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**Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum  
to present a Day of Remembrance program to recognize  
the beginning of Japanese American internment during World War II  
Thursday, February 19, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.  
in the Henry A. Wallace Center  
at the FDR Presidential Library and Home**

HYDE PARK, NY -- The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum will present a **Day of Remembrance** program to recognize the beginning of Japanese American internment during World War II on Thursday, February 19, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. To honor the Day of Remembrance, Theodore Roosevelt great-great grandson **Kermit “Kim” Roosevelt** and playwright **Catherine Ladnier** will present a legal and personal journey of the Japanese American experience during World War II. The program will take place in the Henry A. Wallace Center at the FDR Presidential Library and Home. This event is free and open to the general public.

The Day of Remembrance (February 19) marks the occasion of the signing of Executive Order 9066 by President Franklin Roosevelt on February 19, 1942. Executive Order 9066 led to the internment of more than 120,000 Japanese Americans.

**Kim Roosevelt** is a Professor of Constitutional Law at the University of Pennsylvania and the author of a book about Supreme Court decision-making **THE MYTH OF JUDICIAL ACTIVISM** as well as a novel **IN THE SHADOW OF THE LAW**. Roosevelt will discuss his journey that began with his attempt to understand and evaluate the nation's response to the September 11 attacks. The search for historical and legal precedents led him back

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to World War II and his own family, a journey that culminated in a novel about the internment and the nation's legal and political response. THE COMPASS OF SYMPATHY -- a follow-up novel to IN THE SHADOW OF THE LAW -- will be published on June 23, 2015.

**Catherine Ladnier's** journey with Americans of Japanese ancestry is also a personal journey. A graduate of Mills College, Ladnier will chronicle the experience of her Mills sisters as they make the most of their new lives in the camps through a dramatic performance. Through their letters to the beloved President of the College, the Japanese American students affirmed their faith in the future. Catherine is a playwright who uses original letters to tell the story of the Greatest Generation. To learn more about her work visit [www.deareva.org](http://www.deareva.org).

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### **Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum**

As generations of Americans that have no personal memory of the Roosevelt Era emerge, it is more critical than ever that the lives and legacies of Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt be preserved and presented to new generations. The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum stands ready to serve as a visible and valuable resource for children and families, educators and students, and an international audience seeking to understand the past to make a better tomorrow. With a newly renovated building and new permanent museum exhibits the Library seeks to honor President Roosevelt's vision in dedicating his Library to the American people. The Roosevelt Library is one of thirteen presidential libraries administered by the National Archives and Records Administration. For more information about the Library or its programs call (800) 337-8474 or visit [www.fdrlibrary.marist.edu](http://www.fdrlibrary.marist.edu).

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