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Silvana R. Siddali received her Ph.D. in History from Harvard University in 1999, where she studied with the late William E. Gienapp. She taught at Illinois State University from 1999 through 2003, and is now Associate Professor of History at Saint Louis University in St. Louis, Missouri. She teaches courses in the Civil War and Reconstruction, Constitutional History, and the history of the Old Northwest. Dr. Siddali has been the recipient of numerous grants and fellowships, including a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities and from the Gilder-Lehrman Foundation. She was invited to present her work at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum opening celebration in 2005.

Her first book, *From Property to Person: Slavery and the Confiscation Acts, 1861-1862* was published by Louisiana State University Press in 2005. Her second book, *Missouri's War: The Civil War in Documents*, will appear in October 2008 from Ohio University Press. She is currently working on a book on democracy and self-government in the states and territories carved from the Old Northwest in the decades before the Civil War.