



# ROOSEVELT HOUSE

PUBLIC POLICY INSTITUTE AT HUNTER COLLEGE

## *The Hazel Rowley Memorial Lecture*

You are cordially invited to attend a book discussion  
followed by a private dinner

*featuring*

*New York Times* correspondent

**Jodi Kantor**

author of the highly anticipated book, *The Obamas*

Ms. Kantor will be interviewed by award-winning journalist

**Jonathan Alter**

Introductory remarks by Ambassador William J. vanden Heuvel

*Thursday, February 9, 2012*

Reception 6:00pm

Program 6:30 pm

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## *The* **OBAMAS**

Jodi Kantor

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When Barack Obama won the 2008 presidential election, he also won a long-running debate with his wife Michelle. Contrary to her fears, politics now seemed like a worthwhile, even noble pursuit. Together they planned a White House life that would be as normal and sane as possible.

Then they moved in.

In *The Obamas*, Jodi Kantor takes us deep inside the White House as they try to grapple with their new roles, change the country, raise children, maintain friendships, and figure out what it means to be the first black President and First Lady. Filled with riveting detail and insight into their partnership, emotions and personalities, and written with a keen eye for the ironies of public life, *THE OBAMAS* is an intimate portrait that will surprise even readers who thought they knew the President and First Lady.

About the author: Jodi Kantor began her journalism career by dropping out of Harvard Law School to join Slate.com in 1998. Four years later she became the Arts & Leisure editor of the New York Times, the youngest person in memory to edit a section of the newspaper. [Continue reading...](#)

About the moderator: Jonathan Alter is an award-winning author, reporter, columnist and television analyst. In May, 2011, Alter began writing a weekly column that appears on Fridays for Bloomberg View, a new commentary site housed under Bloomberg News. [Continue reading...](#)



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The Hazel Rowley Memorial Lecture is dedicated to the memory of author and biographer Hazel Joan Rowley (1951-2011). Born in London, she was raised and educated in Australia, where she later taught at Deakin University. She was well-known for her biographies on Christina Stead, Richard Wright and Simone de Beauvoir and Jean Paul Sartre. Her last biography, *Franklin and Eleanor: An Extraordinary Marriage*, a ground breaking account of the Roosevelts' relationship, garnered much praise from critics and was named one of the 10 best books for 2010 by NPR's Fresh Air.