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## CNN Presidential Historian Douglas Brinkley to Address Environmental Stewardship in Today's Fractured Political Landscape at Historical Society Fundraiser

## Brinkley's Recently Published *Rightful Heritage* is a Timely Tale with Lessons from FDR

March 1, 2018, COS COB, CT--Greenwich Historical Society will host awardwinning author and CNN Presidential Historian Douglas Brinkley for an intimate book signing, dinner and lecture on April 18, sponsored by Northern Trust.

Brinkley will draw from his recently published book, *Rightful Heritage*, which addresses the fundamental tension between economic growth and environmental stewardship through the eyes of Franklin Delano Roosevelt, whose passion and drive left a large mark on the American landscape -- more than any other president. His analysis provides striking parallels to today's divisive political environment on important issues of our time, including climate change and America's stand on the Paris Peace Accord as well as the roles of the Environmental Protection Agency and FEMA. The title of Brinkley's talk is "A Timely Tale in an Age of Political Turmoil on the Role of Capitalism and Environmentalism."

"Mr. Brinkley's point of view on today's critical environmental issues will provide the framework for a very spirited discussion," says Historical Society Executive Director Debra Mecky. "We are thrilled to have him for this important fundraiser as we enter the final stages of our Capital Campaign to Reimagine the Greenwich Historical Society campus."

In addition to his post as CNN Presidential Historian, Brinkley is a professor of history at Rice University, a contributing editor for Vanity Fair and a frequent contributor to The New York Times, The New Yorker, The Atlantic Monthly and Rolling Stone.

The event will be hosted at a private home in Greenwich. Tickets are \$500 per person. All proceeds will go to the Greenwich Historical Society's Fund for Program Enrichment. Underwriting opportunities for VIP access are available. Tickets go on sale as of March 12 at greenwichhistory.org. Additional information is available by contacting the Historical Society's Director of Development, Katrina Dorsey: kdorsey@greenwichhistory.org.

## About the Greenwich Historical Society

Greenwich Historical Society collects, preserves, and presents the history of Greenwich to build a stronger community connected to our past and each other. Founded in 1931, it operates as a museum the circa 1730 National Historic Landmark Bush-Holley House, which was the site of an influential American Impressionist art colony 1890-1920. Greenwich Historical Society educates thousands of school children annually and connects visitors to the history of this vibrant, globally influential community through rotating exhibitions, engaging lectures, stimulating events, and fun family programs.

The organization receives no town funding and relies on private donations and grants to continue its work. The Historical Society has embarked on a major capital campaign to advance its mission and secure its future at the forefront of America's historical institutions. A dynamic campus transformation is underway that will accommodate more visitors, expanded program initiatives and an increased endowment. The newly imagined campus will be completed in fall 2018. Learn more at greenwichhistory.org.

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Douglas Brinkley's book Rightful Heritage addresses environmental stewardship.

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