

The 14th Annual Lincoln Forum Symposium – 2009 Schedule
“THE LINCOLN BICENTENNIAL: PART II”
The Wyndham Hotel – November 16 – 18, 2009

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16

- 1:00 p.m. Registration begins in the lobby of the Wyndham Hotel
1:00 p.m. Bookstore and Exhibitors in the Exhibit Rooms of the Wyndham Hotel
5:30 p.m. Cash bar in the Wyndham Banquet Room
6:00 p.m. Dinner in the Wyndham Banquet Room
7:15 p.m. **Frank J. Williams**, Presiding
Welcome from the **Wyndham Hotel**
Tina Grim, Welcome to Gettysburg
7:30 p.m. **James M. McPherson**, “*Lincoln and the West*”

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17

- 8:30 a.m. Book sales and exhibits continue all day in the Exhibit Rooms
8:55 a.m. Report from U.S. Grant Papers Managing Editor, **John Marszalek**
9:00 a.m. **Harold Holzer**, Session Moderator
9:00 a.m. **Ronald C. White, Jr.**, “*Abraham Lincoln 2009: Wisdom for Today*”
10:00 a.m. **Vernon Burton**, “*Age of Lincoln*”
11:00 a.m. **Catherine Clinton**, “*Mary Lincoln Reconsidered*”
12:00 p.m. Buffet lunch in the Wyndham Banquet Room
1:30 p.m. **Craig L. Symonds**, Session Moderator
1:30 p.m. **Lewis Lehrman**, “*Lincoln at the Turning Point: From Peoria to the Presidency*”
3:00 p.m. Panel: The State of Lincoln Collecting:
Daniel Weinberg (moderator), with **Frank J. Williams**, **Norman Boas**, **Don McCue**
and **Lewis Lehrman**
4:30 p.m. Authors’ book-signing in the foyer of the Wyndham Banquet Room
6:00 p.m. Cash bar in the Wyndham Banquet Room
6:30 p.m. Dinner in the Wyndham Banquet Room
7:30 p.m. **Richard Carwardine**, “*Just Laughter: The Moral Springs of Lincoln’s Humor*”

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18

- 7:30 a.m. Annual Board of Advisors Breakfast Meeting
8:00 a.m. Bookstore opens
9:00 a.m. **Frank J. Williams**, Annual State of the Forum report and election of officers
9:00 a.m. **Edna Greene Medford**, Session Moderator
9:10 a.m. **Don McCue**, *Announcement: Winner of 2009 Platt Family Essay Contest*
9:15 a.m. **Fred Kaplan**, “*Lincoln’s Genius with Language*”

- 10:30 a.m. Panel: Family Matters – Looking at the Lincolns: **Harold Holzer (moderator)**, with **Catherine Clinton, Jason Emerson and Charles Lachman**
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch in the Wyndham Banquet Room
- 2:00 p.m. Tour of the Wills House with shuttle buses to the town Diamond
- 6:00 p.m. Cash bar in the Wyndham Banquet Room
- 6:30 p.m. Dinner in the Wyndham Banquet Room
- 7:30 p.m. **Dr. Mark Zimmerman**, presentation of the Volk Lincoln Forum Award
Frank J. Williams and **Harold Holzer**, presentation of the Richard Nelson Current, Lincoln Forum Award of Achievement
- 7:35 p.m. **Jim Getty**, “Lincoln’s War Speech to his Springfield Neighbors”, (Letter to James Conkling, August 26, 1863)
- 7:35 p.m. Keynote Speaker: **Honorable Sandra Day O’Connor**, Associate Justice (Ret.) Supreme Court of the United States

***There may be some changes in scheduling based on illness or events beyond the control of the Lincoln Forum.**

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19 – Town of Gettysburg Dedication Day Activities

- 9:30 a.m. Wreath-Laying Ceremony, Soldiers’ National Monument, Gettysburg National Cemetery: free and open to the public
- 10:00 a.m. Dedication Day Ceremony, Soldiers’ National Cemetery; free and open to the public. Program to include the “President’s Own” U.S. Marine Band and a Naturalization Ceremony. Inclement weather site: Majestic Theater. Speaker: **Richard Dreyfuss**
- 12:00 p.m. Lincoln Fellowship of Pennsylvania Luncheon (advance registration and payment required)
Speaker: **Lewis Lehrman**
- 7:30 p.m. Annual Robert Fortenbaugh Memorial: free and open to the general public.
Lecture, at the historic Majestic Theatre with Speaker: **Michael Burlingame**
“For the People” World Premiere. Awarding of the Michael Shaara Prize for Civil War Fiction.

Two great exhibits at the Historic Gettysburg Railroad Station include the Gilder Lehrman Institute Exhibit, “Free at Last: A History of the Abolition of Slavery in America” and the Lincoln Flag (the 36-star flag draped over the balustrade in the presidential box at Ford’s Theatre) that was used by Laura Keane to cradle the President’s head as he lay mortally wounded.

The town activities are optional and are not sponsored by the Lincoln Forum. Transportation is not provided on the 19th.