

Russell Lecture in history to focus on FDR

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Lawrence W. Levine, an internationally known interdisciplinary scholar whose work centers on United States culture, will deliver the 2001 Willis Russell Lecture in History, scheduled at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday (Oct. 3) in Alfred University's Nevins Theater, Powell Campus Center. The lecture is free and open to all. Levine's topic is "FDR, The Fireside Chats, and the American People." In 1983, Levine became one of the first historians to be awarded a MacArthur Prize. He has served as president of the Organization of American Historians. In 1994 he joined the faculty of George Mason University after a long career at UC Berkeley, where he had been the Margaret Byrne Professor of History. Among his many books, probably the best known are *Highbrow/Lowbrow: The Emergence of Cultural Hierarchy in America*; *Black Culture & Black Consciousness: Afro-American Folk Thought from Slavery to Freedom*; and *The Opening of the American Mind: Canons, Culture, and History*. The Russell Lecture is sponsored by Alfred University's Division of Human Studies.