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**The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum to host
THE LABOR MOVEMENT AND THE NEW DEAL -- A LEGACY REBORN?
a panel discussion and conversation
Tuesday, April 14, 2015 at 7:30 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 host, **THE LABOR MOVEMENT AND THE NEW DEAL -- A LEGACY REBORN?**, a panel discussion and conversation on Tuesday, April 14, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. The discussion is sponsored by the Bard Center for Civic Engagement and the Roosevelt Institute, in association with the Roosevelt Library and the Levy Economics Institute of Bard College. 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.

2015 marks the eightieth anniversary of the passage of the most important piece of labor legislation in American history -- the National Labor Relations Act. Given the current debate about such issues as the minimum wage and the adoption of right to work laws, as well as the on-going effort to reduce the nation's unemployment in the wake of the Great Recession, the question of how best to incorporate the rights of workers in a rapidly changing economy seems as relevant today as it was during the New Deal.

THE LABOR MOVEMENT AND THE NEW DEAL -- A LEGACY REBORN? will examine the New Deal approach to labor and employment and how the lessons of the 1930s might

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apply to today. The panel will also explore the current state of work and labor, probing such questions as why union membership has dropped so precipitously in the past three decades, if the right to work should be considered a human right, and the impact of gender and race on employment.

The evening panelists include Bard Professors **David Kettler** and **Peter Rosenblum**, as well as Bard's Public Historian in Residence, **Cynthia Koch**. **Phillip Harvey**, Professor of Law and Economics at Rutgers School of Law will also take part, as will **Dorian Warren**, Senior Fellow of the Roosevelt Institute and Associate Professor of Political Science at the Columbia University School of International and Public Affairs. The panel discussion will be moderated by **Stuart Shinske**, Executive Editor of the *Poughkeepsie Journal*.

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

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.

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