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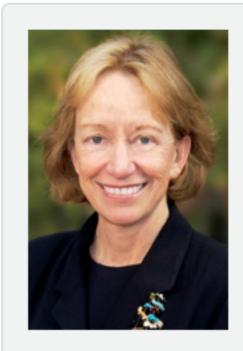
Pulitzer Prize-Winning Author to Speak

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BLOOMINGTON, III. – Pulitzer Prize-winning writer and presidential historian Doris Kearns Goodwin will visit the Illinois Wesleyan University and Illinois State University campuses on Tuesday, September 18, for the 6th Annual Ames/Milner Visiting Author Program.

Goodwin will appear at IWU for a presentation titled "Leadership Lessons from Abraham Lincoln" beginning at 2 p.m. in the Hansen Student Center (300 East Beecher St., Bloomington). The event is free and open to the public. She will discuss her most recent work, Team of Rivals: The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln (2005). Reaching number one on the New York Times Best-Seller List, the book has been optioned for a movie. Highlighting several historical figures, the work centers on how Lincoln's political mastery shaped one of the most significant presidencies in the nation's history.

A world-renowned historian, Goodwin has been reporting on politics and baseball for more than two decades. Her expertise has been sought as a commentator for NBC and a consultant for PBS documentaries on Lyndon B. Johnson, the Kennedy family, Franklin Roosevelt and Ken Burns' documentary *The History of Baseball*.



Doris Kearns Goodwin

Goodwin earned a doctorate from Harvard University, where she later taught courses on government, including a class on the American Presidency. She came to the attention of President Lyndon B. Johnson after writing an article about him in the New Republic in 1968. She left Harvard to serve as Johnson's assistant during his last year in the White House, and later helped Johnson prepare his memoirs.

It was her 1995 book *No Ordinary Time: Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt: The Home Front During World War II* (1995) that earned her a Pulitzer Prize, as well as a Harold Washington Literary Award and the New England Booksellers Association Award. Her following novel was a departure from the arena of presidents. *Wait Until Next Year: A Memoir* recounts her youth in the 1950s and her love for the Brooklyn Dodgers.

The following is Goodwin's schedule for the Visiting Authors Program on September 18:

- 2-3 p.m.: A presentation with Q&A, Center Court, Hansen Student Center, Illinois Wesleyan University.
- 7-8 p.m.: Talk by Goodwin, "Leadership Lessons from Abraham Lincoln," Braden Auditorium, ISU.

Following the presentation will be a book signing at the Barnes & Noble College Book Store in the ISU Bone Student Center.

Goodwin's visit is sponsored by Illinois Wesleyan University, Illinois State University and the Barnes & Noble College Book Store. For additional information about the Ames/Milner Visiting Author Program, contact Karen Schmidt, university librarian for The Ames Library, at (309) 556-3350.