Theodore Roosevelt Legacy Conference

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Official Program

Presented by the Theodore Roosevelt Legacy Partnership and Sagamore Hill National Historic Site, in conjunction with Hofstra University

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Hofstra University
Hempstead, New York

THEODORE ROOSEVELT
LEGACY PARTNERSHIP
CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

The Conference is at Hofstra University’s North Campus, with major events held at the Student Center Theater and neighboring Auditorium.

Check In 8 a.m.

Continental Breakfast 8:10 – 8:45 a.m.
Auditorium

Opening Remarks 8:50 a.m.
Student Center Theater

TRLP President and NPS volunteer Bill Reed; Sagamore Hill Curator Susan Sarna; and Anna Roosevelt (left), the former president’s great-granddaughter.

Morning Keynote Address 9:10 – 10:10 a.m.
Student Center Theater

Joe Wiegand, acclaimed Theodore Roosevelt “reprisor.” Wiegand has performed at the White House and in every state, smartly bringing TR and his legacy to life.
MORNING WORKSHOPS

All attendees welcome to attend, space permitting. 10:25 – 11:25 a.m. Check event-day postings for locations.

Water Conservation: Living Within Our Means

TR said: “Conservation of our resources is the fundamental question before this nation, and that our first and greatest task is to set our house in order and to live within our means.” This workshop looks at our current water conditions (quality and quantity) and discusses ways to conserve and protect.

Moderator: Margaret Stacey, Member, TRLP Board
Presenter: Sarah Meyland, Director, Center for Water Resources Management at NYIT

TR, Upton Sinclair and the Poison Squad: The Great 20th Century Food Battle

Among Theodore Roosevelt’s many accomplishments is the creation of modern food policy, including laying out the groundwork for the FDA. This talk paints the scene of the food world at the turn of the 20th century and tells the stories behind advocates for change.

Moderator: Bill Wallace, Sagamore Hill Park Guide
Presenter: Sarah Lohman, Author and Food Historian
MORNING WORKSHOPS  
(CONTINUED)

TR, Woman’s Suffrage, and Voting Issues Today

TR’s views on woman’s suffrage evolved over the years, culminating in full endorsement of the Anthony Amendment when he was the Progressive Party’s presidential candidate in 1916. This workshop delves into such voters’ issues as gerrymandering and voter fraud, and how to get engaged.

Moderator: Antonia Petrash, Author and Historian active in the League of Women Voters
Presenter: Natalie Naylor, President, Nassau County Historical Society and Professor Emerita Hofstra University

Our National Parks and the Real Vision of Theodore Roosevelt

TR strove to protect our American heritage, but today’s national parks are facing challenges.

Moderator: Howard Erhlich, Professor and Chief of Staff, Theodore Roosevelt Association; Member, TRLP Board
Presenter: Bro. Lawrence Syriac, American History Teacher; Chairman, Friends of Sagamore Hill
Walks in the Woods, Conservation and Preservation on Long Island

Learn how to best enjoy and appreciate Long Island’s open spaces, including programs that inspire a love of nature through walks and other healthy activities.

Moderator: Lois Lindberg, Sagamore Hill Volunteer
Presenters: Jane Jackson, Stewardship Director, North Shore Land Alliance; and Leslie Pieters, Health and Physical Education Teacher, Roosevelt School District

TR and the Media

How TR created the public presidency — using the White House to mobilize public opinion behind an activist agenda.

Moderator: David Distler, Sagamore Hill Volunteer; member, TRLP Board and TR Conference Planning Committee
Presenters: Peter Kohler, Adjunct Professor at LIU; and David Greenberg, Rutgers University Professor and Author of “Republic of Spin: An Inside History of the American Presidency”
LUNCH

Boxed lunches will be ready for pick-up in the Auditorium starting at 11:45. Kosher meals available upon request.

**Luncheon Keynote Address:**  12:15 – 1:15 p.m.  
Auditorium

*Michael Patrick Cullinane,*  
American History Professor and Author of “Theodore Roosevelt’s Ghost: The History and Memory of an American Icon.” Cullinane will discuss Roosevelt’s enduring presence in popular culture.

**Information Tables:**  1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Theodore Roosevelt Legacy Partnership  
Theodore Roosevelt Association  
Friends of Sagamore Hill  
National Park Service  
Eastern National (Sagamore Hill bookstore)  
*Michael Patrick Cullinane,* book signing  
League of Women Voters  
North Shore Land Alliance  
*David Greenberg,* book signing
EXHIBITION TOUR

*Environmental Impact* 1:30 and 2:00 p.m.
Emily Lowe Gallery, Hofstra University Museum of Art
(Note: The gallery is located on the South Campus, accessed via the Hempstead Turnpike pedestrian bridge).

Special guided tours of TR-relevant exhibition, *Environmental Impact.*

Through a variety of approaches and artistic media, the works of art in *Environmental Impact* address the consequences of human interaction with the natural environment. Frequently the artist becomes an activist – creating works of art meant to bring awareness to environmental concerns and sway public opinion.

Alejandro Durán (Mexican, born 1974), *Algas (Algae)* from the *Washed Up* series, 2013, photograph, 40 x 52 in., courtesy of the artist
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**Afternoon Workshops**

All attendees welcome to attend, space permitting. 2:35 – 3:35 p.m. Check event-day postings for locations.

**Water Conservation: Living Within Our Means**  
(repeated from morning session)

**Moderator:** Denice Shepherd, Executive Director, Oyster Bay Historical Society; Member, TRLP Board; TRLP Conference Planning Committee  
**Presenter:** Sarah Meyland, Director, Center for Water Resources Management at NYIT

**TR, Upton Sinclair and the Poison Squad: The Great 20th Century Food Battle**  
(repeated from morning session)

**Moderator:** Scott Gurney, Sagamore Hill Park Ranger  
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**Next Steps**

**Auditorium** 3:45 p.m.

In closing the Conference, TRLP representatives will discuss what’s next in terms of promoting TR’s legacy. The public is invited to attend.

**(Help us improve:** Please complete Conference evaluation forms and submit them to moderators following the afternoon workshops. Your feedback is invaluable).

**Special Thanks**

Special appreciation goes to:
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The TRLP’s mission is to honor the key legacies of Theodore Roosevelt – conservation, civic engagement and the active lifestyle – by supporting public programming and projects that inspire action and promote a stewardship of natural and cultural resources, in partnership with the Sagamore Hill National Historic Site.

Support the partnership’s work!

To learn more or contribute, visit [www.TRlegacypartnership.org](http://www.TRlegacypartnership.org).
Theodore Roosevelt at Sagamore Hill, circa 1916.

*Courtesy of Sagamore Hill National Historic Site*