The 23rd Annual Lincoln Forum Symposium
November 16 – 18, 2018

“LINCOLN AND THE CIVIL WAR IN FACT, FICTION, AND MEMORY”

Friday, November 16th
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 – Frank J. Williams, Co-Chairman
7:20 p.m. Presentation of Scholarship Winners – Thomas Horrocks, Ruth Squillace
7:30 p.m. Edward L. Ayers – “Gettysburg and the Web of War”

Saturday, November 17th
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 – Session 1 – Joseph R. Fornieri
9:00 a.m. Andrew Delbanco – “The War Before the War: Fugitive Slaves and the Struggle for the Soul of America”
10:00 a.m. Frank J. Williams – “With Charity for Some: Pardons and Clemency after the Civil War”
11:00 a.m. John F. Marszalek in conversation with Craig L. Symonds – “Lincoln in the Grant Memoirs”
Noon Buffet lunch – Wyndham Presidential Ballroom Foyer
2:00 p.m. Moderator – Session 2 – Edna Greene Medford
2:00 p.m. Harold Holzer – “The Making of the Lincoln Memorial”
3:00 p.m. Panel – “Women in the Civil War” – with Candice Shy Hooper, Kate Masur, Edna Greene Medford, and Catherine Clinton, Moderator
4:30 p.m. All-Author book signing in the Wyndham Forum 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 by Frank J. Williams
7:35 p.m. Words from Lincoln – George Buss –
7:40 p.m. George Saunders – “Lincoln in the Bardo”

Sunday, November 18th
6:30 a.m. Breakfast buffet – 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. **Frank J. Williams** and **Harold Holzer** – Annual State of the Forum report and election of officers
9:15 a.m. **Don McCue** – Announcement – Winner of 2018 Platt Family Essay Contest
9:30 a.m. **Moderator** – Session 3 – **Dennis J. Curran**
9:30 a.m. **Nicholas J. C. Pistor** – “Shooting Lincoln: Mathew Brady and Alexander Gardner”
10:30 a.m. **Kate Masur** – “They Knew Lincoln: Reconsidering a Lost Classic”
11:30 a.m. **Panel** – Frank J. Williams and Harold Holzer, Co-Chairs, “The Lincoln Forum at 23: Looking Back and Looking Forward”
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
- Cooking with the Chief and the Chef – **Frank J. Williams** and **Andrew Ernst**
- **Harold Holzer** and **Craig Symonds**
- **John Marszalek** and **Kate Masur**
- **Catherine Clinton** and **Joseph Fornieri**

5:00 p.m. Cash bar in the Wyndham Banquet Room
6:00 p.m. Dinner in the Wyndham Banquet Room
7:15 p.m. Words from Lincoln: Remembering Mr.Douglass – **George Buss**
7:30 p.m. **Presentation of the Richard Nelson Current Award of Achievement** by Harold Holzer
7:40 p.m. **David W. Blight** – “Lincoln and Frederick Douglass”