The 24th Annual Lincoln Forum Symposium
November 16-18, 2019

“THE LEADER. THE WAR. THE LEGACY:
LINCOLN AT 210”

Saturday, November 16
1:00 p.m. Registration begins in the foyer of the Wyndham Hotel
1:00 p.m. Bookstore and Exhibitors in the Exhibit Rooms of the Wyndham Hotel
4:00 p.m. First-Timers Reception — Salon F
5:00 p.m. Cash bar in Wyndham Presidential Ballroom Foyer
6:00 p.m. Dinner in the Wyndham Presidential Ballroom
7:15 p.m. Welcome to the Forum — Harold Holzer, Chairman
7:20 p.m. Presentation of Scholarship Winners — Thomas Horrocks and Ruth Squillace
7:30 p.m. George Buss — “Words of Condolence from Mr. Lincoln”
7:40 p.m. Gary W. Gallagher and Joan Waugh — “What Caused the Civil War?”

Sunday, November 17
6:30 a.m. Breakfast buffet in Wyndham Presidential Ballroom Foyer (until 8:30 a.m.)
8:30 a.m. Book display & exhibitor sales continue all day in the Exhibit Rooms
9:00 a.m. Moderator — Jonathan W. White, Vice Chairman
9:00 a.m. Peter S. Carmichael — “Union Soldiers, Lincoln, and the Politics of Pragmatism”
10:00 a.m. Elizabeth R. Varon — “Lincoln’s Armies of Deliverance”
11:00 a.m. Brian R. Dirck — “Lincoln’s Private Black Heavens: Pre-war Encounters with Death”
Noon Buffet lunch — Wyndham Presidential Ballroom Foyer
2:00 p.m. Moderator — Joseph Fornieri
2:00 p.m. Edna Greene Medford — “A Fair Chance in the Race of Life: Why Lincoln Still Matters”
3:00 p.m. Panel — “The Rise and Fall of Confederate Monuments: What’s Next?” — with Gary Gallagher, Edna Greene Medford, Elizabeth Varon, and Harold Holzer, Moderator
4:30 p.m. All-author book signing in the Wyndham Symposium Registration Foyer
5:30 p.m. Cash bar in the Wyndham Presidential Ballroom Foyer
6:30 p.m. Dinner in the Wyndham Presidential Ballroom
7:30 p.m. Presentation of the Wendy Allen Award for Institutional Excellence
7:45 p.m. Presentation of the first annual Lincoln Forum book award
8:00 p.m. Sidney Blumenthal — “A House Divided: How Lincoln Emerged out of the Whirlwind to Become President”

Monday, November 18
6:30 a.m. Breakfast buffet in the Wyndham Presidential Ballroom Foyer (until 8:30 a.m.)
7:30 a.m. Annual Board of Advisors breakfast meeting
8:00 a.m. Bookstores and exhibitors open
9:00 a.m. Harold Holzer — Annual State of the Forum report and election of officers
9:30 a.m. Moderator — Craig L. Symonds
9:30 a.m. Jonathan W. White — “There’s Something in It:’ Lincoln and the Monitor”
10:30 a.m. Anna Holloway — “More than a ‘Cheesebox:’ The Image of the U.S.S. Monitor”
1:00 p.m. Buffet lunch in the Wyndham Presidential Ballroom Foyer
2:00 p.m. Afternoon Breakout Sessions:
• Battlefield tour for First (and Second) Timers — Pickett’s Charge (first 40 applicants)
• Cooking with the Chief and the Chef — Frank J. Williams and Andrew Ernst (first 40 applicants)
• Craig L. Symonds and Anna Holloway: “Civil War Navy”
• Jonathan W. White and Brian R. Dirck: “Lincoln and the Constitution”
• Daniel R. Weinberg on Artifact Stories: “What’s New In Lincolniana”
• John F. Marszalek, Dana Shoaf, and Elizabeth Varon: “Is Civil War Military History Dead?”
• John Rutledge Short and John Clell Hamm, North Carolina Gallery of Fine Art, unveiling a long-lost bronze Lincoln mask by Robert Merrell Gage (1892-1981), plus a screening of the rare 1956 documentary short, The Face of Lincoln
5:00 p.m. Cash bar in the Wyndham Presidential Ballroom Foyer
6:00 p.m. Dinner in the Wyndham Presidential Ballroom
7:15 p.m. George Buss — The Gettysburg Address
7:30 p.m. Presentation of the Richard Nelson Current Award of Achievement by Harold Holzer
7:40 p.m. Michael Beschloss — “President Lincoln and Other Wartime Presidents”