

## 2011 Lincoln Legacy Lecture Series

### ***War and Remembrance in Lincoln's Second Inaugural Address***

"At Abraham Lincoln's second inauguration as President, he faced the problem of a defeated but determined South. Rejecting the South's defense of slavery and the North's assumption that they bore no responsibility for the peculiar institution, Lincoln used his Second Inaugural Address to propose a common public memory of both the war and American slavery as the basis for restoring national unity. Lincoln counseled 'malice toward none, with charity for all' in hopes that the chastened nation, both North and South, might 'achieve and cherish a just and a lasting peace.' No president's speeches were better aimed at enlisting the participation of the citizenry." – Lucas Morel



### ***Lincoln as the Indispensable Man: The Central Role of His Leadership in Determining the Outcome of the Civil War***

The North's advantages in population and economic resources were insufficient to assure its victory in the Civil War. The critical variable which made that victory possible was Lincoln's leadership. His psychological maturity, along with his eloquence and masterful political skills, enabled him to keep the North united. Lincoln's ability to deal with difficult people, to manage stress, to persuade others, and to refuse to take things personally contributed to his success as president. These qualities can not only assist national leaders but also citizens in their daily lives." – Michael Burlingame

