

Born New York City in 1930

Education: M.A. Columbia University, School of Government and Public Law.

1950--1955 Advertising and public relations

1955--1956 U.S. Army

1956--1964: Community relations, adult education and university administration including:

The National Citizens Commission for the Public Schools

The New School for Social Research

Columbia University administration

The United States Committee for the United Nations

1964--1983: Secretariat of the United Nations--various positions in the international civil service including:

Chief, Non-Governmental Organization Section and Secretary, NGO Committee on the Economic and Social Council. Senior Education Officer, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Senior Officer, Program Planning and Coordination in the United Nations' system of organizations.

1983--1986: Principal, Dartington College of Arts, Devon, England (B.A. Hon. programs in theatre, music and fine art)

1987 to the present: Retired.

Roosevelt has been living in Europe for the past twenty 27 years, first in Britain and Spain, and now in France, where he and his wife live in a small village near Avignon.

He is currently a Visiting Professor at the Geneva School of Diplomacy and International Affairs.

Occasional writer on American politics for El Mundo, Le Figaro and the International Herald Tribune, including an article in Prologue, the magazine of the U.S. National Archives.

As a potter he exhibited regularly while living in Mallorca, Spain. Now, living in the south of France, it is just a hobby.

In recent years Roosevelt has appeared in many of the documentary films produced by the BBC, PBS and the History Channel about Franklin

Roosevelt and Eleanor Roosevelt. He appears on French television and radio frequently, particularly whenever there is some crises in French/American relations.

In the past twenty years writing has become Roosevelt's occupation (he says, working harder than he ever did in his professional life). He is now recognized by the archivists at the Roosevelt presidential library at Hyde Park as the "family historian".

He lectures frequently in the United States and France, most recently focusing on the politics of the Great Depression and President Roosevelt's role as Commander-in-Chief in WW II.

Additionally, in some of his lectures, he explores the broader meaning of the title of his recent book Too Close to the Sun, a memoir of his years spent growing up in the "hot house" atmosphere of the White House—a phenomenon that requires a personal exposure to those influential dynamics, such as he had, to appreciate how influential (and distorting) it can be for people surrounding the President of the United States. He is currently writing another book, a series of essays delving more deeply into this dynamic.