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## **Campaign Train Author and Historian Edward Segal Launches “Whistle-Stop Politics” Podcast**

Campaign train author and historian Edward Segal today announced the launch of his “Whistle-Stop Politics” podcast. The show is a spin-off from Segal’s bestselling book, “Whistle-Stop Politics: Campaign Trains and the Reporters Who Covered Them,” which was published last month.

“Memories of the pivotal role campaign trains played in American elections fade with the passing of each generation. In each episode of the podcast, an expert will share campaign train-related anecdotes, stories, photos, and items from some of the hundreds of campaign tours conducted by candidates, their surrogates, and officeholders since 1836,” Segal said.

The guest on the inaugural episode of “Whistle-Stop Politics” is Claire Jerry, a curator of political history at the Smithsonian’s National Museum of American History in Washington, D.C. She discusses the museum’s work and the artifacts in its collection about whistle-stopping candidates, including Harry Truman, Dwight Eisenhower, and Adlai Stevenson. Jerry also talks about William Jennings Bryan’s presidential campaigns and items from Lady Bird Johnson’s 1964 “Lady Bird Special” that toured the South in support of her husband, President Lyndon Johnson.

The episode is available:

- On YouTube at <https://youtu.be/aOZ2Uw4S5ho>.
- On Apple Podcasts here: <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/national-museum-of-american-historys-whistle-stop/id1736401694?i=1000649495013>
- Wherever podcasts can be found.

“Whistle-Stop Politics” is produced by Molly Ruland’s Heartcast Media.

### **About Edward Segal**

Edward Segal is the nation’s top expert on the history of campaign trains in American politics and one of the few people to have organized a modern-day whistle-stop campaign train tour for a politician. His articles about campaign trains have been published by the *Washington Post*, *Roll Call*, and the *American Political Items Collectors*. Segal is a former press secretary, campaign manager, and aide to Democratic and Republican congressional and presidential candidates in California, Indiana, Maryland, New Jersey, Ohio, and Oklahoma.

For more information about his book, visit [WhistleStopPolitics.com](http://WhistleStopPolitics.com).

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