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Securing Economic Justice for Women Today
Lessons from Frances Perkins and Eleanor Roosevelt

Friday, June 17, 2016
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Roosevelt House Public Policy Institute at Hunter College

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PROGRAM

Registration and Continental Breakfast

Welcome

Jennifer J. Raab, President, Hunter College

Opening Remarks

Michael Chaney, Executive Director, Frances Perkins Center
Annette Choolfaian, President, Women's City Club of New York
Jacqueline M. Ebanks, Executive Director, Women's City Club of New York

Presentation of WCC Centennial Medal for Women in Leadership

Keynote Speaker

Lieutenant Governor Kathy C. Hochul

Panel Discussion

Elizabeth Lubetkin Lipton, Past President and Board Member
Women's City Club of New York

Blanche Wiesen Cook, Ph.D., Distinguished Professor of History and
Women's Studies, John Jay College of Criminal Justice and the Graduate
Center of the City University of New York

Jennifer B. Lee, Curator, Performing Arts Collections, Rare Books and
Manuscript Library, Butler Library, Columbia University

Elisabeth Israels Perry, Ph.D., John Francis Bannon Professor Emeritus of History
and Professor Emeritus of Women's and Gender Studies, Saint Louis University

Margarita Rosa, Esq., Executive Director, National Center for Law and
Economic Justice

Closing Remarks

Mary Murphree, Vice President, Public Policy, Women's City Club of New York

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Kathy C. Hochul
Lieutenant Governor of the State of New York

As the highest ranking female elected official in New York State, the Lieutenant Governor continues to be a champion for women and families across the state. In March 2016, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo appointed Ms. Hochul to the New York State Women's Suffrage 100th Anniversary Commemoration Commission, which is responsible for a series of statewide programs to celebrate the accomplishment of women's suffrage and the central role of New Yorkers and New York State in this milestone. Ms. Hochul also spearheaded Governor Cuomo's Enough Is Enough campaign to combat sexual assault on college campuses. In the area of economic development, the Lieutenant Governor chairs the 10 Regional Economic Development Councils, which are public-private partnerships

that develop long-term strategic plans for economic growth for their regions and have invested \$4 billion into more than 4,100 projects across the State. She also heads the State Workforce Investment Board which seeks to expand the state's pool of skilled workers, and the Task Force on Heroin and Opioid Abuse and Addiction which is developing a comprehensive strategy in response to the heroin crisis. As Lieutenant Governor, she is liaison to New York's federal representatives in Washington, D.C. From 2011 to 2013, she represented New York's 26th Congressional District in the House. Earlier, Ms. Hochul was Group Vice President for Strategic Relationships at M&T Bank, Erie County Clerk, and Hamburg Town Councilmember. She holds a bachelor's degree from Syracuse University and a J.D. from Catholic University. Early in her legal career, she served as in-house counsel to a major corporation engaged in homeland security, then as legal counsel and legislative assistant to Rep. John LaFalce (D-NY) and Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan.

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PANELISTS

Blanche Wiesen Cook, Ph.D.

Blanche Wiesen Cook is Distinguished Professor of History and Women's Studies at John Jay College of Criminal Justice and the Graduate Center of the City University of New York. The New York State Council on the Humanities honored her as Scholar of the Year in 1996. Her most recent book, *Eleanor Roosevelt: Volume Two*, (Viking Penguin, 1999) was widely popular. Volume One, published in 1992, remained on The New York Times best seller list for three months and received numerous awards, including the 1992 Biography Prize from The Los Angeles Times, and the Lambda Literary Award. She is currently working on the third and final volume, in which the former First Lady is seen as the most important woman in American political history. Professor Cook is a frequent contributor of reviews and columns in many newspapers and periodicals. For more than 20 years she produced and hosted her own program for Radio Pacifica, originally called *Activists and Agitators*, later renamed *Women and the World* in the 1990s, and she appears frequently on such television programs as *The Today Show*, *Good Morning America*, *C-Span's Booknotes*, and *PBS NewsHour*. A provocative and engaging speaker on history, politics, and women's issues; Professor Cook is deeply committed to the principle of greater dignity and security for all women and men. She is the former Vice President for Research of the American Historical Association, and Vice President and Chair of the Fund for Open Information and Accountability. She also was Co-Founder and Co-Chair of the Freedom of Information and Access Committee of the Organization of American Historians, which was actively committed to maintaining the integrity of the Freedom of Information Act.

Jennifer B. Lee

Jennifer B. Lee is Curator of the Performing Arts Collections at the Rare Book and Manuscript Library of Columbia University, where she also has responsibility for the department's exhibitions program. She joined the Columbia staff in 1999 as Head of Reader Services, Outreach, and Exhibitions. In 2009, she curated a major exhibition on Frances Perkins to celebrate the publication of Kirstin Downey's biography, *The Woman Behind the New Deal*, subsequently creating an online version of the exhibition that continues to be available at <https://exhibitions.cul.columbia.edu/exhibits/show/perkins>. She currently is working with the recently acquired archives of dance

pioneer Arthur Mitchell, founder of Dance Theater of Harlem, and the archives of the Serge Prokofiev Family. Ms. Lee previously held positions at the Library Company of Philadelphia, the John Hay Library of Brown University, and the New York Public Library.

Elisabeth Israels Perry, Ph.D.

Elisabeth Israels Perry is John Francis Bannon Professor Emeritus of History and Professor Emeritus of Women's and Gender Studies at Saint Louis University. Her research and writing focus on U.S. women's history, on women's quest for citizenship rights in the 19th and 20th centuries, and their involvement in civic and social movements. She also has published articles on Eleanor Roosevelt's early career, the history of Girl Scouting, and the political choices of women in post-suffrage New York. Among her recent books are *Belle Moskowitz: Feminine Politics and the Exercise of Power in the Age of Alfred E. Smith*; *The Challenge of Feminist Biography: Writing the Lives of Modern American Women*; and *American Women in Political Parties, 1880-1960*. Professor Perry has put considerable energies into publishing projects that mainstream the history of women and minorities into the larger civic and political story of the United States. Her current research is on women and civic life in New York City in the mid-20th century, and *Women, Politics, and Power in La Guardia's New York* is now under contract with Oxford University Press. Professor Perry holds a Ph.D. from the University of California at Los Angeles, and is a former member of the Editorial Advisory Board of *Jewish Women in America: An Historical Encyclopedia*.

Margarita Rosa, Esq.

Margarita Rosa is Executive Director of the National Center for Law and Economic Justice. The Center secures systemic reform in the delivery of income supports and related human services through advocacy, education, and litigation for low-income individuals, families, and communities. Earlier, for 20 years, Ms. Rosa was Executive Director of the Grand Street Settlement, operating programs ranging from early childhood education to programs for older adults. In 1990, she became the first woman, the first Latina, and the youngest person to serve as the New York State Commissioner of Human Rights, when she was appointed to the position by Governor Mario M. Cuomo. She graduated cum laude from Princeton University with a B.A. in History and received a J.D. from Harvard Law School.

UPCOMING EVENTS

WOMEN'S CITY CLUB OF NEW YORK

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**Summer Sunset Cruise into Lower New York Bay
with the Audubon Society**

Wednesday, July 13, 2016

6:30 p.m.
South Street Seaport, Pier 16
New York Water Taxi dock

**Women's City Club of New York
Centennial Conference**

*From Inequality to Equality:
Policies and Programs That Work*

Thursday, September 29, 2016

9:00 a.m.
New York Academy of Medicine
1216 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10029

**100th Annual Meeting of
Women's City Club of New York**

Wednesday, October 26, 2016

10:30 a.m.
International House
500 Riverside Drive, New York, NY 10027

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**The Betta Ehrenfeld Public Policy Forum
at the Frances Perkins Center featuring
Nick Penniman, author of "Nation on the Take:
How Big Money Corrupts our Democracy and What
We Can Do About It," and William E. Leuchtenburg,
author of "The American President: From Teddy
Roosevelt to Bill Clinton."**

Tuesday, July 12, 2016

4:00 p.m.
Darrows Barn at Round Top Farm
Damariscotta, ME 04543

**Frances Perkins Center's
8th Annual Garden Party
includes the presentation of annual Intelligence &
Courage, Steadfast, and Open Door awards to leaders in
advocacy for social justice and economic security.**

Sunday, August 14, 2016

2:00 p.m.
Frances Perkins Homestead, A National Historic Landmark
Newcastle, ME, 04553

Go to www.francesperkinscenter.org for tickets.

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Book Discussion:

Stephen Hess, "America's Political Dynasties:
From Adams to Clinton "

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