Emancipating Lincoln: The Proclamation in Text, Context, and Memory

Date: Thursday, March 21st, 2013, 12:30 pm
Place: Hillwood Commons Lecture Hall, LIU Post
Speaker: Harold Holzer

The Emancipation Proclamation is responsible both for Lincoln’s being hailed as the Great Emancipator and for his being pilloried by those who consider his once-radical effort at emancipation insufficient. Holzer examines the impact of Lincoln’s announcement at the moment of its creation, and then as its meaning has changed over time.

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About the Speaker...

HAROLD HOLZER is one of the country’s leading authorities on Abraham Lincoln and the political culture of the Civil War era. A prolific writer and lecturer, and frequent guest on television, Holzer serves as chairman of The Lincoln Bicentennial Foundation, successor organization to the U. S. Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission (ALBC), to which he was appointed by President Clinton in 2000, and co-chaired from 2001–2010. President Bush, in turn, awarded Holzer the National Humanities Medal in 2008. He is serving currently as a Hertog Fellow at The New York Historical Society. Harold Holzer has authored, co-authored, and edited 42 books. His latest is Emancipating Lincoln: The Emancipation Proclamation In Text, Context, and Memory (Harvard University Press), which Henry Louis Gates Jr. called an “essential guide to Lincoln’s Emancipation Proclamation.” His other recent books are: The New York Times Complete Civil War co-edited with Craig L. Symonds; Lincoln on War, a collection of the 16th President’s letters and speeches; an edited volume called Hearts Touched By Fire: The Best of Battles and Leaders of the Civil War; and an award-winning young readers’ volume on the Lincoln family entitled Father Abraham: Lincoln and His Sons.