

The Newsletter  
of the  
Abraham Lincoln  
Library and Museum  
of

# Lincoln Letters

Winter 2009

Lincoln Memorial University

Calendar of Events

2009

September 18  
Judy Cook in Concert

September 19  
Tenting Tonight: Songs  
of the Civil War  
Teacher's Workshop

October 9  
Secession in the Gap

October 9-11  
A War of Iron and Irony  
At Cumberland Gap  
National Historical Park

November 19  
Lincoln at Gettysburg

December 4  
Christmas  
with the Lincolns

2010  
March  
Women's History Month  
Program

April 15-17  
The Lincoln Symposium

April 16  
Now He Belongs to the  
Ages

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Museum's Gift Shop.

## MUSEUM HAPPENINGS...

Planning the year-long celebration of our namesake's birth has certainly taken precedence this past year. Many of the staff have been involved with events, exhibits, programs, films, and Bicentennial Committees, across the Eastern part of the United States. Abraham Lincoln Library and Museum artifacts are on loan to various sites and are part of wonderful exhibits celebrating the life of our Sixteenth President. Some items on loan can be seen in the Kentucky Historical Society's Beyond the Long Cabin exhibit (available in various locations), in the new Kentucky Education Television film on Lincoln's life in Kentucky, exhibits at the Library of Congress, etc.

The opening of a new exhibit in October — "Abraham Lincoln and the Presidents" — will kick off our Homecoming Celebration here at LMU. The exhibit features items from our collection and was designed by Curator, Steven Wilson.

The Museum continues its efforts to work with other area and regional sites through collaborative events or special projects. In October, the Abraham Lincoln Library and Museum will join with the Cumberland Gap National Historical Park to present a living history weekend — "A War of Iron and Irony."

Ms. Kitty Wilson Evans returns in the role of a Civil War era slave. David Chaltas joins the event in the role of Civil War General Robert E. Lee. The Museum will feature "Secession at the Gap" as a part of the Park's weekend event.



In November, Dennis Boggs returns as President Abraham Lincoln as we commemorate the 146th Anniversary of Lincoln's famous Gettysburg Address. The November program will address the roads to Gettysburg and the aftermath of battle. Many historians consider Gettysburg the "high tide of the Confederacy" and a "turning point" of the Civil War. This famous battle left literally thousands of soldiers dead and many seriously injured. In late fall, a ceremony was planned to dedicate a permanent burial site for soldiers fallen in that great battle: President Lincoln's "few appropriate remarks," a mere 272 words, come down to us today as one of Lincoln's most famous speeches. Plans are underway to incorporate a concert of Civil War era music by the LMU concert band. As we approach the holiday season, we celebrate with the Christmas with the Lincolns program.

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## Museum Happenings...

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The Christmas With the Lincolns program will feature young Zachariah Wiles as Tad Lincoln along with a wonderful group of musically talented individuals. The well-known Butterworth's Brigade Band will be the featured group for the concert following the evening program. Join us for the Museum's celebration of a Civil War era Christmas!

The Museum always tries to provide opportunities for area/regional schools to attend programs and other interesting events. Most programming includes an early morning time-slot. We recognize also that many area residents are unable to drive at night. The early morning programs are also available for adults!

In early spring, the Museum will present its fourth Lincoln Symposium over a three-day period in April, 2010 — the 15th-17th. Special presenters will include Judge Tommy Turner and Judge Frank Williams, both members of the national ALBC; Dr. Victoria Ott, Dr. William Harris, Kim Bauer, and Jason Emerson. Plans currently include publication of the Symposium presentations. On Friday morning, the Symposium will incorporate April's "Now He Belongs to the Ages" program with a keynote address by Judge Turner. "Now He Belongs to the Ages" commemorates the tragic death of Abraham Lincoln at the hands of assassin, John Wilkes Booth.

Coming soon: Teacher Resources. To view photos of previous Museum programs, please [click here](#)

## News from the Archives

By *Michelle Ganz*

Greetings from the Mars Vault! I am proud to announce that the Pamphlet Collection has been cataloged and will be made available for searching from the Museum and Library Web Pages.

The Pamphlet Collection contains approximately 4000 pamphlets. They cover topics relating to the debate on slavery prior to the Civil War, The Lincoln Family, and Lincoln in Memory as well as a wide range of topics dealing with the Civil War.

Some highlights of the Collection include a pamphlet from the 1600's discussing the issues of Slavery and the peoples of Africa, the speeches of Charles Sumpter against the expansion of slavery into the US Territories, Lincoln Day speeches, and Memorial Addresses delivered on the Death of the 16<sup>th</sup> President, Abraham Lincoln.

Many of the pamphlets in the collection are rare or wholly unique. Because of the scarcity of most of the materials the Pamphlet Collection is a repository of research materials previously thought lost. The Collection is open to researchers of all ages; for serious research or personal edification.

For additional information or to schedule a research opportunity, Michelle can be reached at:

[michelle.ganz@lmunet.edu](mailto:michelle.ganz@lmunet.edu) or by phone at 423-869-6304. To view the Museum's Research Collection, [click here](#)

## *From the Director. . . .*

The Abraham Lincoln Library and Museum (ALLM) has enjoyed a very busy season with the Lincoln Bicentennial. New exhibits and programs have filled the staff's calendars during these weeks. Anticipated collaborations with other departments on campus raise expectations of an active future. All staff members have been speaking at other universities, museums, and libraries on topics regarding Lincoln and the Civil War. Loans and travel exhibits sent around the country introduced the Abraham Lincoln Library and Museum to tens of thousands of potential new visitors. However, what has really excited me is that because of our bicentennial activity, the potential growth in teaching and research opportunities here at the Museum has expanded exponentially.

The celebratory activity across the United States has given our Museum a chance to share our collections and expertise with larger national museums and libraries. This new exposure allows the ALLM to collaborate with researchers throughout the country. Four Ph. D. dissertations and several book length monographs will come from these partnerships. Other LMU faculty members are currently using the collection for interdisciplinary research projects. Lincoln Memorial University is growing as a research institution, and the Museum is in the thick of this new activity.

The ALLM has reorganized several portions of the collections for easier access. Civil War era- and Lincoln related-music offer a great opportunity for performance and recording activities. The huge collection of pamphlets on the abolitionist movement and other political issues of Lincoln's day is completely re-catalogued. Both of these collections offer excellent opportunity not only for research but also as teaching tools for our undergraduate and graduate students.

Undergraduate students are showing more interest in the Museum as a place to explore career options. Professors in history, music, and language arts have brought their classes to the galleries and vaults to study original documents. This past year, art students from J. Frank White Academy and LMU explored the

art collections at the museum and attempted their own interpretations of Lincoln. These student art pieces exhibited at the Museum were part of our on-campus celebrations during Lincoln's birthday in February and March. Interest in this project, nicknamed "Students Do Lincolniana" continues and we expect to repeat this art show in 2010. The new required Lincoln classes tour the museum throughout the school year. The ALLM has reached a point where nearly all new students tour the ALLM at least once in their first year at LMU.

Students from the Ed.D program will explore educational leadership through the example of Abraham Lincoln. Many of these doctoral students will use elements of this collection to review Lincoln as a leader. Future partnerships with other schools at LMU and other institutions provide unlimited horizons. Faculty, students, staff, and administrators attend a growing number of special events at the Museum including dramas, lectures, and concerts. Upcoming campus wide activities are on the increase and a greater number of guests in the tri-state region attend these events. A growing number of families are making their first contact with Lincoln Memorial University through this Museum. The Abraham Lincoln Library and Museum has become not only an important Presidential Museum but also a center for interdisciplinary study and a public face for life-long learning in the liberal arts.

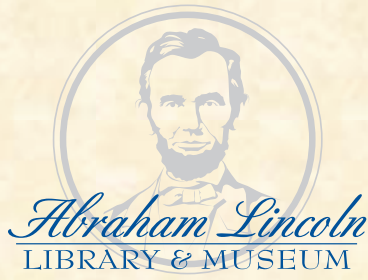
*Thomas Mackie*

### **New Staff Member:**

**Jonathan Smallwood** has joined the museum staff as the Visitor Services Clerk. Jon is completing his Masters in Museum Studies at the University of Oklahoma and was a former student intern. Jon and our Administrative Assistant, Barb Garman, are working to improve visitor services. Our goal is to make sure we are doing our best to meet the needs of all visitors and creating an environment that encourages their future involvement. Jonathan will be designing a survey to help us evaluate our visitors and improve our efforts. **Welcome back, Jon!**

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