

Allida M. Black
Biographical sketch

Allida Black is Research Professor of History and International Affairs at The George Washington University and Project Director and Editor of The Eleanor Roosevelt Papers, a project designed to preserve, teach and apply Eleanor Roosevelt's writings and discussions of human rights and democratic politics.

Professor Black is the recipient of the Millennium Medal from The George Washington University, the 2001 Person of Vision Award from the Arlington County Commission on the Status of Women, and the James A Jordan Award for Outstanding Dedication and Excellence in Teaching from Penn State University, Harrisburg. She has received the JNG Finley Postdoctoral Fellowship at George Mason University, a Postdoctoral Fellowship at the National Museum of American History of the Smithsonian Institution, as well as fellowships from the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute, the Gerald R. Ford Foundation, the Harry Truman Foundation, and the United States Information Agency. She received her Ph.D. from the George Washington University in 1993 and an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from DePaul University in 2001.

Her publications include four books -- *Casting Her Own Shadow: Eleanor Roosevelt and the Shaping of Postwar Liberalism* (Columbia University Press, November 1995), *"What I Want to Leave Behind:" Democracy and the Selected Articles of Eleanor Roosevelt* (Carlson Publishing, April 1995); *Courage In A Dangerous World: The Political Writings of Eleanor Roosevelt* (Columbia University Press, 1999), and with Jewel Fenzi, *Democratic Women: An Oral History of the Women's National Democratic Club* (WNDC Educational Foundation, 2000) and as well as a variety of articles. Columbia University Press will publish and *First Women: Power, Image and Politics from Betty Ford through Hillary Rodham Clinton* in 2005. Oxford University Press will publish *E.R.: Eleanor Roosevelt, Politics and the Dream of Democracy* and is negotiating contracts for two classroom readers on human rights.

Outside the classroom, Dr. Black has written teachers' guides for documentaries on the lives of Marian Anderson and Frederick Douglass which aired on PBS and served as an advisor to the PBS "American Experience" documentary on Eleanor Roosevelt. She has curated an exhibit honoring Eleanor Roosevelt's role in the drafting of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights for the National Cathedral in Washington, DC which was displayed at the New York Custom's House as part of its Beijing Plus 5 exhibit. She is currently working with the National Park Service to develop curricula and other educational tools for the Eleanor Roosevelt National Historic Site.

Professor Black is also a member of the Board of Directors of the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute, the National Women's History Project, and secretary of the Gaea Foundation. She lives in Arlington, Virginia where she is a commissioner of the county's Human Rights Commission.