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**The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum  
presents an author talk and book signing with  
University of Pennsylvania Law Professor  
-- and Theodore Roosevelt's Great Great Grandson --  
KERMIT ROOSEVELT, author of ALLEGIANCE  
Thursday, September 3, 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 an author talk and book signing with **University of Pennsylvania Law Professor -- and Theodore Roosevelt's Great Great Grandson -- KERMIT ROOSEVELT, author of ALLEGIANCE**. The program will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 3, 2015 in the Henry A. Wallace Center at the FDR Presidential Library and Home. Following the presentation, Professor Roosevelt will be available to sign copies of his book. This event is free and open to the public.

In his first novel since the bestselling *IN THE SHADOW OF THE LAW*, award-winning author Kermit Roosevelt breaks the silence about the US government's civil rights violations against Japanese Americans during World War II. It's a time in our nation's history that loudly echoes our post 9/11 world.

As the great great grandson of President Theodore Roosevelt and the grandson of an esteemed officer of the CIA -- and as a constitutional lawyer with first-hand accounts of grave injustices -- Kermit Roosevelt exposes the dark side of politics with a true insider's perspective. How much of *ALLEGIANCE* is true? "Everything but the murder," he says, "and it can happen again."

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**ALLEGIANCE** is an intriguing legal thriller astutely examining the effect of corporate America's influence on the highest echelons of our government as an idealistic young lawyer fights for justice. Just as the American government questioned the loyalty of its Japanese citizens during the war, Kermit Roosevelt's novel probes Caswell "Cash" Harrison's allegiances, as he is torn between his patrician Philadelphia roots and his ethical belief in the United States as a "government of the people, by the people, for the people." Drawing upon the actual Supreme Court cases dealing with the Japanese American internment, the novel poses questions about the federal government's power to strip away individual freedom in the name of national security that still resonate deeply today.

**Kermit Roosevelt** is a professor of constitutional law at the University of Pennsylvania Law School and is the great great grandson of Theodore Roosevelt. Born in Washington, D.C., he attended Harvard University and Yale Law School. Before joining the Penn faculty, he clerked for DC Circuit Judge Stephen F. Williams and Supreme Court Justice David Souter, and practiced law in Chicago. His experiences clerking and practicing law informed his first novel, *IN THE SHADOW OF THE LAW*, which was a national campus bestseller, winner of the 2005 Philadelphia Athenaeum Literary Award and was selected as one of *The Christian Science Monitor's* Best Fiction of 2005.

Copies of Professor Roosevelt's book will be available for sale after the talk. Please contact Cliff Laube at (845) 486-7745 or email [clifford.laube@nara.gov](mailto: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](http://www.fdrlibrary.marist.edu).

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