

## Michael Burlingame

**Michael Burlingame** holds the Chancellor Naomi B. Lynn Distinguished Chair in Lincoln Studies at the University of Illinois Springfield. He joined the faculty of the History Department at UIS in 2009 where he teaches a course on Abraham Lincoln and a course on the Civil War.

Dr. Burlingame is a preeminent scholar in Lincoln Studies. His first book, *The Inner World of Abraham Lincoln* (University of Illinois Press, 1994) has been described as “the most convincing portrait of Lincoln’s personality to date.” His second book, *An Oral History of Abraham Lincoln* (Southern Illinois University Press, 1996) was awarded the prestigious Abraham Lincoln Association Book Prize.

His comprehensive, two-volume biography, *Abraham Lincoln: A Life* (Johns Hopkins University Press, 2008), won the 2010 Lincoln Prize awarded by Gettysburg College and the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, as well as the 2009 Russell P. Strange book award from the Illinois State Historical Society for the best book on Illinois history. It was listed as one of the five best books of the year 2009 by *The Atlantic Monthly*. In addition, he has edited and published a dozen volumes of primary source materials on Abraham Lincoln and his era. His new book, *Lincoln and the Civil War* (Southern Illinois University Press, 2011), has just been published. He is currently editing another book of Lincoln primary source material: *Lincoln as President-in-Waiting: The Springfield Dispatches of Henry Villard, November 1860-February 1861*.

Dr. Burlingame taught History at Connecticut College from 1968 to 2001 when he retired as the Buckley Sadowski Professor of History Emeritus. He took retirement at that time in order to complete *Abraham Lincoln: A Life* for the Lincoln Bicentennial in 2009. While at Connecticut College, Dr. Burlingame taught courses on Abraham Lincoln, the Civil War era, 19<sup>th</sup> century American history, as well as courses in other areas of interest, including opera. He studied under eminent Lincoln historian David Herbert Donald both at Princeton University and Johns Hopkins University where he received his Ph.D. (1971).

Dr. Burlingame was inducted into the Lincoln Academy of Illinois in 2009. He serves on the Board of Directors of the Abraham Lincoln Association and the Lincoln Studies Center at Knox College, and is president of the Abraham Lincoln Institute in Washington, D.C.