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**The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum presents
FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT: THE RENEWAL OF AMERICA
a lecture and book signing with DOUGLAS BRINKLEY
Professor of History at Rice University and Historian at CBS News
Tuesday, July 9, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.
Henry A. Wallace Visitor and Education Center
at the FDR Presidential Library and Home**

HYDE PARK, NY -- The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum is pleased to present FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT: THE RENEWAL OF AMERICA, a lecture and book signing with Douglas Brinkley, Professor of History at Rice University, Historian for CBS News, and author of THE WILDERNESS WARRIOR: THEODORE ROOSEVELT AND THE CRUSADE FOR AMERICA. The program will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 9, 2013 in the Henry A. Wallace Visitor and Education Center at the FDR Presidential Library and Home. Following the presentation, Dr. Brinkley will be available for a book signing and several of his books will be available for sale in the New Deal Store. Attendees can visit the Library's new permanent exhibition until 10:00 p.m. -- free of charge -- after the program. This event is free and open to the public.

During the presentation, Dr. Brinkley will discuss Franklin D. Roosevelt and New Deal conservation, with an emphasis on FDR's creation of the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC). President Roosevelt personally devised the idea for the CCC, a program to put young men aged 17-24 -- many from urban areas -- to work on conservation projects in healthy rural environments. Within three months the Corps enlisted nearly 250,000 young men. They were assigned to CCC camps around the nation.

During its 9-year existence, the CCC employed nearly 3 million men. Eleanor Roosevelt championed the CCC and, with her strong backing, a much smaller program was also created for unemployed young women. The CCC planted more than two billion trees, fought forest fires, built trails, campgrounds, and reservoirs, and aided soil conservation programs. It became one of the New Deal's most popular and successful programs. Its legacy remains today in the facilities it constructed throughout America's national forests, parks, monuments, and wildlife refuges.

Douglas Brinkley is currently a Professor of History at Rice University. He completed his bachelor's degree at Ohio State University and received his doctorate in U.S. Diplomatic History from Georgetown University in 1989. He then spent a year at the U.S. Naval Academy and Princeton University teaching history. While a professor at Hofstra University, Dr. Brinkley spearheaded the American Odyssey course, in which he took students on numerous cross-country treks where they visited historic sites and met seminal figures in politics and literature. Dr. Brinkley's 1994 book, *THE MAJIC BUS: AN AMERICAN ODYSSEY* chronicled his first experience teaching this innovative on-the-road class which became the progenitor to C-SPAN's Yellow School Bus. Before coming to Rice, he served as Professor of History and Director of the Roosevelt Center at Tulane University in New Orleans. On the literary front, Dr. Brinkley has edited Jack Kerouac's diaries, Hunter S. Thompson's letters, Theodore Dreiser's travelogue, and Woody Guthrie's previously unpublished novel, *House of Earth* (co-edited with Johnny Depp).

There is no charge for this program. Please contact Cliff Laube at (845) 486-7745 or email clifford.laube@nara.gov with questions about the event.

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