

**University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Lincoln Bicentennial Programming
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Web Resources:

***Bringing the Lincoln Bicentennial into the K-12 Curriculum
Teachers' Guide to On-line Resources on Lincoln and his Era***

Innumerable resources on Lincoln and his era exist on the web. The very richness of these resources poses problems for K-12 teachers, who must assess the reliability of the sources as well as their potential for classroom use. To assist teachers as they prepare curriculum and teaching materials for the Lincoln Bicentennial, the "Teachers' Guide to On-line Resources on Lincoln and his Era" will be available fall 2008 linked from the Department of History's website

URL: <http://www.history.uiuc.edu>

Partnership: Clare Crowston, History Department

From Learning to Forensic Studies: The life of Abraham Lincoln through his writings

The general goal of the web site is to promote learning about Abraham Lincoln via web-based interface. The web-enabled system combines (a) traditional learning (e.g., browsing Google Map); (b) interactive learning (e.g., querying data content); and (c) exploratory and forensic studies (e.g., using web-enabled analytics). The purpose of the site is to develop a web based information repository for pedagogical and scientific use.

URL: <http://isda.ncsa.uiuc.edu/lpapers/>

Partnership: Peter Bajcsy, National Center for Super Computing Applications (NCSA); Daniel Stowell, The Papers of Abraham Lincoln; O. Vernon Burton, I-CHASS; TBN, Computer Science Department

Abraham Lincoln Books for Children and Youth

List of biographies, fiction and non-fiction books about Abraham Lincoln found in the Education and Social Science Library School Collection. These books were written for children and young adults.

URL: <http://www.library.uiuc.edu/edx/lincolngui.htm>

Bibliography of Abraham Lincoln Resources

URL: <http://www.library.uiuc.edu/edx/lincolnbibliographymsc.htm>

Abraham Lincoln Biographies

URL: <http://www.library.uiuc.edu/edx/lincolnbiographies.htm>

Spring Semester Courses 2009

Spring 2009 semester-Courses

Discovery Courses

Dates and Venue: Spring 2009 semester

Partnership: Lincoln Bicentennial Committee; Office of the Provost

JOUR 199: Images of Abraham Lincoln's World: Then and Now -- The Spirit of Diversity

Professor Brian Johnson

What would Abraham Lincoln think of American Society today in the 21st century? What did he think of it in his own 19th century era? He traveled throughout East Central Illinois in his lifetime — what artifacts of these visits remain from Lincoln then? Let's look for the photographic evidence of these trips and create modern photographic artifacts of this diverse society today: to show the spirit of Lincoln now. This hands-on course will use photography as the foundation to explore what it means to be American in the 21st century and what it meant in Lincoln's time. In order to better understand what it means to live in a diverse society we will examine our own beliefs and biases. We will explore how these attitudes shape our worldview and day-to-day interactions and explore evidence of contemporary attitudes of the 19th century. Area archives and private collections hold untold treasures of images which give first hand witness to Illinois life in the 1800s. What did diversity mean to our pioneer ancestors and how might this be represented in the photographic record? Let's find out by exploring photographic archives. We will also use digital cameras to document how the area has changed, and how it has stayed the same. No prior photographic experience is needed and equipment will be provided.

General Courses

Dates and Venue: Spring 2009 Semester

Partnership: Department of Communication

CMN 396: Lincoln's Legacy. Professor Ned O'Gorman

As the University of Illinois celebrates the bicentennial of Abraham Lincoln's birth, we'd do well to reckon with his legacies in American political culture. Lincoln's Legacies, which is part of the Lincoln's Rhetorical Worlds Project in the Department of Communication, sets out to explore prominent dimensions of Lincoln's legacies, focusing on three aspects: (1) Lincoln in American public memory, (2) Lincoln's legacies as a type of American political leader, and (3) the influences of Lincoln's words on American politics. To this end, we will read scholarly works, study primary sources, engage in oral and written projects, and talk with scholars of Lincoln who will visit our class—all to explore together Lincoln's many legacies.

January 2009

January 24, 2009 – Concerts and Performances

Abraham Lincoln – Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemoration: Four Score and A Dream Ago
The 7th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle and High School Essay Contest will be part of the traditional Martin Luther King, Jr. community family-friendly commemoration. “Four Score and A Dream Ago” essay contest asks students to look at social justice, past and present. Students are asked to frame President Lincoln and Dr. King as activists for “a more perfect union.” Students essays speak to their own dream for social justice, through a conversation with President Lincoln and Dr. King. Students can write a dialog, poem, piece for performance or an essay.

Dates and Venue: January 24, 10:00am-1:00 pm; Lobby of the Krannert Center for the Performing Arts

Partnership: Chancellor’s Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemoration Committee, the Center for Education in Small Urban Communities

February 2009

February 2009-Lectures/Colloquium/Conference

Lincoln's Rhetorical Worlds: A speaker series: Lincoln and the House Divided: Launching a National Political Career

Lincoln's Rhetorical Worlds, is a speaker series that will bring five scholars to campus across the 2008-10 school years. Each visitor will give a public talk and visit with a class in the Department of Communication.

Dates and Venue: Tuesday, February 3, 10:00-11:00 am, Focus 580 on WILL 580 AM radio
<http://will.illinois.edu/am/>

Wednesday, February 4, 3:30-5:30 pm, Levis Faculty Center, 3rd Floor

Partnership: Cara Finnegan, Department of Communication; Debra Hawhee, Departments of English and Communication; Ned O’Gorman, Department of Communication.

Speaker: David Zarefsky is Owen L. Coon Professor of Argumentation and Debate in the Department of Communication Studies at Northwestern University. A past president of both the National Communication Association and the Rhetoric Society of America, Zarefsky is author of more than 70 scholarly essays and author/editor of 6 books, including *President Johnson’s War on Poverty* (Alabama, 1986) and the award-winning *Lincoln, Douglas, and Slavery: In the Crucible of Public Debate* (Chicago, 1990).

February 2009-Concert and Performances

Lincoln: Prelude to the Presidency

WILL-TV's one-hour documentary **Lincoln: Prelude to the Presidency** tells the story of Lincoln's world in the 1850's—how the friends he made and the cases he tried along the dusty roads of Illinois' Eighth Judicial Circuit shaped the man who became one of our greatest presidents. The documentary features interviews with prominent Lincoln scholars such as U of I history professor O. Vernon Burton, Doris Kearns Goodwin, Frank Williams, Michael Burlingame, Edna Green Medford, C. Cullom Davis, and Thomas Schwartz; and re-enactments at historic sites in central Illinois, including the Old State Capitol, New Salem State Park, The Lincoln-Herndon Law Offices, the David Davis Mansion and the Macon County Prairie Homestead. Full-length interviews with Doris Kearns Goodwin, Edna Greene Medford and O. Vernon Burton will be available on the Web site will.illinois.edu/Lincoln. The site will also feature favorite Lincoln stories from these and other experts, a producer's notebook by Alison Davis Wood and articles by Guy Fraker about Lincoln's work as a lawyer in Champaign, Macon, Logan, Vermilion, Woodford and McLean counties. Segments about Lincoln's life in the 1850's will also air this spring during episodes of **Prairie Fire**, WILL's popular magazine show.

Dates and Venue: 8:00 PM February 9, 2009 and 7:30 PM February 12 on WILL-TV

Partnership: Kate Dobrovolny, WILL-TV; Alison Davis Wood, Division of Intercollegiate Athletics; Tim Hartin, Division of Intercollegiate Athletics; John Hoffman, U of I Illinois History and Lincoln collections Library; Guy Fraker

February 10-12, 2009 – Lectures/Colloquium/Conferences

Lincoln Bicentennial Lecture Series

The Lincoln Bicentennial Lecture Series, hosted by the History Department will bring four distinguished Lincoln scholars to speak throughout the 2008-2009 years.

Dates and Venue: February 11, 2009

3:30 to 5:00pm 2nd Floor, Levis Faculty Center. Free and open to the public.

Partnership: Bruce Levine, History Department

Speaker: James Oakes , *Lincoln: the Conservative Becomes a Radical*

James Oakes is professor of history and holds the Humanities Chair at the Graduate Center of the City University of New York. He's written several acclaimed works on slavery and the South, including *Slavery and Freedom and The Ruling Race*. His most recent book, *The Radical and the Republican*, is an account of two Civil War era icons—frontier lawyer Abraham Lincoln and former slave Frederick Douglass. It sheds new light on the central issues of slavery, race and equality in Civil War America.

March 2009

March 2009-Lectures/Colloquium/Conference

**Black Women and the Pursuit of Freedom: Reconsidering Lincoln Presents
a Public Lecture by: Dr. Wilma King**

Arvarh E. Strickland Distinguished Professor, University of Missouri-Columbia

Dates and Venue: Wednesday, March 4, 2009, 4:00-6:00 pm;

Levis Faculty Center (Third Floor), 919 West Illinois Street, Urbana. Free and open to the public.

Partnership: Dr. Ruth Nicole Brown, Gender and Women's Studies and Educational Policy Studies, Dr. Merle Bowen, Center for African Studies, and Kathy Perkins, Department of Theatre

Speaker: Dr. Wilma King is author of *Stolen Childhood: Slave Youth in 19th Century America* (1998), *African American Childhoods: Historical Perspectives from Slavery to Civil Rights* (2005), *The Essence of Liberty: Free African American Women in the Slave Era* (2006), and completed graduate degrees in American history at Indiana University.

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Lincoln's Rhetorical Worlds: A speaker series: Learning Leadership: Lincoln at the Lyceum, 1838

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Dates and Venue: Thursday, March 5, 11:00-12:00 pm, Focus 580 on WILL 580 AM radio
<http://will.illinois.edu/am/>

Thursday, March 5, 3:30-5:30 pm, Levis Faculty Center, 3rd floor

Partnership: Cara Finnegan, Department of Communication; Debra Hawhee, Departments of English and Communication; Ned O'Gorman, Department of Communication.

Speaker: Angela Ray is Associate Professor of Communication Studies at Northwestern University. A scholar of 19th century public address who frequently focuses on women's rhetoric, Professor Ray is author of the award-winning *The Lyceum and Public Culture in the Nineteenth Century United States* (Michigan State, 2005).

April 2009

April 2009-Lectures/Colloquium/Conference

Lincoln's Rhetorical Worlds: A speaker series: 'The Sorrow-Quenching Draughts of Perfect Liberty': Temperate Bodies/Political Bodies in the Rhetorics of Abraham Lincoln and Frances E.W. Harper

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Dates and Venue: Wednesday, April 8, 11:00-12:00 pm, Focus 580 on WILL 580 AM radio <http://will.illinois.edu/am/>; Topic: Signatures of Citizenship: Petitioning, Antislavery, and Women's Political Identity in the Time of Lincoln

Wednesday, April 8, 3:30-5:30 pm, Levis Faculty Center, 3rd Floor

Partnership: Cara Finnegan, Department of Communication; Debra Hawhee, Departments of English and Communication; Ned O'Gorman, Department of Communication.

Speaker: Susan Zaeske is Professor and Chair of the Department of Communication Arts and Sciences at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She is the author of the award-winning *Signatures of Citizenship: Petitioning, Antislavery, and Women's Political Identity* (North Carolina, 2003).

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Fall 2009 Events

The Morrill Act: The Land Grant Roots of a Great University

October 1, 2009 – October 31, 2009

Krannert Art Museum and Kinkead Pavilion; 500 E. Peabody Drive, Champaign, Illinois

Free and Open to the Public

This installation showcases one of the United States' most important historical documents: The Morrill Act of 1862. Signed into law on July 2 by President Abraham Lincoln, the document enabled states to make higher education accessible to all through the establishment of land-grant colleges and universities. As one of these institutions, The University of Illinois, together with Krannert Art Museum and Kinkead Pavilion is pleased to host the Morrill Act, only recently available for public viewing outside of Washington, D.C. The exhibition will serve as a focal point for campus-wide lectures and educational events as part of the University's ongoing celebration of the Lincoln Bicentennial. See a complete schedule of related programming at: <http://engagement.illinois.edu/lincoln.html>

Co-sponsored by: The Office of the Chancellor, Office of the Provost, Krannert Art Museum and Kinkead Pavilion, the University of Illinois Library, and the National Archives and Records Administration.

The Morrill Act Exhibition Preview and Opening Reception

Wednesday, September 30, 2009

4:30-6:00pm Opening Reception

6:00-7:00pm Screening of *Lincoln: Prelude to the Presidency*

Krannert Art Museum and Kinkead Pavilion; 500 E. Peabody Drive, Champaign, Illinois

Free and Open to the Public

Join us for the opening reception and preview of this installation, followed by a screening of the public television documentary *Lincoln: Prelude to the Presidency*.

Co-sponsored by: The Office of the Chancellor, Office of the Provost, Krannert Art Museum and Kinkead Pavilion, and Illinois Public Media.

A Presidential Press Conference with Abraham Lincoln

Abraham Lincoln presenters George Buss of Freeport, Illinois and Robert J. Lenz of Bloomington, Illinois as Press Secretary.

Friday, October 2, 2009

3:00-4:00pm Tryon Festival Theatre, Krannert Center for the Performing Arts; 500 S. Goodwin Avenue Urbana, Illinois

Free and Open to the Public

Join President Abraham Lincoln in a modern day press conference, as he responds to questions from local media and the audience concerning important events of his career; featuring nationally known Lincoln presenter George Buss of Freeport, Illinois and Robert J. Lenz of Bloomington, Illinois (University of Illinois '59, Law '63; Member, U of I Board of Trustee Emeritus) as Press Secretary.

Co-sponsored by: The Office of the Chancellor, The Abraham Lincoln Association, University of Illinois Foundation, Krannert Center for Performing Arts, and the Department of Theatre.

Lincoln's Illinois Today: A Vision for Education

Wednesday October 7, 2009

4:00-6:00pm Colloquium

6:00-7:00pm Reception

Alice Campbell Alumni Center Ballroom and Atrium; 601 S. Lincoln Avenue, Urbana, Illinois

Free and Open to the Public

The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in partnership with the University of Illinois' Institute of Government & Public Affairs, proudly invites you to attend a two hour symposium, Wednesday October 7th as part of our continuing celebration of the 200th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth.

Entitled "Lincoln's Illinois Today," this special program will examine the state of education in Illinois today and compare it with Lincoln's vision for a broad-based education system. In 1862, Lincoln signed into law the Morrill Act, thereby creating the land-grant college and university system. Participants are encouraged to tour the Morrill Act Exhibit at Krannert Art Museum and Kinkead Pavilion. Guest speakers include: The Honorable Jim Edgar, former Governor of Illinois

and Distinguished Fellow at the Institute of Government & Public Affairs, Judy Erwin, Executive Director of the Illinois Board of Higher Education, Dr. Thomas Schwartz, Illinois State Historian, and Doug Whitley, President, Illinois Chamber of Commerce. Moderated by Dean Mary Kalantzis.

Co-sponsored by: The Office of the Chancellor and the Institute of Government and Public Affairs.

Practice as Theory: Lincoln's Address to the Temperance Society, February 22, 1842.

Professor Michael Leff

Tuesday, October 13, 2009

3:30pm Third Floor Levis Faculty Center; 919 W. Illinois Street, Urbana, Illinois

Free and Open to the Public

Michael Leff is Chair of the Department of Communication at the University of Memphis. A prolific scholar of rhetoric, Leff is the current president of the Rhetoric Society of America. He has also been named a Distinguished Scholar of both the National Communication Association and the International Society for the Study of Argumentation.

Co-sponsored by: The Office of the Chancellor and the Department of Communications.

Teaching Abe to Dance: (RE)searching and Dreaming a Character to Life

James Still, Playwright

Tuesday, October 13, 2009

7:30pm Location: Krannert Center for the Performing Arts Choral Rehearsal Room, level 2 KCPA

Free and Open to the Public

Award-winning playwright, James Still, was commissioned to create a new play to re-open the historic Ford's Theatre in Washington, DC for the bicentennial of Lincoln's birth in February 2009. THE HEAVENS ARE HUNG IN BLACK, depicts the depths of the Civil War as Lincoln wrestled with the decision to sign the Emancipation Proclamation. Haunted and prodded by

dreams, the president depicted in Still's play is complex and deeply human. Actors from the Department of Theatre will present scenes as the playwright discusses the process of characterizing Abraham Lincoln in a vivid and meaningful way for the 21st century. From conception to opening night was a journey of discovery, frustration, stamina, and inspiration. How the creative artist crawled into Lincoln's personality in order to teach the iconographic image to "dance."

The Indiana Repertory Theatre in Indianapolis (where James Still is playwright in residence) will be producing THE HEAVENS ARE HUNG IN BLACK to open their 2010 Season, October 6-25.

Co-sponsored by: The Office of the Chancellor and the Department of Theatre.

Lincoln and the Morrill Act: The Unfinished Work of Public Universities

Program

Friday October 23, 2009

Washington DC

9:00-9:30 AM **Press Conference** Press Club, Washington DC

Champaign, IL

6:00-9:00 PM Morrill Act reception (Business Instructional Facility).

Saturday October 24, 2009

Champaign, IL

7:30-5:30 **Lincoln Bicentennial Conference** (Illini Union)
6:30 Conference
 Dinner Banquet (Colonnades Room).

Youth Literature Festival-“Abraham Lincoln: Teaching and Learning about the Greatest President”

Sponsored by the College of Education

Free and Open to the Public

Hundreds of biographies about Abraham Lincoln have been written for youth. Two recent examples include the Coretta Scott King Award winner, *Abe's Honest Words: The life of Abraham Lincoln* (Rapport & Nelson, 2008) and *House of Abraham Lincoln and The Todds, A Family Divided by War* (Berry, 2007). These biographies range in tone and perspective from Lincoln as a great man, almost mythic to more recent tomes that convey the complexity of

Lincoln as he sought to maintain the union and forge a solution to ending the “peculiar institution. The Bicentennial Celebration of Lincoln’s arrival in the State of Illinois offers a wonderful opportunity to introduce the youth of our communities to one of the most influential presidents in United States history.

Co-sponsored by: The Office of the Chancellor and the College of Education.

The Republican and the Revolutionary: Abraham Lincoln and Karl Marx

Robin Blackburn, Professor of Sociology, Essex University; and Professor of Historical Studies, New School University

Wednesday, November 11, 2009

4:00pm Third Floor Levis Faculty Center; 919 W. Illinois Street, Urbana, Illinois

Free and Open to the Public

Robin Blackburn, Professor of Sociology, Essex University; and Professor of Historical Studies, New School University; an historical sociologist who teaches both at the University of Essex and the New School University in New York. He is the author of two major works of synthesis and interpretation: *The Making of New World Slavery* and *The Overthrow of Colonial Slavery*.

Co-sponsored by: The Office of the Chancellor and the Department of History.