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### **Update 2020: Theodore Roosevelt Association Sponsored Scholarships for Dependents of Crew Members of the USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN-71)**

Dear Friends and Family:

It is once again a privilege for me to share with all of our TRA membership the results of this year's TRA sponsored scholarships. To remind everyone on the background of this program, the TRA approached the Wings Over America Scholarship Foundation in January of 2018 to reinvigorate our commitment to support sponsored Scholarships through the Wings Over America Scholarship Foundation (WOASF). Since that date, we have provided \$5,000 per year in funds for these scholarships. Each year the WOASF administers the award of some 50 scholarships to deserving students from across the naval aviation family. In addition to these scholarships, the WOASF also administers the application, screening and award of 5 TRA sponsored scholarships each year. The WOASF staff, led by their Executive Director Andrea Meinicke Diamond has done a terrific job on our behalf in the administration of this program at no charge to the TRA. All that is required to be eligible for consideration is that the applicant must be a dependent spouse or child of a current or former crew member of USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN-71).

This year's scholarships hold even greater significance in light of the impact the COVID-19 Pandemic has had, not only to our ship, but also on the students we honor today. Each of these students successfully navigated the change from in-person classes to online studies. Much like the crew of "The Big Stick", they met and overcame some significant obstacles this year and are to be commended for their tenacity and spirit. It goes without saying that these scholarships would not be possible without support from TRA membership.

VADM David Architzel, USN (Ret.)  
Chairman TRA  
Board of Trustees



**When: Friday, October 23, 2020 to  
Saturday, October 24, 2020**  
**Where: Roosevelt Hall, National War  
College, Fort Lesley J. McNair  
United States Naval Museum  
Washington, DC**

If you have not had the chance to attend one of the Theodore Roosevelt Association's Annual Meetings, this is a great year to do so! We are co-hosting with the National War College (NWC) at Ft. McNair in Washington, DC, on October 24-25, 2020, bringing our partnership to a new and exciting level. The theme is ***Theodore Roosevelt's Statecraft - The Cornerstone of American National Security***.

The TRA and NWC recognize there has been uncertainty surrounding scheduled events due to the Coronavirus Pandemic and its aftermath. Rest assured, we are planning the Annual Meeting with due care and have contingency plans to tailor the meeting as required. We can assure you that while we are confidently working toward a full in-person meeting in October (observing social distancing guidelines, there will in any circumstance be an event, be it fully in-person or fully digital -- or any combination in between -- that will include the TRA's Annual Meeting, Theodore Roosevelt's Statecraft: The Cornerstone of American National Security. Optional Friday morning tours include: U.S. Botanic Gardens, State Department Museum of Diplomacy, Library of Congress TR Collection & The Capital Building.

The Annual Meeting Registration is now live...please click the following highlighted [link](#) to complete your sponsorship and registration.



### ***Theodore Roosevelt Association's Annual Meeting 2020***

The great news is that our keynote speaker at our Saturday Gala Event will be General James N. Mattis, USMC (Ret.) who will speak and will also be presented the ***"Medal of Honor for Public Service."*** In an abundance of riches, we are also bringing you a timely panel, very relevant to the election, on post-career senior military officers and the making of national security policy, featuring Washington Post Associate Editor and Columnist David Ignatius, 17th Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff ADM Michael Mullen, USN (ret.), former Director of National Intelligence ADM Dennis Blair, USN (Ret.), former Undersecretary of Defense for Policy Michèle Flournoy, and Professor Peter Feaver.

Rooms can be booked NOW at the Marriott Residence Inn, 1233 1st Street, Washington, DC, SE near the Navy Yard, by calling (202) 770-2800 for reservations and ask for the special Theodore Roosevelt Association block rate. We have a limited block of rooms available for October 23 thru 25 at a rate of King Rooms, \$169 and Double Queen Rooms, \$189 (plus city/state/hotel taxes). These rates are available up to August 15th. The hotel offer includes a full American breakfast, free wireless internet and local phone calls. Discounted valet parking is available (current rate for discounted parking is \$35/day plus tax). Note that hotel reservations can be canceled without penalty 72 hours prior to check-in. This special rate is not available by booking via hotel website; by phone only.

Register Now! [Click here](#)

SAN DIEGO (July 31, 2020) U.S. Navy Rear ADM Doug Verissimo, commander, Carrier Strike Group Nine, center, delivers remarks during a change of command ceremony aboard the aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71). U.S. Navy CAPT Eric Anduze, left, relieved CAPT



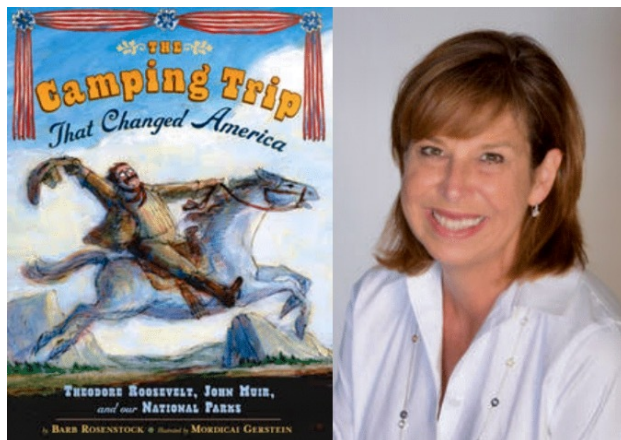
Carlos Sardiello, right, to become the 17th commanding officer of the USS Theodore Roosevelt which is home ported in San Diego.

(U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Sean Lynch)



**Theodore Roosevelt Association Book Prize 2020 awarded to John M. (Jack) Thompson**

The Theodore Roosevelt Association is proud to announce this year's winner of the Theodore Roosevelt Association Book Prize: Dr. John M. Thompson, author of ***Great Power Rising: Theodore Roosevelt and the Politics of U.S. Foreign Policy*** (Oxford University Press, 2019). The prize recognizes the year's most significant published book focused primarily or substantially on Theodore Roosevelt. Dr. Thompson is a Senior Strategic Analyst at The Hague Centre for Strategic Studies, where he leads a range of projects in the fields of U.S. foreign policy, transatlantic relations, and European security. Before joining the HCSS, he was Head of the Global Security Team at the Center for Security Studies, ETH Zurich and Lecturer at the Clinton Institute, University College Dublin. He holds degrees from the University of Cambridge, the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), and the University of St. Thomas. In addition to *Great Power Rising: Theodore Roosevelt and the Politics of U.S. Foreign Policy*, he is co-editor of *Not Even Past: How the United States Ends Wars* (2020), *Progressivism in America: Past, Present, and Future* (2015), and *America's Transatlantic Turn: Theodore Roosevelt and the*



**TRA's First Children's Book Prize awarded to Barbara Rosenstock**

The TRA is also proud to announce the winner of our first Children's Book Prize. *The Camping Trip That Changed America: Theodore Roosevelt, John Muir, and Our National Parks* by Barb Rosenstock, illustrated by Mordicai Gerstein and published by Dial Books for Young Readers. Vividly illustrated and based on true events, this charming book recounts the 1903 Yosemite camping trip undertaken by President Roosevelt and naturalist John Muir in the high Sierras of Yosemite. This wilderness adventure among the giant sequoias (and a blizzard) inspired TR to use the powers of his office for a massive expansion of U.S. national parks, forests and wildlife preserves.

At a Zoom award ceremony held this summer, the TRA gave an engraved bust of Theodore Roosevelt and an award certificate to Ms. Rosenstock.

For direct purchase: [Click Link](#)



"Discovery" of Europe (2012). This excellent study on TR's political finesse and his efforts to shape U.S. foreign policy is scholarly, appealing to a wide audience, and a significant contribution to the historiography of Theodore Roosevelt. The prize will be presented at the National Defense University in Washington, D.C. during the annual meeting of the Theodore Roosevelt Association on Saturday, October 24, 2020.

For direct purchase: [Click Link](#)



### ***The Theodore Roosevelt Association Fellowship for the Study of the Life and Times of Theodore Roosevelt: Harvard Fellowship Announced***

"We have been informed that the Theodore Roosevelt Association has generously offered to fund a new Houghton Library visiting fellowship called 'The Theodore Roosevelt Association Fellowship for the Study of the Life and Times of Theodore Roosevelt.' This is wonderful news! Roosevelt remains a larger-than-life figure, and his stature grows through the new perspectives contemporary scholars bring to his legacy. This new fellowship opportunity will afford scholars the opportunity to explore the library's Roosevelt collection and related archives in-depth. Your check for \$4,000 annually, works very well with our other fellowship partner, the American Society for Eighteenth Century Studies Fellowship. Houghton will then disburse the \$3,600 stipend to the fellow and allocate the remaining \$400 towards fellowship administrative expenses. Once again, my Houghton colleagues and I wish to express our gratitude to the Association and its membership for supporting the work of Roosevelt scholars in such a meaningful way."

Yours sincerely,  
Anne-Marie Eze, PhD, MLIS (she/hers)  
Director of Scholarly and Public Programs  
Philip Hofer Curator of Printing and Graphic Arts  
(Interim)  
Editor, Harvard Library Bulletin

## **TRA Arena**

In addition to the *Theodore Roosevelt Association Journal*, communications with our membership has primarily been through our annual meeting, travel, regional police awards, speaking contests, our website and The Arena Newsletter which has been dormant until this year. Re-establishing "The Arena" to our membership has been a priority. With help from Alice George and Co-Editor Greg Wynn, *The Arena Newsletter* was reestablished and is distributed to our membership. There are now 29 past issues of the TRA journal on the site as a benefit to TRA members, to be reviewed/read under the "What We Do" tab, under Publications/Theodore Roosevelt Journal.

To enter the TRA website, [Click here](#)

## 15th Theodore Roosevelt Symposium at the Dickinson State University September 17th, 2020

The 15th Annual TR Symposium is being held VIRTUALLY, using Zoom. Conversations with the speakers will be moderated by Clay Jenkinson, Theodore Roosevelt Humanities Scholar. You do not need a Zoom account to participate. The Zoom link and instructions will be sent by email the week before the event. Although Theodore Roosevelt was one of the strongest and most charismatic of American presidents, he could not have accomplished all that he did without his circle of friends and advisers. Join us as we explore Roosevelt's relations with such friends as Leonard Wood, Booker T. Washington, and others.

The Symposium package includes:

Thursday, September 17, 7:00 p.m. MT – Keynote conversation with Patricia O'Toole, "The Inner Circle: Roosevelt's Confidants, Experts, and Friends."

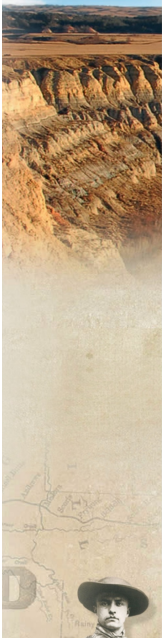
Friday, September 18, 6:30 p.m. MT – Deborah Davis, "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner: TR, Booker T. Washington, and the Dynamics of Race."

Friday, September 18, 7:45 p.m. MT – Matthew Oyos, "Comrades in Arms: Theodore Roosevelt's Military Circle."

Saturday, September 19, 9:00 a.m. MT – A virtual tour of Roosevelt's badlands

Register below now! [Click Here](#)

For more information contact Sharon Kilzer at [Sharon.Kilzer@dickinsonstate.edu](mailto:Sharon.Kilzer@dickinsonstate.edu) or 701-483-2814.



**Allies in the Arena: Theodore Roosevelt's Circle**  
September 17-19, 2020

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**Patricia O'Toole**  
Patricia O'Toole is a biographer whose books include *When Trumpets Call: Theodore Roosevelt after the White House*, *The Five of Hearts: An Intimate Portrait of Henry Adams and His Friends*, and *The Moralist: Woodrow Wilson and the World He Made*. She is now at work on a book about TR and the Progressives and the first great fight for an American social safety net. Her work has been a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize, the National Book Critics Circle Award, and the Los Angeles Times Book Prize. She is also professor emerita at Columbia University's School of the Arts. She lives in Camden, Maine, where she serves on the board of the Camden International Film Festival, one of the world's leading documentary festivals.

**Deborah Davis**  
Deborah Davis is the author of 10 books, including *My Love Story*, which she co-wrote with music legend Tina Turner; *Strapless: John Singer Sargent and the Fall of Madame X*; *Party of the Century: The Fabulous Story of Truman Capote and His Black and White Ball*; *Gilded: How Newport Became the Richest Resort in America*; *The Oprah Winfrey Show: Reflections on an American Legacy*; *Guest of Honor: Booker T. Washington, Theodore Roosevelt, and the White House Dinner that Shocked a Nation*, which won the prestigious Phillips Wheatley Award for best work of history in 2013, and was nominated for an NAACP Image Award; *Fabritius and the Goldfinch*, which Amazon named one of the Best Books of 2014, and *The Trip: Andy Warhol's Plastic-Fantastic Cross-Country Adventure*, the story of Warhol's kaleidoscopic road-trip to Hollywood and back in 1963.

**Matthew Oyos**  
Matt Oyos was born and raised in South Dakota. A boyhood trip to Theodore Roosevelt's ranchlands first sparked an interest in the twenty-sixth president. That early exposure became an academic pursuit during graduate work at the University of Nebraska and Ohio State University, and then during a post-doctoral fellowship at the University of North Carolina. Matt assisted with the centennial publication of *The Rough Riders* and has written many articles and chapters on Roosevelt. In 2018, he published *In Command: Theodore Roosevelt and the American Military*, which received the Theodore Roosevelt Association Book Prize. Matt is a professor of history at Radford University and resides in Abingdon, Virginia, with his wife and two children.



**2020 Theodore Roosevelt Symposium**

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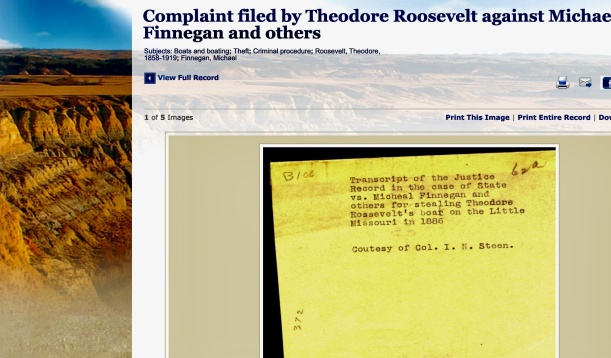
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The 15th Annual Theodore Roosevelt Symposium will be offered virtually through Zoom. Conversations with speakers Patricia O'Toole, Deborah Davis, and Matthew Oyos will be moderated by Theodore Roosevelt Humanities Scholar Clay Jenkinson, and a virtual tour of Roosevelt's badlands will be included.

Although Theodore Roosevelt was one of the strongest and most charismatic of American presidents, he could not have accomplished all that he did without his circle of friends and advisers. For a leader who loved to hold forth, and who was never afraid to charge into the arena or fight for the right, Roosevelt was a surprisingly good and careful listener. He prized his circle of friends and advisers. Join us as we explore Roosevelt's relations with such friends as Leonard Wood, Booker T. Washington, and others.



Catching the thieves who stole his boat is one of the most storied adventures of Theodore Roosevelt during his time in the Badlands. The future president and his two ranch hands faced



**Complaint filed by Theodore Roosevelt against Michael Finnegan and others**  
Subjects: Steal and leaving; Theft; Criminal procedure; Roosevelt, Theodore, 1858-1919; Finnegan, Michael

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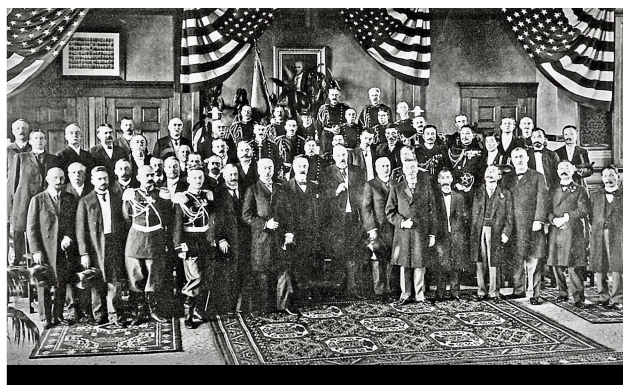
Transcript of the Justice Record in the case of State vs. Michael Finnegan and others for stealing Theodore Roosevelt's boat on the Little Missouri in 1896.  
Courtesy of Col. I. H. Steen.



frigid cold, icy water and dwindling supplies to subdue the three thieves on the Little Missouri River. He marched them south to Dickinson for justice. Roosevelt was a deputy sheriff and would later earn \$50 in fees and mileage for the job. Medora folks were shocked he didn't just kill the thieves, assuming the thieves would certainly have killed Roosevelt if they had the chance. But Roosevelt said all he wanted to do was defend himself and his property. The story didn't end there. Roosevelt filed a complaint against "Redhead" Mike Finnegan, Edward Burnstad and "Dutch Chris" Pfaffenbach with Justice of the Peace Western Starr (yes, that was his name). His complaint alleged the three "did take feloniously by fraud or stealth a boat being the property of the complainant." Pfaffenbach's charges were later dismissed. Roosevelt said Pfaffenbach "did not have enough sense to do anything good or bad." Finnegan and Burnstad had their day in court on this date in 1886 in Mandan and were convicted of grand larceny and sentenced to 25 months in the Bismarck penitentiary.

"If I'd had any show at all, you'd have sure had to fight!" Finnegan told Roosevelt in the courtroom. But he later wrote Roosevelt a friendly letter from prison, even asking him to visit. "I have read a good many of your sketches of ranch life in the papers since I have been here, and they interested me deeply," Finnegan wrote. But after his sentence, he returned to crime and was later hanged. Burnstad was later committed to the Jamestown hospital. More than 30 years after the boat theft, North Dakota's state auditor prorated \$1,524.54 in expenses for Burnstad's care to Billings, Golden Valley and Slope counties. Burnstad died in 1926 and is buried in the state hospital cemetery.

Dakota Datebook by Jack Dura



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The Russian and Japanese delegations gathered for a group photo with N.H. Gov. John McLane and their Portsmouth hosts following the welcoming parade the day they arrived to begin negotiations that would lead to the Portsmouth Peace Treaty in 1905. [Courtesy photo]

### ***Portsmouth Peace Treaty Forum to host renowned foreign policy scholar September 13th, 2020***

PORTSMOUTH — The Portsmouth Peace Treaty Forum will celebrate the 115th anniversary of the Portsmouth Peace Treaty by welcoming Joseph S. Nye, Harvard University Distinguished Service Professor Emeritus, Asia expert and author most recently of "Do Morals Matter? Presidents and Foreign Policy from FDR to Trump." The program will take place via Zoom on Sept. 13 at 4 PM ET. The program is free and open to the public, but advance registration is required to receive the Zoom login link. The Portsmouth Public Library is hosting the Zoom.



Joseph S. Nye Jr., is University Distinguished Service Professor and former dean of the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. He is a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the British Academy, the American Academy of Diplomacy, and an honorary fellow of Exeter College, Oxford. He is the recipient of Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson Award, the Charles Merriam Award from the American Political Science Association, France's Palmes Academiques and Japan's Order of the Rising Sun. In 2008, a poll of 2,700 international relations scholars listed him as the most influential scholar on American foreign policy, and in 2011 Foreign Policy listed him among the 100 leading global thinkers.

[Click here](#) to register for the symposium:

The Portsmouth Peace Treaty Forum was founded in 1994 to explore diplomatic themes “in the spirit of the Portsmouth Peace Treaty.” Since then, the forum has hosted senior diplomats including Ambassadors Dennis Ross and Samantha Power, Harvard Belfer Center Director Graham Allison, National Security Council member Fiona Hill and National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan. “The Portsmouth Peace Treaty Forum makes connections between the history that happened in Portsmouth in 1905 to end the Russo-Japanese War, and the relevance of diplomacy in the 21st century global community,” said Charles B. Doleac, forum chairman and senior partner at Boynton, Waldron, Doleac, Woodman & Scott. “Joseph Nye’s new book on presidents and their ethical framework for making foreign policy decisions provides new insight for considering modern diplomacy ‘in the spirit of the Portsmouth Peace Treaty.’” Although his book examines the foreign policies of U.S. presidents since World War II, in the introduction the author quotes President Theodore Roosevelt, who won a Nobel Peace Prize for orchestrating the Portsmouth Peace Treaty.

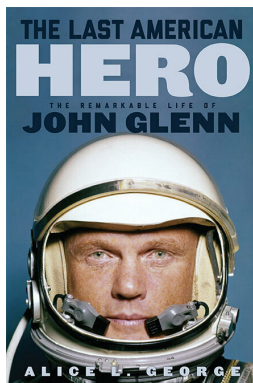
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## MEMBERS CORNER

*From time to time we will feature TRA members and their activities not necessarily associated with Theodore Roosevelt.  
Please send us candidates for future Arenas*



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***THE LAST AMERICAN HERO***  
***by***  
***Alice George***

On February 20, 1962, John Glenn became a national star. That morning at Cape Canaveral, the small-town boy from Ohio took his place atop a rocket and soared into space. He became celebrated in all corners of the world as not just the first American to orbit the Earth, but as the first space traveler to take the human race with him. Refusing to let the dramatic day define his life, he went on to become a four-term U.S. senator--and returned to space at the age of 77. *The Last American Hero* is a stunning examination of the layers that formed the man, a hero of the Cold War, a fighter pilot in World War II and the Korean War, a veteran senator, a devoted husband and father, and much more. At a time when an increasingly cynical world needs heroes, John Glenn's aura burns brightly in American memory.

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## TRA Social Media

Don't forget, the TRA is on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#)! Social media is a great way to stay involved with conversations about TR and keep up to date on the latest TR- and TRA-related happenings. We are regularly talking about interesting topics, both current and historical. So FOLLOW us on Twitter and LIKE us on Facebook!

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