

Leading Lincoln, Civil War and Reconstruction Scholars to Speak at Cantigny Park

Learn how eminent historians leverage original sources in their research

WHEATON, IL, U.S. , June 9, 2023 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Nationally-renowned Abraham Lincoln, Civil War and Reconstruction scholars will speak at a symposium at [Cantigny Park](#) on Saturday, June 17. Sponsored by the [Abraham Lincoln Association](#), the symposium will focus on the increasing use of primary and original resources, i.e., letters and diaries, when studying one of the most fascinating periods in American history. They will discuss finding and vetting first-hand accounts from people who lived through the Civil War and Reconstruction, helping us better understand the era.

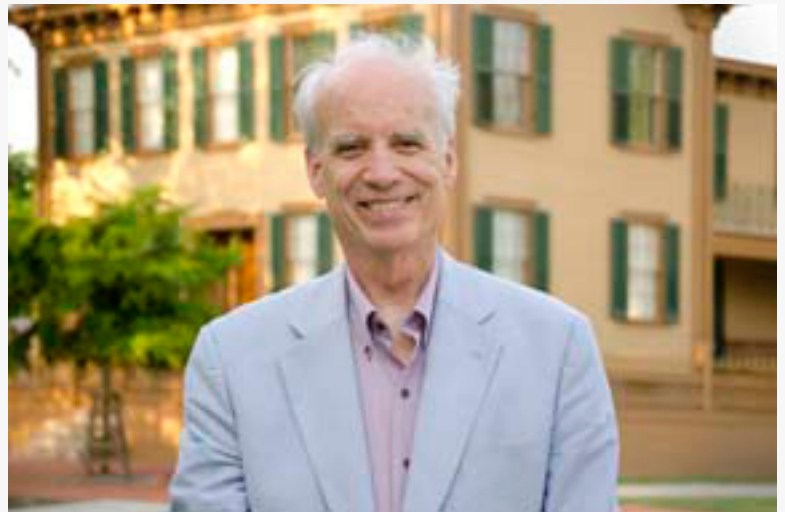
Some of speakers include:

- Michael Burlingame - Undoubtedly one of the world's preeminent Lincoln experts, Burlingame has written and edited twenty Lincoln books, including the definitive, two-volume biography Abraham Lincoln: A Life - designated one of the five best books of the year by The Atlantic.

- Michelle Krowl - A distinguished historian, Krowl is the Civil War and Reconstruction specialist in the Manuscript Division at the Library of Congress, where she also oversees presidential papers from James K. Polk through Theodore Roosevelt.



The Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C.



Michael Burlingame in front of the Lincoln home in Springfield - Photo by Robert Shaw

ALA President, renowned historian and event speaker Michael Burlingame.

- Robert I. Girardi - A native Chicagoan, Girardi has authored nine books on the Civil War, including *The Civil War Generals: Comrades, Peers, Rivals* - In *Their Own Words*.



Free and open to the public, the Abraham Lincoln Association invites all history buffs for a day of learning and mingling with scholars and fellow enthusiasts. Please RSVP to Kay Smith at kaysmith.ala@gmail.com or 217-LINCOLN.

When: Saturday, June 17 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Where: Cantigny Park, 1S151 Winfield Road, Wheaton, IL 60189

About the Abraham Lincoln Association

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