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**THE @MACAULAY AUTHOR SERIES PRESENTS MICHAEL SHNAYERSON
WITH NEW BOOK *THE CONTENDER: ANDREW CUOMO, A BIOGRAPHY***

Interviewed by Author Jonathan Alter

(New York, NY – March 31, 2015) The @MACAULAY AUTHOR SERIES will feature **Michael Shnayerson**, investigative reporter, author and longtime contributor to *Vanity Fair*, with his new book, ***The Contender: Andrew Cuomo, A Biography*** at Macaulay Honors College on April 21, 2015. Shnayerson's book captures in full the life and turbulent times of New York Governor Andrew Cuomo, often mentioned as a likely candidate for the presidency. The author will read from the biography, followed by a conversation with **Jonathan Alter**, award-winning journalist and columnist, best-selling author, and on-air analyst for NBC and MSNBC.

Andrew Cuomo has been described as a man of many parts and as a consummate, yet fiercely private politician. With *The Contender*, Shnayerson presents a tirelessly reported and nuanced portrait of a self-questioning scion of power, a ceaseless tactician, and a once upstart politician who turned around a troubled federal cabinet agency. The book also presents a portrait of an ambitious man who married into the Kennedy family and saw that union disintegrate into family hostility and tabloid scandal. Shnayerson's work is a revealing biography and political eye-opener.

Free and open to the public, the @MACAULAY AUTHOR SERIES monthly readings take place at 7PM at CUNY's Macaulay Honors College, 35 West 67th Street, between Central Park West and Columbus. A book signing and informal reception with the author follow each program. Books are for sale at the events, which are sponsored by Friends of Macaulay.

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Upcoming @Macaulay Author's series: May 11 – Gretchen Rubin, *Better Than Before*, and Anne Kreamer, *Risk/Reward*.

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