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**The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum
presents "*James MacGregor Burns and FDR:
A Conversation with Susan Dunn and Michael Beschloss*"
Saturday, September 26, 2015 at 1:00 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 "***James MacGregor Burns and FDR: A Conversation with Susan Dunn and Michael Beschloss.***" The program will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 26, 2015, in the Henry A. Wallace Center at the FDR Presidential Library and Home. This event is free and open to the public.

Williams College professor and historian **Susan Dunn** co-authored two books with renowned Roosevelt scholar James MacGregor Burns. Award-winning presidential historian and columnist **Michael Beschloss** was Burns's student at Williams College, whose senior thesis on Roosevelt and Joe Kennedy became his first book, **KENNEDY AND ROOSEVELT: THE UNEASY ALLIANCE.**

Dunn and Beschloss will discuss Burns's work on FDR, his original and profound insights in **ROOSEVELT: THE LION AND THE FOX** and **ROOSEVELT: THE SOLDIER OF FREEDOM** that still shape today our understanding of Franklin D. Roosevelt. They will also highlight his seminal ideas about political leadership -- derived largely from his intimate knowledge of FDR's ability inspire others to work together toward the achievement of higher aims.

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Susan Dunn is a professor of Humanities and Leadership Studies at Williams College. She is co-author with James MacGregor Burns of *THE THREE ROOSEVELTS: PATRICIAN LEADERS WHO TRANSFORMED AMERICA AND GEORGE WASHINGTON*. Among her many other books are *ROOSEVELT'S PURGE: HOW FDR FOUGHT TO CHANGE THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY* and *1940: FDR, WILLKIE, LINDBERGH, HITLER -- THE ELECTION AMID THE STORM*. She has written review essays for the *New York Review of Books*, and her op-eds have appeared in *The New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, and the *Los Angeles Times*. Dunn is a fellow of the Society of American Historians. She received her B.A. from Smith College and her Ph.D. from Harvard.

Michael Beschloss has written nine books on American Presidents including *THE CONQUERORS: ROOSEVELT, TRUMAN AND THE DESTRUCTION OF HITLER'S GERMANY, 1941-1945*. He serves as NBC News Presidential Historian, and is a commentator on the *PBS NewsHour*. Born in Chicago, Beschloss is an alumnus of Eaglebrook School, Phillips Academy (Andover), Williams College and the Harvard Business School. He holds five honorary doctorates and frequently lectures both in the United States and abroad. In 2005, he won an Emmy for his role in creating the Discovery Channel's "Decisions That Shook the World," of which he was host. Beschloss is a trustee of Maret School, the White House Historical Association and the National Archives Foundation. He lives in Washington, D.C., with his wife and their two sons.

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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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