On March 26, 2009, biographers will gather in New York City to create **Biographers International Organization (BIO)** that will seek to advance the professional interests of career-focused biographers through networking and advocacy, the creation of a virtual library, and providing legal advice.

The craft of biography, like that of most literary genres, is a solitary one. But we have strong reasons to come together. As serious biographers working across the spectrum of print, television, film, radio, web and other media we need better access to resources, such as newspapers or archival documents; we need up-to-date information about new online repositories; we need to know about funding sources; and we need to learn from each other. This is the moment. This is the time.

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### To Register

- Attendance at the meeting is free of charge.
- Advance registration is appreciated but not required.

To register, or to obtain more information, write to: editor@thebiographerscraft.com

### When, Where

**March 26, 2009. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

Skylight Room at the Graduate Center, City University of New York, 365 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY.

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