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Center for Civic Engagement at Bard College,
-- in association with the Franklin D. Roosevelt
Presidential Library and Roosevelt Institute -- presents
1933: A TRANSFORMATIVE YEAR IN AMERICAN AND WORLD HISTORY
a panel discussion and conversation
Wednesday, September 18, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the
Henry A. Wallace Center at the FDR Presidential Library and Home**

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1933: A TRANSFORMATIVE YEAR IN AMERICAN AND WORLD HISTORY is a special evening panel discussion and conversation about the impact of the year 1933 on American and World History. It was 1933 that saw the inauguration of Franklin D. Roosevelt as President of the United States, but this critical year also saw the rise of Adolph Hitler as Chancellor of Germany; the first stirrings of the New Deal that would utterly change the relationship between the American people and their government; and the beginning of a new focus in Washington on the issues of race and the state of the environment.

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The evening's event will feature a talk by Roosevelt Institute Senior Fellow and Marist College Professor **David B. Woolner** entitled: "*America on the Brink of Collapse: FDR and the Launch of the New Deal*," followed by an examination and discussion of the issues of race, the environment and the state of the world in 1933 by Bard Professors **Myra Young Armstead, Mark Lytle, and Richard Aldous**, moderated by **Stuart Shinske** 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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