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Illinois Wesleyan University

# FOUNDERS' DAY CONVOCATION



Westbrook Auditorium  
Presser Hall  
February 18, 2009  
11:00 A.M.

# PROGRAM

President Richard F. Wilson, *Presiding*

Professor Robert C. Bray, R. Forrest Colwell Chair of English, *Mace Bearer*

Processional	String Quartet
Allegro Con Spirito from the C Major String Quartet. K. 157	<i>Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart</i> (1756-1791)
Invocation ( <i>please stand</i> )	Hope Luckie <i>University Chaplain</i>
Founders' Day Remarks	Richard F. Wilson <i>President</i>
Special Music	
Quartet #8, II mov. — Allegro Molto	<i>Dmitri Shostakovich</i> (1906-1975)
	Sarah Struebing '11, <i>violin</i> Jordan Pettis '11, <i>violin</i> Houston Small '11, <i>viola</i> Mike Grittani '11, <i>cello</i>
Introduction of Speaker	Beth Cunningham <i>Provost and Dean of the Faculty</i>
Remarks	
“Abraham Lincoln: Slavery and the Civil War”	James O. Horton
Alma Wesleyana	Timothy Koch '84 <i>Visiting Assistant Professor</i>
	NATIONAL HYMN
( <i>please stand and join Michael Schneider '10 in singing</i> )	<i>George William Warren</i> (1828-1902)
From hearts aflame, our love we pledge to thee, Where'er we wander, over land or sea; Through time unending, loyal we will be— True to our Alma Mater, Wesleyan. When college days are fully past and gone, While life endures, from twilight gleam til dawn, Grandly thy soul shall with us linger on— Star-crowned, our Alma Mater, Wesleyan.	
	— <i>Professor W. E. Schultz (1935)</i>
Benediction ( <i>remain standing</i> )	Chaplain Luckie
Recessional ( <i>remain standing</i> )	String Quartet
Presto from the E flat Major String Quartet. K. 160	<i>Mozart</i>

## James O. Horton

**Author, Historian Emeritus of the  
National Museum of History,  
The Benjamin Banneker Professor Emeritus of American  
Studies and History at George Washington University**



Whether consulting with the White House, advising museums across the nation, writing a Pulitzer Prize-nominated book or being asked to comment on programs for The History Channel, Dr. James Horton has spent his career bringing the world of history directly to people.

An historian emeritus of the National Museum of American History at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C., Dr. Horton has served as advisor to museums in the United States and abroad, including the Underground Railroad Freedom Center in Cincinnati, Ohio; the National Civil Rights Museum in Memphis, Tenn.; Colonial Williamsburg; and Thomas Jefferson's home of Monticello.

Professor Horton earned a bachelor's degree in 1964 from the State University of New York at Buffalo, a master's degree from the University of Hawaii and a doctorate from Brandeis University (Massachusetts) in 1973. He was the Senior Fulbright Professor of American Studies at the University of Munich, Germany, from 1988 to 1989, and has lectured throughout Europe, in Thailand and Japan. In 1991, he assisted the German government in developing American Studies programs in the former East Germany. Two years later, U.S. Secretary of the Interior Bruce Babbitt appointed Dr. Horton to the National Park System Advisory Board, and in 1996 he was elected board chair. His work for the board included serving as senior advisor on historical interpretation and public education for the director of the National Park Service.

Continuing his dedication toward preservation, Dr. Horton served on the White House Millennium Council from 1998 to 2000, acting as an historical expert for First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton. He traveled with the First Lady's "Save American Treasures" bus tour of historic places in the summer of 1998 and accompanied her on a tour of historic sites in Boston in the winter of 1998. In the fall of 2000, he was one of two historians appointed by President William Clinton to serve on the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission.

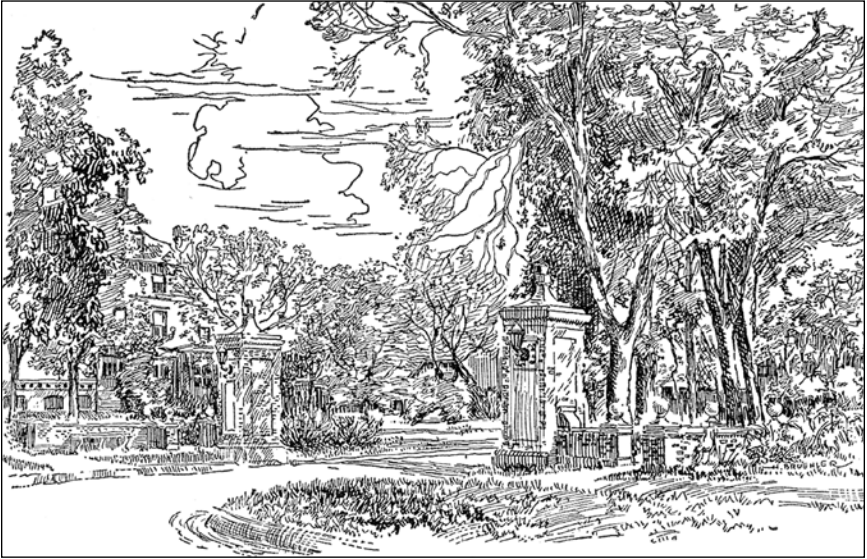
In 2003, Professor Horton held the John Adams Distinguished Fulbright Chair in American History at the University of Leiden in The Netherlands. The following year, he served as president of the Organization of American Historians. He was the director of the Afro-American Communities Project of the National Museum of America and is currently the visiting professor of American Studies at the University of Hawaii.

An advocate of public history, he has been historical consultant to numerous film and video productions including those seen on ABC, PBS, the Discovery Channel, C-Span TV and The History Channel. He was a consultant to PBS and appeared in several PBS series, including, "Africans in America," "New England and the Civil War" and *The American Experience Series* "John Brown's Holy War." Dr. Horton also appears regularly on The History Channel and was the subject of an episode in the series, "Great Minds in American History," hosted by Roger Mudd.

An avid writer, Dr. Horton has published ten books, including the 1997 Pulitzer Prize-nominated *In Hope of Liberty: Culture, Protest, and Community Among Northern Free Blacks, 1700-1860*, which he wrote with Lois E. Horton. The couple penned seven other books together, including *Hard Road to Freedom: The Story of African America*, 2001 and *Slavery and the Making of America*, 2006.

Dr. Horton has been recognized for excellence in scholarship and teaching, receiving the Trachtenberg Distinguished Teaching Award from George Washington University in 1994. He also received the Carnegie Foundation, CASE Professor of the Year Award for the District of Columbia in 1996. He is a 2006 Fellow of The American Academy of Arts and Sciences and was honored with the 2002 Distinguished Alumni Award from the State University of New York at Buffalo.

## Founders Gates Inscription



*From a 1931 booklet of pen sketches of Illinois Wesleyan University*

*WE STAND IN A POSITION OF INCALCULABLE RESPONSIBILITY TO THE GREAT WAVE OF POPULATION OVERSPREADING THE VALLEY OF THE MISSISSIPPI. DESTINY SEEMS TO POINT OUT THIS VALLEY AS THE DEPOSITORY OF THE GREAT HEART OF THE NATION. FROM THIS CENTER, MIGHTY PULSATIONS, FOR GOOD OR EVIL, MUST IN THE FUTURE FLOW, WHICH SHALL NOT ONLY AFFECT THE FORTUNE OF THE REPUBLIC, BUT REACH IN THEIR INFLUENCE OTHER AND DISTANT NATIONS OF THE EARTH.*

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