, as some other politicians did when confronted by a microphone. Instead, he spoke calmly, conversationally, as if he were actually sitting in his listener's living room. During World War II, he used his popular Fireside Chats on the radio to help rally Americans behind the war effort. Some of President Roosevelt's most iconic addresses were delivered in this period.

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Mary E. Stuckey is an author and professor of communication at Georgia State University specializing in political and presidential rhetoric and political communication. She is also interested in the media and politics, and American Indian politics. Stuckey is the author, editor, or co-editor of twelve books and author or coauthor of roughly 80 essays and book chapters. She has served as editor of the *Southern Communication Journal* and as book review editor for *Rhetoric and Public Affairs*. She currently co-edits (with Mitchell McKinney) Peter Lang's series, *The Frontiers of Political Communication*.

Please contact Cliff Laube at (845) 486-7745 or email clifford.laube@nara.gov with questions about the event.

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