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**The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum
and the Roosevelt Institute present
"FDR's 4 CAMPAIGNS"
A Free Public Forum
October 21, 2012 at 1:30 p.m.
Henry A. Wallace Center at the
FDR Presidential Library and Home**

HYDE PARK, NY -- The FDR Presidential Library and Museum and the Roosevelt Institute present "**FDR's 4 CAMPAIGNS**," a free public forum on October 21, 2012. The forum will consist of two afternoon panel discussions beginning at 1:30 p.m. in the Henry A. Wallace Center at the FDR Presidential Library and Home. Both panels will feature leading scholars and authors discussing Franklin Roosevelt's historic four presidential campaigns. In addition to house seating, these programs will be webcast live with online viewer participation. **Registration required. Call (845) 486-7745 for information.**

Franklin D. Roosevelt was elected to the presidency four times in the midst of the two greatest crises of the 20th century. Each campaign was unique, reflecting Roosevelt's evolving vision for the Nation and its place in the world.

The first panel discussion, beginning at 1:30 p.m., will focus on FDR's first two elections. His First and Second campaigns took place during the Great Depression. In 1932, he campaigned to bring a New Deal to the American people. The 1936 election was a referendum on Roosevelt's vision of a progressive government playing an active and positive role in the American economy. This first panel will be moderated by **Mary E. Stuckey**, Professor of Communication, Georgia State University and author of Defining Americans: The Presidency and National Identity. Panelists will include **Donald A. Ritchie**, Historian of the United States Senate and author of Electing FDR: The New Deal

Campaign of 1932; and **Gregory E. Geddes**, Professor of History, State University of New York – Orange and specialist in the history and literature of labor and the American left.

The second panel, beginning at 3:15 p.m. will discuss FDR's last two elections. During FDR's Third and Fourth campaigns, the world was at war. In 1940, the major issues were Roosevelt's run for a Third Term and whether America would remain isolationist. The 1944 campaign was the first wartime election since the Civil War, and a weary FDR ran for a Fourth Term in order to win the war and ensure the peace. This panel will be moderated by **Richard Aldous**, Eugene Meyer Professor of British History and Literature, Bard College and author and editor of nine books, including Reagan and Thatcher. Panelists will include **Charles Peters**, founder and former Editor-in-Chief, *The Washington Monthly* and author of Five Days in Philadelphia: The Amazing 'We Want Willkie!' Convention of 1940 and How It Freed FDR to Save the Western World; and **Stanley Weintraub**, Professor Emeritus of Arts and Humanities, Pennsylvania State University and author of Final Victory: FDR's Extraordinary World War II Presidential Campaign.

For more information about the program and live webcast, or to register, please call Cliff Laube at (845) 486-7745. For a printable agenda visit the Roosevelt Library website's events page at: <http://www.fdrlibrary.marist.edu/publicprograms/calendar.html>.

The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum is dedicated to preserving historical material and providing innovative educational programs, community events, and public outreach. It is one of thirteen presidential libraries administered by the National Archives and Records Administration. For information about the FDR Presidential Library call (800) 337-8474 or visit www.fdrlibrary.marist.edu.

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to extending the legacy of Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt to new generations. HHP includes the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum, the Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site, Eleanor Roosevelt National Historic Site, the Eleanor Roosevelt Center at Val-Kill, the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute, and Vanderbilt Mansion National Historic Site. For more information about HHP visit www.HistoricHydePark.org.

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