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Brattleboro Literary Festival hosts Theodore Roosevelt scholar Michael Cullinane for a virtual cocktail hour Friday, July 10, at 5 p.m. The event is free.

Cullinane and Tom Bedell will be in conversation in July discussing Cullinane's new book, *Theodore Roosevelt and the Tennis Cabinet*, which was published in May. The book recounts the history of Roosevelt's tennis partners and the influence they had on his administration.

12 As one reviewer has said about the book, “What the
13 ‘team of rivals’ was to Abraham Lincoln, the ‘Tennis Cabinet’ was
14 to Theodore Roosevelt. Michael Cullinane brings to vivid life an
15 unusual menagerie of confidants and compatriots who met on
16 the court to reshape a nation.”

17 Cullinane is a historian, an award-winning author, and
18 the Walton Chair of the Theodore Roosevelt Studies at Dickinson
19 State University. He serves as a public historian for the Theodore
20 Roosevelt Association and is a contributor to the design and
21 curation of the Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library due to
22 open in 2026.

23 He says he is an ardent believer that history illuminates
24 the present, and he founded the popular podcast *The Gilded Age*
25 *and Progressive Era*. He is an experienced speaker and regularly
26 talks at universities, corporate events, libraries, professional
27 associations, and other public venues. He is a native of New
28 Jersey, a Yankees fan, and a “cocktail lover easily tempted with a
29 whiskey.”

30 Register for the event at bit.ly/872-theo.

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