

# MEET MR. LINCOLN

SEMINARY RIDGE HISTORIC

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## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2009

### MICHAEL BURLINGAME: MEET MR. LINCOLN

*Publishers Weekly* calls Dr. Burlingame's *Abraham Lincoln: A Life* "the finest Lincoln biography in more than 60 years," saying that it "supplants Sandburg and supersedes all other biographies." Doris Kearns Goodwin writes,



"Lincoln scholars have waited anxiously for this book for decades. It's triumphant publication proves it was well worth the wait. Few scholars have written with greater insight about the psychology of Lincoln. No one in recent history has uncovered more fresh sources than Michael Burlingame."

### PLAY: LINCOLN LIVES 8:30PM

The actors Steve Cump and Oneal Isaac present a one-act play first performed at the inaugural celebration of the Lincoln Bicentennial of the State of Louisiana. Director: David Madden.

### RECEPTION

After the play a wine and cheese reception will be held for Symposium participants and presenters.

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2009

### RANDALL SAXON: LINCOLN'S RELIGION 9:00AM

A Presbyterian minister and a graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary, the Rev. Dr. Randall Saxon is a frequent speaker on the subject of Lincoln's beliefs and spirituality. Much has been written about Lincoln's religious beliefs - ranging from the claim that he was a "scoffer" to the idealized portraits of him as a Christian saint. Saxon will sift the sources and assess the religious words and behavior of our sixteenth president.

### RICHARD SCHWARTZ: INTRODUCING MR. LINCOLN

10:15AM

A distinguished teacher and lifelong student of Abraham Lincoln, Schwartz reflects in practical terms on the subject of Lincoln's meaning for younger people today - (a generation accustomed to electronic media, the worship of sports and pop culture "heroes" and trained to accept knowledge only when presented as entertainment) and for the future of this country. His book on the Lincoln-Douglas debates is scheduled to appear this year.

### LUNCH AND BOOK SIGNING 11:30AM

Presenters' books will be available for purchase and signing.

### JOSHUA WOLF SHENK: LINCOLN'S MELANCHOLY

1:00PM

*Lincoln's Melancholy: How Depression Challenged a President and Fueled His Greatness* is based on seven years of research on Lincoln and the medical, intellectual, and political culture around him. It also reflects Shenk's long-standing interests in mental health, psychology, and spirituality. Named one of the best books of the year by *The New York Times*, *Lincoln's Melancholy* was also featured as the cover story in *Time Magazine*.

### BRUCE EVANS: LINCOLN'S HEALTH AND DEATH

2:00PM

A neurologist at the Mayo Clinic and author of a book on Civil War medicine, Dr. Evans is well known to past attendees of the Seminary Ridge Symposium as a brilliant and engaging presenter. His "Effects of Battle: Wounds, Death and Medical Care in the Civil War" appears in *Battle*, the volume of essays produced from the first Seminary Ridge Symposium.

### PANEL DISCUSSION 3:00PM

### OLD DORM CUPOLA TOUR (SYMPOSIUM PARTICIPANTS ONLY) 3:30PM

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The Lincoln Bicentennial is an extraordinary year, and we are happy to present an extraordinary Seminary Ridge Symposium, featuring a distinguished program of speakers and the one-act play, "Lincoln Lives." Some of you will remember that during the Civil War Centennial in the 1960's a picture book titled *Meet Mr. Lincoln* gave a preliminary glimpse into the face and person of the Great Emancipator. Since then, a great deal of new scholarship has brightened and deepened the picture of Lincoln, and studies of his psychology, health, and religion have supplemented growing work on his more public visage.

The word "magisterial" is not an exaggeration when applied to Michael Burlingame's new *Abraham Lincoln: A Life*; and those who have read his *The Inner World of Abraham Lincoln* must agree that Publishers Weekly did not exaggerate in calling this book a "revelation," "the most convincing portrait of Lincoln's personality to date," and "perhaps the most important piece of Lincoln biography" to appear in the last fifty years. At the ninth Seminary Ridge Symposium, we have an opportunity to hear and meet the greatest Lincoln scholar and biographer of our time.

Joshua Wolf Shenk's *Lincoln's Melancholy* is similarly a revelation, as it presents not only a psychological portrait of Lincoln, but places it in the wider context of his challenges and achievements. The large popular audience generated by this book attests not only the contribution made by Mr. Shenk's work, but to the sensibility behind the work. The same can be said for our other presenters: each brings a unique, profound, and intelligent lifetime of meditation to an aspect of this giant and still mysterious character. Perhaps the 2009 Symposium will bring "the Lincoln nobody knows" into sharper focus, clarify our own vision, and prove that in a nation given "a new birth of freedom," Lincoln lives.

Director of the Seminary Ridge Symposium, Kent Gramm is the author of *November: Lincoln's Elegy at Gettysburg*; *Gettysburg: A Meditation on War and Values*; and *Somebody's Darling: Essays on the Civil War*, contributor to the volumes *The Gettysburg Nobody Knows* and *Giants in Their Tall Black Hats: Essays on the Iron Brigade* and editor of *Battle: The Nature and Consequences of Civil War Combat*.



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