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**The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum
presents *Presidents on Film*
-- a film-commentary presentation and book signing --
with ERNEST GIGLIO, author of
HERE'S LOOKING AT YOU: HOLLYWOOD, FILM & POLITICS
Thursday, June 25, 2015 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 is pleased to present ***Presidents on Film*** -- a film-commentary presentation and book signing with **ERNEST GIGLIO**, author of **HERE'S LOOKING AT YOU: HOLLYWOOD, FILM & POLITICS**. Giglio will discuss the evolution of Hollywood's attitude on film towards American presidents and their administrations. The program will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 25, 2015 in the Henry A. Wallace Center at the FDR Presidential Library and Home. Following the presentation, the author will be available to sign copies of his book. This event is free and open to the public.

Now in its updated and expanded fourth edition, **HERE'S LOOKING AT YOU: HOLLYWOOD, FILM & POLITICS** examines how the tangled relationship between Hollywood's global film industry and the politics of federal and state governments manifests itself in the real world of political campaigns and in the fictional world of Hollywood films.

The book contradicts the film industry's assertion that it produces nothing but entertainment. While it is true that the vast majority of Hollywood films are strictly commercial ventures, hundreds of movies -- from **BIRTH OF A NATION** to **THE HELP**,

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recreated stories like ARGO and ZERO DARK THIRTY and historical pieces such as LINCOLN and THE CONSPIRATOR -- contain political messages, both overt and covert. The most recent edition begins with President Obama's re-election and includes new photos and statistical data, and eight new case studies.

ERNEST GIGLIO is Professor Emeritus of Politics and American Studies and a Fulbright Scholar. He received his Ph.D. from Syracuse University and during his thirty-year career taught both in the United States and abroad. His signature course on film and politics has been presented to students in England, Finland and Switzerland as well as at the Rhode Island School of Design, Manhattanville College, Lycoming College, and Yavapai Community College. He has appeared on PBS, NPR and the BBC.

Copies of Giglio's book will be available for sale after the talk. 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

Designed by Franklin Roosevelt and dedicated on June 30, 1941, the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum is the nation's first presidential library and the only one used by a sitting president. Every president since FDR has followed his example and established a presidential library administered by the National Archives and Records Administration to preserve and make accessible to the American people the records of their presidencies. The Roosevelt Library's mission is to foster a deeper understanding of the lives and times of Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt and their continuing impact on contemporary life. This work is carried out through the Library's archives and research room, museum collections and exhibitions, innovative educational programs, and engaging public programming. For more information about the Library or its programs call (800) 337-8474 or visit www.fdrlibrary.marist.edu.

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