

The Woman Behind the New Deal: Frances Perkins, FDR's Secretary of Labor

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The Center at the Heights

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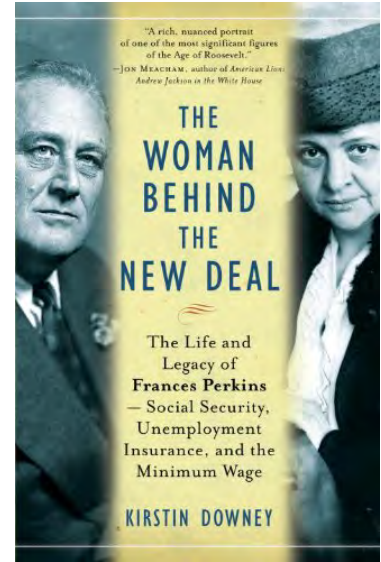
Speaker: Kirstin Downey

Author of *The Woman Behind the New Deal*

Joined by Sarah Peskin

Board Chair of the Frances Perkins Center

**Frances Perkins was one of the most influential people
of the 20th century you may never have heard of...**



Do You Know Frances Perkins? Here's Why You Should...

- Named **Secretary of Labor** by Franklin Roosevelt in 1933, served 12 years.
- Chief architect and advocate of legislation impacting the lives of America's working people including:
 - The **National Labor Relations Act**, protecting workers' rights to organize.
 - **Social Security Act**.
 - **Fair Labor Standards Act**, regulating wages, hours, and working conditions and prohibiting child labor.
- Pushed for massive **public works projects** that created millions of jobs for unemployed workers.
- As **head of the Immigration Service**, she fought to bring European refugees to safety in the United States.
- Credited with "**civilizing capitalism**."
- Born in Boston, member of the League of Women Voters.

Guest Speakers

Kirstin Downey is an award-winning journalist who was a business writer at the Washington Post from 1988 to 2008. Downey explores how Perkins, a middle-class woman who lacked wealth or status, accomplished so much.

Sarah Peskin is the board chair of the Frances Perkins Center in Damariscotta, Maine, which features the exhibit Frances Perkins: The Woman Behind the New Deal & provides tours of the Frances Perkins' ancestral homestead.

The following co-sponsors join LWV-Needham in the celebration of Frances Perkins:

Progressive Needham, Women's Suffrage Celebration Coalition of MA, Needham History Center & Museum, Needham Women's Club



The event is free and open to the public. For further information email president@lwg-needham.org.
We are celebrating Frances Perkins' Birthday! Come share in a celebratory birthday cake!