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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Illinois Supreme Court Historic Preservation Commission
Executive Director, June 2011-present
Director of History Programs, December 2009-present

The Papers of Abraham Lincoln
Associate Director/Associate Editor, January 2006-December 2009
Assistant Director, August 2000-December 2005

The Lincoln Legal Papers
Assistant Director, July 1999-December 2005
Assistant Editor, August 1997-December 2005
Research Associate, October 1993-August 1997
Graduate Assistant, August 1991-May 1992
Research Assistant, June 1991-August 1991; May 1992-March 1993; June 1993-September 1993

Illinois State Historical Library, Illinois Historic Preservation Agency
Manuscripts Assistant, April 1993

Department of History, University of Missouri-Columbia,
Teaching Assistant, August 1988-December 1988

EDUCATION

M.A. (1992) University of Illinois Springfield (History)

B.A. (1988) Southern Illinois University Carbondale (History)

PUBLICATIONS

Books:

Adjudicating Illinois: Justices of the Illinois Supreme Court. St. Louis: Donning Publishing, 2018 (Editor).

Roger L. Severns, *Prairie Justice: A History of Illinois Courts under French, English, and American Law*. Carbondale: Southern Illinois University Press, 2015 (Editor).

The Papers of Abraham Lincoln: Legal Documents and Cases, 4 vols. Charlottesville: University of Virginia Press, 2008 (Assistant Editor).

Book Chapters:

“*Ex parte Milligan* in the State Courts: Madison Y. Johnson’s Vindication in Illinois,” in Stewart L. Winger and Jonathan W. White, eds., *Ex parte Milligan Reconsidered: Race and Civil Liberties from the Lincoln Administration to the War on Terror*. Lawrence: University Press of Kansas, 2020, pp. 277-302.

“The Power of Lincoln’s Legal Words” in Roger D. Billings and Frank J. Williams, eds., *Abraham Lincoln, Esq.: The Legal Career of America’s Greatest President*. Lexington: University of Kentucky Press, 2010, pp. 119-31.

“Selected Cases of A. Lincoln, Esq., Attorney and Counsellor-at-Law,” in Norman Gross, ed., *America’s Lawyer-Presidents: From Law Office to Oval Office*. Evanston, IL: Northwestern University Press, 2004; second edition, 2009, pp. 138-45.

“Inheriting the Earth: The Law of Succession,” in Daniel W. Stowell, ed., *In Tender Consideration: Women, Families, and the Law in Abraham Lincoln’s Illinois*. Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 2002, pp. 104-28.

“A. Lincoln, Esquire: The Evolution of an Attorney,” in Allen D. Spiegel, *A. Lincoln, A Shrewd Sophisticated Lawyer in His Time*. Macon, GA: Mercer University Press, 2002, pp. 18-50.

Articles:

“Abraham Lincoln and the Illinois Supreme Court,” *Illinois Bar Journal* 107 (January 2019): pp. 46-47.

“Stepping Stones to Prominence: Illinois Supreme Court Justices and U.S. Senators,” co-author, Hon. Anne M. Burke, *Southern Illinois University Law Journal* 42 (Summer 2018): pp. 561-92.

“The Illinois Supreme Court in the State Capitol, 1878-1907,” *Illinois Heritage* 21 (July-August 2018): pp. 32-34.

“Law and Order in Illinois’ Early Years,” *Illinois Bar Journal* 106 (August 2018): pp. 34-39.

“Forsaking the Law to Save the Nation: Elmer Ephraim Ellsworth, Attorney,” *For the People: A Newsletter of the Abraham Lincoln Association* 19 (Spring 2017): pp. 6-7.

“How to Find and Use Legal Records,” American Association for State and Local History, Technical Leaflet #277, included in *History News* 72 (Winter 2017): pp. 1-8.

“Navigating the Space-Time Continuum,” Presidential Address, Association for Documentary Editing, *Scholarly Editing* 37 (2016): pp. 1-12.

“Hall of Justice...and Judicial Art,” *Illinois Heritage* 18 (March-April 2015): pp. 30-31.

“Justice Removed: The Lost Supreme Court Building Statue,” *Illinois Heritage* 15 (July-August 2012): p. 35.

“Myra Bradwell and the Profession of Law: Case Documents,” *Journal of Supreme Court History* 36 (December 2011): pp. 236-63.

“The Common Touch at Trial.” *ABA Journal* (February 2009): pp. 41-42.

“Lawyer Lincoln.” *Illinois Bar Journal* 97 (February 2009): pp. 74-78, 105.

Guest Editor, “Better Angels” Special Issue, *Quiddity, International Literary Journal* 1 (Fall/Winter 2008-2009).

Paul Finkelman and Martin J. Hershock, eds., *The Political Lincoln: An Encyclopedia*. Washington, DC: CQ Press, 2008. S.vv. “Circuit Courts,” pp. 133-35 and “Lincoln, Legal and Early Political Career,” pp. 407-10.

“Abraham Lincoln and the Corwin Amendment,” *Illinois Heritage* 9 (Sep-Oct 2006): p. 34.

Walter Rucker and James Nathaniel Upton, eds., *The Encyclopedia of American Race Riots*, 2 vols. (Westport: CT: Greenwood Press, 2006), S.vv. “East St. Louis (Illinois) Riot of 1917,” 1: 185-91, “Viriden, Pana, and Carterville (Illinois) Mine Riots (1898-1899),” 2: 671-75.

“The County That Never Was,” *Illinois Heritage* 6 (May-June 2003): p. 13.

“Abraham Lincoln and His Informal Partners on the Eighth Judicial Circuit,” in Timothy P. Townsend, ed., *Papers from the Thirteenth and Fourteenth Annual Lincoln Colloquia* (Springfield, IL: Lincoln Home National Historic Site, 2002), pp. 6-99.

“Basement Barrister: Abraham Lincoln’s Practice Before the United States Supreme Court,” *The Lincoln Herald* 101 (Summer 1999): pp. 47-58.

“Abraham Lincoln: Pension Attorney,” *The Lincoln Newsletter* 14 (Winter 1996): pp. 1, 7-8.

“‘In View of the Uncertainty of Life’: A Coles County Lynching,” *Illinois Historical Journal* 89 (Autumn 1996): pp. 134-146.

“Putting the Pieces Together,” *Documentary Editing* 18 (June 1996): pp. 46-47.

Electronic Media:

The Law Practice of Abraham Lincoln: Second Edition Online, ed. Martha L. Benner and Cullom Davis et al. (www.lawpracticeofabrahamlincoln.org), 2008 (Associate Editor).

The Law Practice of Abraham Lincoln: Complete Documentary Edition, ed. Martha L. Benner and Cullom Davis et al. Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 2000 (Assistant Editor).

Exhibits:

“Illinois and the Nineteenth Amendment” Traveling Exhibit, 2020.

“Illinois Judicial Bicentennial” Traveling Exhibit, College of DuPage, University of Illinois School of Law, Knox College, Southern Illinois University Law School, Northwestern University School of Law, Kankakee Community College, Millikin University, Danville Area Community College, and Northern Illinois University Law School, 2018-19.

“Albert H. Krehbiel,” Springfield Art Association, Springfield, Illinois, 2016

“Illinois Courthouse Architecture,” Illinois Supreme Court Building, permanent exhibit, Springfield, Illinois, 2015.

“Justices of the Illinois Supreme Court,” Illinois Supreme Court Building, permanent exhibit, Springfield, Illinois, 2014.

“Early Women in the Law,” University of Illinois College of Law, Champaign, Illinois, 2011; Southern Illinois University School of Law, Carbondale, Illinois, 2012.

“Albert H. Krehbiel,” Illinois Supreme Court, Springfield, Illinois, 2010.

“Florence Kelley,” Northwestern University, Chicago, Illinois, 2010.

“Lincoln-Thornton Debate,” “Traveling the Circuit,” “Lincoln’s Court Cases,” “Anthony Thornton,” “Samuel W. Moulton,” “Lincoln’s Cavalry Guard,” and “Lincoln and Divorce,” Looking for Lincoln wayside exhibits, Shelby County, Illinois, 2008-2009.

Reviews:

A Lincoln Dialogue by James A. Rawley. In *Journal of the Abraham Lincoln Association* 40 (Winter 2019): 61-65.

Looking for Lincoln in Illinois: A Guide to Lincoln’s Eighth Judicial Circuit by Guy C. Fraker. In *Annals of Iowa* 77 (Spring 2018): 199.

Prairie Defender: The Murder Trials of Abraham Lincoln by George R. Dekle Sr. In *Annals of Iowa* 77 (Winter 2018): 82-83.

In the Clutches of the Law: Clarence Darrow’s Letters ed. by Randall Tietjen. In *Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society* 107 (Summer 2014): 243-44.

Lincoln at Peoria: The Turning Point by Lewis E. Lehrman. In *Journal of the Abraham Lincoln Association* 31 (Winter 2010): 70-74.

Henry Clay the Lawyer by Maurice G. Baxter. In *American Journal of Legal History* 44 (July 2000): 337-38.

Reviewed manuscripts for publication for academic journals.

DOCUMENTARIES AND PROGRAMS

Executive Producer, “History on Trial: Alton School Cases,” performances in Alton, Springfield, and Chicago, Illinois, 2015.

Executive Producer, “The Habeas Corpus Hearings of Joseph Smith,” performances in Springfield and Chicago, Illinois, and in Salt Lake City and Provo, Utah, 2013-14.

Executive Producer and Historian, *Insanity Retrial of Mary Todd Lincoln*, WTTW-TV, Chicago, Illinois, originally aired 15 February 2013.

Historian, *The Retrial of Mary Surratt*, C-SPAN, originally aired 13 November 2011.

Historical Commentator, *Lincoln: Prelude to the Presidency*, Documentary, WILL-TV, Urbana, Illinois, 2009.

Historical Consultant, “Lincoln Forgery,” Season 6, Episode 4, *History Detectives*, PBS, originally aired 21 July 2008.

Historical Commentator, “Lincoln Letter, Illinois,” Season 5, Episode 10, *History Detectives*, PBS, originally aired 27 August 2007.

Historical Commentator, “Following Lincoln’s Paper Trail,” Episode 1508, *Illinois Adventure*, WTVP-TV, Peoria, Illinois, 2006.

Historical Commentator, *A. Lincoln: Attorney at Law*, Documentary, Callan Films, 2006.

Author, *Illinois Political Journal*, WUIS radio, Springfield, Illinois, 1999-2006.

Historical Commentator, “Alton, Illinois, Lincoln-Douglas Debate,” C-SPAN, 1994.

MAJOR PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

“Abraham Lincoln and the Illinois Supreme Court.” Dr. Thomas F. Schwartz Luncheon and Lecture, Abraham Lincoln Association, Springfield, Illinois, 12 February 2019.

“Super Lawyer or Country Bumpkin: Deconstructing Lincoln the Lawyer Mythology.” Paper Presented at the 32nd Annual Lincoln Colloquium, Chicago, Illinois, 21 October 2017.

“Navigating the Space-Time Continuum,” Presidential Address presented at the Association for Documentary Editing Annual Meeting, Lincoln, Nebraska, 18 June 2015.

“Vindicating Constitutional Liberty: The Trials of Madison Y. Johnson,” Paper presented at the Illinois History Symposium, Carbondale, Illinois, 15 April 2011.

“Fantastic Find or Forgery: Differences in Abraham Lincoln’s Handwriting,” Second Annual Lincoln Lecture, Lincoln Land Community College, Springfield, Illinois, 12 February 2010.

“A Change in Parties: Lincoln as a Whig and a Republican,” Paper presented at the Society for the Historians of the Early American Republic Conference, Springfield, Illinois, 17 July 2009.

“CSI: Lincoln: Authenticating Lincoln Documents at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum,” Springfield, Illinois, 18 April 2008.

“Abraham Lincoln and the Law of Slavery in Illinois,” Paper presented at Lawyer Lincoln and the Emancipation Proclamation Symposium, Chicago, Illinois, 17 October 2002.

“Anthony Thornton and Abraham Lincoln: Circuit Riding on the Prairie,” Paper presented at the Conference on Illinois History, Springfield, Illinois, 3 October 2002.

“Uncovering the Past with Public Records,” Paper presented at the Conference on Historic Site Interpretation, Springfield, Illinois, 31 January 2001.

“Sangamon County Honor Roll: Deceased Civil War Soldiers and Their Estates.” Paper presented at History at the Grassroots: Local History and Its Audiences Conference, Charleston, Illinois, 27 October 2000.

“Documentary Editing and Computers.” Panelist at American Association for History and Computers, Waco, Texas, 13 April 2000.

“Learning from Lincoln: New Tools for Researching Local Legal History.” Paper presented at American Society for Legal History, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, 22 October 1999.

“Lincoln and His Legal Contemporaries.” Paper presented at 14th Annual Lincoln Colloquium, Springfield, Illinois, 9 October 1999.

“Inheriting the Earth: The Law of Succession in Antebellum Illinois.” Paper presented at 19th Annual Illinois History Symposium, 4 December 1998.

“The Law Practice of Abraham Lincoln-Complete Documentary Edition, Electronic Documentary Editions.” Presentation at National Council on Public History Annual Meeting, Albany, New York, 2 May 1997.

“Basement Barrister: Abraham Lincoln’s Practice Before the U.S. Supreme Court.” Paper presented at 16th Annual Illinois History Symposium, 2 December 1995.

“Lincoln the Lawyer.” Paper presented at Lincoln Group of Washington, D.C., 16 May 1995.

“The Search for Lincoln’s Legal Papers.” Paper presented at Midwest Archives Conference, Chicago, Illinois, 6 May 1995.

“‘In View of the Uncertainty of Life’: A Coles County Lynching.” Paper presented at 14th Annual Illinois History Symposium, 4 December 1993.

“Abraham Lincoln’s Law Practice in Macoupin County.” Paper presented at 13th Annual Illinois History Symposium, 12 December 1992.

Spoken to many historical and genealogical societies, bar associations, civic organizations, and school groups.

AWARDS

Award of Superior Achievement in Scholarly Publications for *Adjudicating Illinois: Justices of the Illinois Supreme Court*, Illinois State Historical Society, April 2019.

Award of Superior Achievement in Scholarly Publications for *Prairie Justice: A History of Illinois Courts under French, English, and American Law*, Illinois State Historical Society, April 2016.

The Insanity Retrial of Mary Todd Lincoln nominated for Regional Emmy Award, 2013.

Book of the Year Award, for *The Papers of Abraham Lincoln: Legal Documents and Cases*, Illinois State Historical Society, April 2009.

Annual Book Award, for *The Law Practice of Abraham Lincoln: Complete Documentary Edition*, Abraham Lincoln Institute of the Mid-Atlantic, March 2001.

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

Authentication of Abraham Lincoln handwriting

Consultant, Illinois Supreme Court Building Restoration, 2013-2014

Intern, 22nd Annual Institute for the Editing of Historical Documents sponsored by the National Historical Publications and Records Commission, 1994

Member, Abraham Lincoln Association

Member, American Association for State and Local History
Court and Legal History Executive Committee, 2013-2018

Member, Association for Documentary Editing
President, 2014-2015
Treasurer, 2004-2009

Finance Committee, 1999-2000, 2004-2009 (chair), 2010-2013
Local Arrangements Committee, 1998, 2009 (chair)
Nominating Committee, 2010 (chair), 2011, 2017
Program Committee, 2014 (chair)
Butterfield Award Committee, 2016
Membership Committee, 1997-1998

Member, Illinois State Historical Society
Advisory Board, 1997-1999