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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – Author Michael Burlingame will visit the Illinois Wesleyan University campus to discuss his two-volume set, *Abraham Lincoln: A Life*, on Tuesday, May 26 at 7 p.m. in the Hansen Student Center (300 E. Beecher St., Bloomington). He will also participate in a symposium on Lincoln at 3 p.m. the same day in the Hansen Student Center. Both of the events are free and open to the public.

Burlingame will talk about the process of researching and writing his highly acclaimed biography of Abraham Lincoln. He taught at Connecticut College in New London, Conn., until his retirement in 2001, and is currently the May Buckley Sadowski Professor of History Emeritus. He is an author of numerous books and articles about Lincoln, and was inducted into the Lincoln Academy of Illinois in 2009.

Burlingame's appearance is sponsored by Illinois Wesleyan University, The David Davis Mansion Foundation, and the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission of McLean County. One member of this commission, which is coordinating Burlingame's appearance in Bloomington, is Illinois Wesleyan's R. Forrest Colwell Professor of English Robert C. Bray, a published Lincoln scholar currently working on a book of his own. Bray also co-authored the play *Lincoln's In Town*, which was sponsored by the Bicentennial Commission as part of its goal of celebrating the 200th anniversary of Lincoln's birth.

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