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Frances Perkins Center to Hold Conversation About Social Security and Open House
Saturday, December 3

The Frances Perkins Center invites the public to attend and participate in “A Conversation About Social Security” with Perkins biographer Kirstin Downey and New Deal historian (and friend of Frances Perkins) Christopher Breiseth, Saturday, December 3, from 3:30 to 5 p.m. at Skidompha Library, Main Street, Damariscotta. Downey and Breiseth edited *A Promise to All Generations*, the Center’s timely book of essays about the program that Frances Perkins considered her most important contribution to the nation. Former Labor Secretary Robert Reich calls the book “the definitive account of the origins of America’s most important social program. Social Security was Perkins’ crowning achievement.... No federal program has ever been as popular. None has had nearly the impact on the lives of ordinary Americans. And none has been as important in assuring them decent livelihoods.... [A]n important reminder of what we as a nation can do together, for one another.” The event is open to the public free of charge and will be followed by an open house at the Center’s new administrative offices at 170 Main Street in Damariscotta from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. The space in the 1804 Coffin House will include an interpretive center documenting the life and accomplishments of Frances Perkins, to open in the spring.

For more information, including bios of Kirstin Downey and Christopher Breiseth, visit the Center’s website at www.francesperkinscenter.org

Based at the historic Perkins family homestead in Newcastle, Maine, the Frances Perkins Center carries on Frances Perkins's commitment to social justice and economic security and tells the story of her accomplishments as the first woman Cabinet member, FDR's secretary of labor for 12 years, and a principal architect of the New Deal. Information about the Center and upcoming events can be found at <http://FrancesPerkinsCenter.org>. Contact the Center at info@FrancesPerkinsCenter.org or call 207-208-8955.

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