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NEWS AND NOTES FROM THE FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

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## Online “Day by Day” Chronology Launched

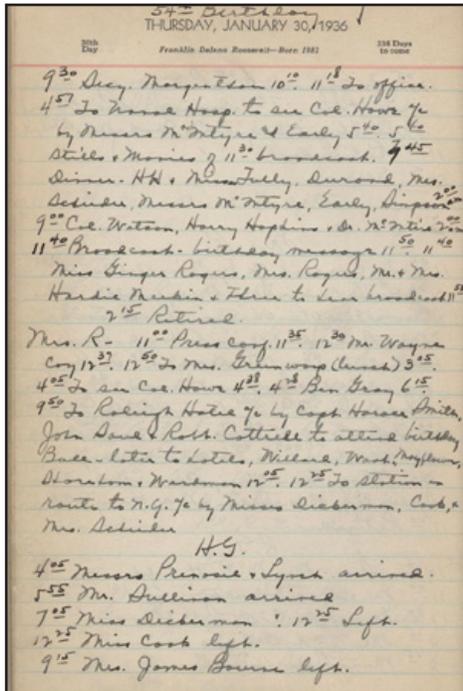


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On October 15, 2011 the Pare Lorentz Center at the FDR Library launched a new online database of President Roosevelt’s daily schedule: “Franklin D. Roosevelt Day by Day,” [www.fdrlibrary.marist.edu/daybyday](http://www.fdrlibrary.marist.edu/daybyday).

The Franklin D. Roosevelt Day by Day Project is an interactive chronology documenting Franklin Roosevelt’s daily schedule as President, from March 1933 to April 1945. The project was inspired by the work of Pare Lorentz, a Depression era documentary filmmaker, who dedicated much of his life to documenting FDR’s daily activities as president, and is supported by a grant from the New York Community Trust to the Pare Lorentz Center.

Day by Day features digitized original calendars and schedules maintained by the White House Usher and the official White House stenographer.



These calendars trace FDR’s appointments, travel schedule, social events, guests, and more.

A searchable database based primarily on these calendar sources is available so that you can search the chronology by keyword and date.

As a fulfillment of Pare Lorentz’s original vision, Day by Day also includes an interactive timeline of additional materials from the Archives of the FDR Library to place each day’s calendar into larger historical context. These materials include scanned photographs, letters and speeches as well as descriptions of events in United States and world history. Special thanks to former Roosevelt Library Director Verne Newton whose vision and determination started the Day by Day Project and helped secure the original funding for the Pare Lorentz Center.

### ONLINE RESOURCES

[“Day by Day” website](http://www.fdrlibrary.marist.edu/daybyday)

[Pare Lorentz Center website](http://www.parelorentzcenter.org)

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# 2011 Fall Forums Explored “FDR’s Inner Circle”

The FDR Presidential Library and Museum and the Roosevelt Institute presented “FDR’s Inner Circle,” two free public forums in the fall of 2011. These panel discussions explored in depth the many important advisors and behind-the-scenes figures that were integral to the Roosevelt presidency. WAMC Northeast Public Radio President and CEO Alan Chartock and *Poughkeepsie Journal* Executive Editor Stuart Shinske each moderated a session. In addition to house seating these programs were *webcast* live with online viewer participation and C-SPAN filmed both programs. About 175 people attended both forums at the Library’s Henry A. Wallace Center.

The first forum on September 25, 2011—*FDR’s Inner Circle: Domestic Affairs* featured authors and historians Adam Cohen, Linda Lotridge Levin, Joseph E. Persico, Allida Black and Ellen Chesler.

Panelists for *FDR’s Inner Circle: Foreign Affairs* on October 23, 2011 included Lynne Olson, Douglas Waller, Thomas Parrish, Allida Black and David Woolner.



Joseph E. Persico and Allida Black discussed the role of women—including First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt—in President Roosevelt’s inner circle of advisors during the first forum on September 25, 2011.



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*Roosevelt and Marshall: Partners in Politics and War* author Thomas Parrish fields a question from the audience as Lynne Olson and Douglas Waller look on during the second forum—*FDR’s Inner Circle: Foreign Affairs*, October 23, 2011.



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WAMC Northeast Public Radio President and CEO Alan Chartock addresses an audience of nearly one hundred attendees during the first forum on September 25, 2011—*FDR’s Inner Circle: Domestic Affairs*. Panelists included Adam Cohen, Linda Lotridge Levin, Joseph E. Persico, Allida Black and Ellen Chesler.

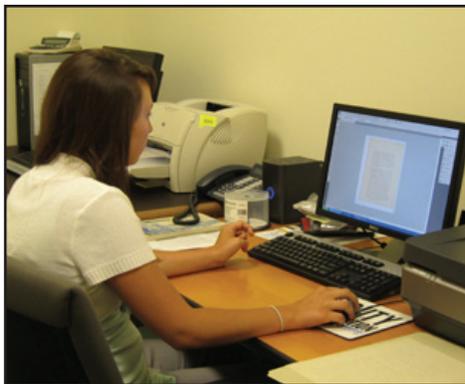
## ONLINE RESOURCES

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# Staff Profiles: Summer 2011 Interns

## Amy Berish

Amy is an undergraduate library science student at Southern Connecticut State University. This summer she digitized the Eleanor Roosevelt Oral History Transcripts and composed a finding aid to accompany the documents. These transcripts will eventually be available for online viewing. She also digitized a collection of documents relating to Infantile Paralysis and wrote a web article about FDR and polio.



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Amy Berish, *Southern Connecticut State University*.

## Georgina Garcia

Georgina is a library science and digital image management graduate student at University of North Texas. This summer she worked with intern Ali Caron to create an artificial collection on Pearl Harbor and write a finding aid for the collection that contains Pearl Harbor information from December 6, 1941, to December 8, 1941. This artificial collection will be available for researchers to use. She also performed historical research using the library's primary sources for a web article on FDR's speech writing. She closely examined three of President Roosevelt's speeches and analyzed his writing style and technique.



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Georgina Garcia, *University of North Texas*.

## Alissa Caron

Alissa is a library science graduate student at Simmons College. In addition to the Pearl Harbor collection project with intern Georgina, she researched and wrote a web article on the life of Margaret Suckley—Franklin Roosevelt's distant cousin and close friend. Working with a small collection of papers donated by Margaret to the Library, Ali developed her article from Suckley's own notes and personal records, in addition to secondary resources.



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Alissa Caron, *Simmons College*.

## Michelle Ghiotti



Michelle Ghiotti is a recent graduate from the Maryland Institute College of Art with a BFA in Graphic Design.

This summer, in addition to dozens of design projects spanning all Library departments she designed and mounted—with archives technician Sarah Malcolm—an exhibition for the fall forum series, "FDR's Inner Circle."



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# Blog Features Highlights from Collections

The FDR Presidential Library's blog "In Roosevelt History" shares featured items from the Museum and Archives collections as well as highlights from the Library's education and public programs. *Follow the blog* to see weekly collection highlights similar to the article below posted September 22, 2011:

## From Trixie to Queen Beatrix

Bravely waiting until the last moment, the Royal Family of the Netherlands barely escaped Hitler's clutches as the German armies swept through their homeland in May 1940. Queen Wilhelmina set up residence in London, while Princess Juliana and her family came to North America, splitting their time between Canada and the United States. Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt became close friends with Juliana, and FDR especially adored her daughters Trixie and Irene.

In the summer of 1942, Princess Juliana leased a small estate in Lee, Massachusetts where she and her young children lived for several months. The estate was close enough for the Roosevelts to drive there from Hyde Park for lunch or tea. The Royals also regularly visited Hyde Park. Seeing that the young princesses were having trouble with their swimming, the President gave Trixie and Irene each a set of waterwings to help them float.

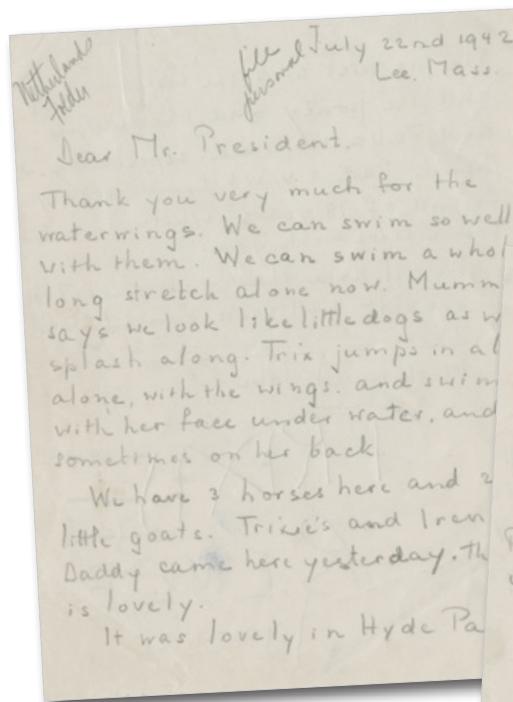
In this charming letter, Trixie and Irene thank the President for his gift and for the Roosevelts' hospitality on recent picnics in Hyde Park. They also express their affection for FDR's dog, Fala.

Trixie is now Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands, having succeeded her mother Queen Juliana to the throne in 1980.

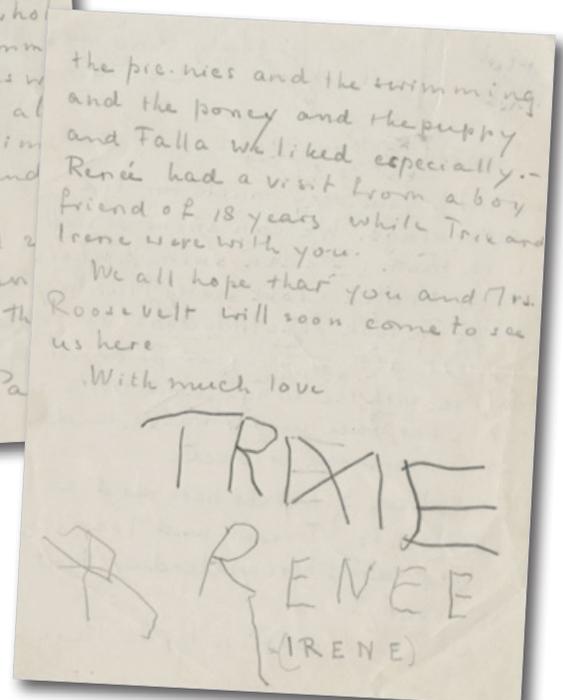


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Picnic for Princess Juliana of the Netherlands at Val-kill, Hyde Park, New York, October 9, 1943. L-R: Secret Service, Secret Service, Princess Irene, Princess Beatrix, Princess Juliana, Mrs. J. R. Roosevelt, Eleanor Roosevelt in background with unidentified man, FDR, children's nurse, Grace Tully, Ethel Roosevelt (Mrs. FDR, Jr.). Photo by Margaret Suckley.



Thank you letter from Princess Juliana's daughters, Trixie and Irene dated July 22, 1942.  
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If you are interested in articles like these please be sure to follow the **In Roosevelt History** blog. Don't miss the Roosevelt Institute's *New Deal 2.0* and the *blog page of the National Archives*.

# Calendar of Featured Programs and Events

Sunday, November 6, 2011

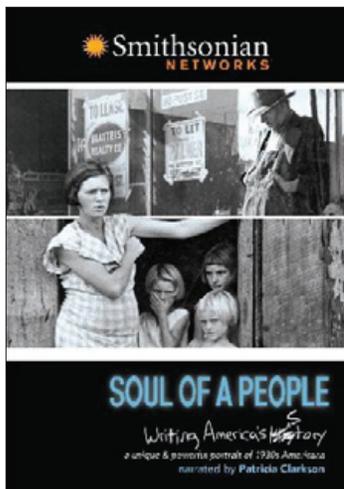
## Film Screening and Discussion:

### *Soul of a People: Writing America's Story* with David A. Taylor

Henry A. Wallace Center

2:00 p.m.

The Pare Lorentz Center at the FDR Presidential Library will host a film screening and discussion of *Soul of a People: Writing America's Story*—with lead writer and co-producer David A. Taylor—at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 6, 2011. The program will be held in the Henry A. Wallace Center at the FDR Presidential Library and Home. This event is free and open to the public.



*Soul of a People* is an award-winning Smithsonian documentary film about a diverse group of men and women who found relief from the Great Depression on the WPA Writers' Project. A few of them would become famous—including Zora Neale Hurston, Richard Wright, pulp writer Jim Thompson, John Cheever, and Studs Terkel—while others are less known today. To survive, they reported on local history and life for state guidebooks and gathered oral histories. In the end, they produced an epic and provocative self-portrait of America, with effects that reverberated in the culture for decades. FDR said, "One hundred years

from now, my administration will be known for its art, not its relief." *Soul of a People* offers a fresh look at the WPA writers, their lives and their legacy.

**Free public event.**

Thursday, December 1, 2011

## Author Talk and Signing:

### *Hidden History of the Mid-Hudson Valley: Stories from the Albany Post Road*

#### with Carney and Tatiana Rhinevault

Henry A. Wallace Center

7:00 p.m.

The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum will present an author talk and signing with Hyde Park Town Historian Carney Rhinevault and Tatiana Rhinevault, co-authors of *Hidden History of the Mid-Hudson Valley: Stories from the Albany Post Road*, in the Henry A. Wallace Visitor and Education Center on Thursday, December 1, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. Following the presentation, the Rhinevaults will be available to sign copies of their book.

The Albany Post Road was the vital artery between New York City and the state capital in Albany in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. It saw a host of interesting events and colorful characters, though these unusual and extraordinary stories, as well as their connection to the thoroughfare, are often forgotten. Revolutionary War spies marched this path, and anti-rent wars rocked Columbia County. Underground Railroad safe houses in nearby towns like Rhinebeck and Fishkill sheltered slaves seeking freedom in Canada, and Frank Teal's Dutchess County murder remains unsolved. With illustrations by Tatiana Rhinevault, local historian Carney Rhinevault presents these and other hidden stories from the Albany Post Road in New York's Mid-Hudson Valley.

**Free public event.**

Saturday, December 10, 2011

## Holiday Open House Events

Henry A. Wallace Center,

FDR Presidential Library,

Home of FDR National Historic Site,

and Eleanor Roosevelt's Val-Kill

9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

On December 10, 2011, the Roosevelt Library and the Home of FDR National Historic Site will host a series of free holiday events.

Both the Roosevelt Library and the Home of FDR (Springwood) will be open to visitors free of charge on December 10 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. There will be holiday decorations, refreshments and special activities—including the annual Children's Reading Festival—beginning at Noon in the Henry A. Wallace Visitor Center.



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Holiday Open House at the Eleanor Roosevelt National Historic Site (Val-Kill) will run from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on December 10 with a shuttle running from the Wallace Center. Parking at the sites is limited and attendees are encouraged to carpool when possible.

**Free public event.**



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# Our Partner: The Roosevelt Institute

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In addition to serving as the non-profit partner of the Roosevelt Library, the Institute also seeks to reanimate progressive thought in two other ways: advancing compelling new ideas and bold visions and developing the next generation of progressive leadership.

The Roosevelt Institute Campus Network is a forum of 10,000 politically engaged young people at 110 active chapters who discuss, promote, and implement progressive ideas and policies. In addition, the Campus Network runs a Summer Academy, a highly selective nine-week program with 34 student fellows, which culminates in a retreat at the FDR Presidential Library. It also launched Roosevelt Institute | Pipeline, a new project focused on connecting young professionals to the progressive movement through professional development, media training, local engagement, and a fellowship program.

The Four Freedoms Center is a think tank—convening prominent and emerging thinkers



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The Roosevelt Institute Campus Network is a student policy organization that engages new generations in a unique form of progressive activism that empowers young people as leaders and promotes their ideas for change.



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Nobel Prize-winning economist and Columbia University professor Joseph Stiglitz is a Senior Fellow and Chief Economist at the Roosevelt Institute.

who espouse Rooseveltian values—that seeks to foster a rigorous debate about progressive policies and values and to deploy their strongest proponents in the public sphere.

This fall, the Four Freedoms Center hosted a conference on the future of the government's role in housing policy. Four Freedoms Fellows also participated as panelists in the Library's Fall Forums on FDR's Inner Circle. Upcoming Institute events will include the inaugural Roosevelt Institute | Pipeline conference announcing its first class of Fellows, a discussion of the middle class and economic growth, and an event on private rights of action.

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