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Profiles in Leadership Abraham Lincoln: Leadership and Legacy for a New Generation

Savannah, GA – August 8, 2008. The Georgia Historical Society (GHS) invites you to join us in a unique opportunity to interact with two of America's leading scholars in a discussion of one of our nation's most intriguing leaders. As part of the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial, Lincoln Prize winners David Blight and Harold Holzer will participate in a roundtable discussion, "Abraham Lincoln: Leadership and Legacy for a New Generation," that will explore the life, times, and leadership of the man who guided the nation through one of the most tumultuous periods in American history. This free event takes place Friday, October 10, 2008 at 8:00 p.m. in Studio C at Georgia Public Broadcasting, 260 14th Street NW, Atlanta, and will be moderated by Stan Deaton, GHS's Senior Historian. Blight and Holzer's recent books, including Holzer's upcoming release *Lincoln, President Elect: Abraham Lincoln and the Great Secession Winter, 1860-1861*, will be available for purchase. A book signing will follow the main program. Reservations are required; please RSVP to 912.651.2125 ext.10 or [kboyd\(at\)georgiahistory.com](mailto:kboyd(at)georgiahistory.com).

David W. Blight is Class of 1954 Professor of American History at Yale University and Director of the Gilder Lehrman Center for the Study of Slavery, Resistance, and Abolition at Yale.

His most recent book, *Slave No More: Two Men Who Escaped to Freedom, Including Their Own Narratives of Emancipation*, explores two recently discovered slave narratives and reveals the lives of their authors and provides insight into the history of emancipation. Blight is also the author of *Race and Reunion: The Civil War in American Memory*, which received eight book awards, including the Bancroft Prize, the Abraham Lincoln Prize, and the Frederick Douglass Prize. Blight is a frequent book reviewer for the *Washington Post Book World*, the *Chicago Tribune*, the *Los Angeles Times*, the *Boston Globe* and other newspapers, and has written many articles on abolitionism, American historical memory, and African American intellectual and cultural history. Blight has also been a consultant to several documentary films, including the PBS series, "Africans in America," and "The Reconstruction Era."

Full biography available at <http://www.davidwblight.com>.

Harold Holzer serves as Senior Vice President for External Affairs at The Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York. Holzer also serves as the co-chairman of the United States Lincoln

Bicentennial Commission, helping plan programs and celebrations across the nation to mark Lincoln's 200th birthday in 2009.

Holzer is a frequent guest on television news programs and documentaries and has authored, co-authored, and edited over 30 books on Lincoln and the Civil War era, including *Lincoln at Cooper Union: The Speech That Made Abraham Lincoln President* for which he won a Lincoln Prize in 2005. Additionally, Holzer has written more than 400 articles for both popular magazines and scholarly journals, including *Life Magazine*, *American Heritage* (where he serves as a Contributing Editor), *Civil War Times*, *American History Illustrated*, *The New York Times*, and the *Los Angeles Times*.

Full biography available at http://www.haroldholzer.com/hh_2_bio.html.

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