

Tonight's lecture explores Lincoln's thinking about America, arguing that people ought to become Americans by cultivating a habit of freedom of thought, and showing how and why words are important to the Republic. It attempts to interpret the things for which Lincoln stood, and to explain why they merit knowing, remembering, and retelling.

UPCOMING POLARIS LECTURES, SPRING 2008

TEACHING AMERICAN HISTORY SERIES

Tocqueville on Aristocracy and Democracy, Greatness and Justice
Peter A. Lawler, Dana Professor of Government and International Studies,
Berry College

Thursday, February 28, 7:30 p.m., Consortium Library (LIB), Room 307

3RD ANNUAL SHAKESPEARE LECTURE

"Then Sing Him Home": Shakespeare the Contemplative
David M. Whalen, Professor of English, Hillsdale College

Thursday, March 6, 7:30 p.m., Consortium Library (LIB), Room 307

3RD ANNUAL FACULTY LECTURE

Teachers, Students, Leaders: Why You Should Take Alaska History Seriously
Stephen W. Haycox, Professor of History, University of Alaska Anchorage

Monday, March 31, 7:30 p.m., Consortium Library (LIB), Room 307

TEACHING AMERICAN HISTORY: ENDORSED BY THE ABRAHAM LINCOLN BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION

Abraham Lincoln and History: A Personal Journey
Craig L. Symonds, Professor Emeritus of History, United States Naval
Academy

Thursday, April 3, 7:30 p.m., Consortium Library (LIB), Room 307

POLARIS CONCERT

Turkish Mystic Sufi Music, Poetry, and Images
Latif Bolat, singer, composer, and scholar of Turkish music and folklore

Saturday, April 19, 7:30 p.m., Fine Arts Building (ARTS), Room 150

TEACHING AMERICAN HISTORY

"I Knewed He Was White Inside": Huck Finn on Equality
David Foster, Associate Professor of Political Science, Ashland University

Thursday, April 24, 7:30 p.m., Consortium Library (LIB), Room 307

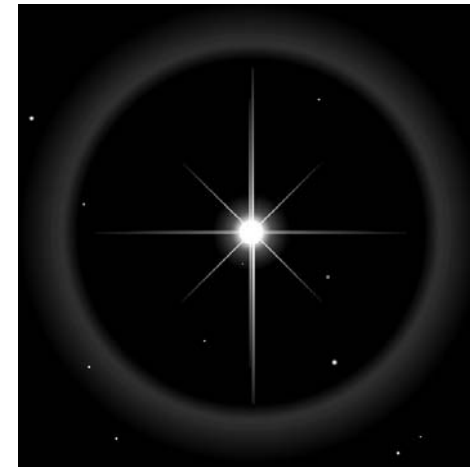
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2007-2008 Polaris Lecture Series



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Cultivating a
"Habit of Freedom
of Thought":
Abraham Lincoln
and the Words of
the Republic

*"A university should be a
place of light, of liberty, and
of learning."*

—*Benjamin Disraeli, 1873*

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Program

WELCOME	Kyra Sherwood '09
POLARIS LECTURES	Stephen W. Haycox
INTRODUCTION	James W. Muller
CULTIVATING A "HABIT OF FREEDOM OF THOUGHT": ABRAHAM LINCOLN AND THE WORDS OF THE REPUBLIC	Peter W. Schramm
VOTE OF THANKS	Kyra Sherwood '09

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