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Education

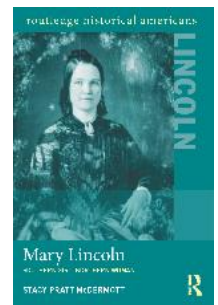
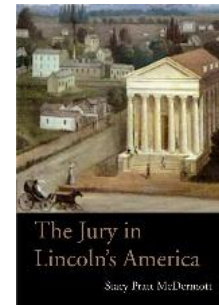
Ph.D., History, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, 2007
M.A., Public History/Museum Studies, University of Illinois Springfield, 1993
B.A., History, University of Illinois Springfield, 1991
A.S., Journalism, Olney (Illinois) Central College, 1986

Work Experience

Consulting Historian, Center for State Policy and Leadership, University of Illinois Springfield (2016-present)
Assistant Editor (part-time, remote), [Jane Addams Papers](#), Ramapo College (2016-present)
Docent (guided tour guide), Campbell House Museum, St. Louis (2013-present)
Assistant Director/Associate Editor, Papers of Abraham Lincoln, Springfield, Illinois (2009-2016)
Assistant Editor, Lincoln Legal Papers/Papers of Abraham Lincoln (1999-2009)
Research Associate, Lincoln Legal Papers, Springfield, Illinois (1996-1999)
Education Assistant, Springfield (IL) Children's Museum (1996)
Marketing Coordinator, Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education, Springfield (1995)
Research Assistant, Lincoln Legal Papers (1993-1994)
Graduate Assistant, History Department, University of Illinois Springfield (1991-1993)
Freelance Writer, various newspapers in central Illinois (1987-1991)
Staff Writer, *Olney (IL) Daily Mail* (1986)

Books

Mary Lincoln: Southern Girl, Northern Woman (New York: Routledge, 2015)
The Jury in Lincoln's America (Athens: Ohio University Press, 2012)
The Papers of Abraham Lincoln: Legal Documents and Cases, 4 vols.
(Charlottesville: University of Virginia Press, 2008). (Assistant Editor)



Books Projects

Lincoln's Ladies (research and writing underway)
An American Family: The Kinzies of Chicago and the Emergence of Modern America (research underway; grant-funded research trip to use Southern Historical Collection at UNC completed).
Being Mack's Momma Bear: A Memoir of Love, Grief, Survival, and the Celebration of a Beautiful Life (writing underway)

Selected Presentations/Documentaries

Presentation: "Mary Lincoln on Mary Lincoln: Hearing the Voice of Mary Lincoln and Contextualizing Her Life and Legacy," Abraham Lincoln Institute's 19th annual symposium, Ford's Theatre (March 2016), <http://www.c-span.org/video/?406672-105/discussion-life-legacy-mary-lincoln>.
Presentations: Book Talks for *Mary Lincoln: Southern Girl, Northern Woman*, Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum, Springfield, Illinois (January 2015); Eastern Illinois University, Charleston (March 2015); Museum of the Grand Prairie, Mahomet, Illinois (November 2015).
Scholarly Paper: "The Lincoln Boys' Civil War," Association for Documentary Editing annual meeting, Lincoln, Nebraska (June 2015).
Presentation: Book Talk for *The Jury in Lincoln's America*, Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum, Springfield, Illinois (September 2012).

Commentator in “*Now He Belongs to the Ages*”: *Lincoln Tomb*, Lincoln Monument Association (Autumn Leaf Productions, 2015).

Commentator in *Lincoln: Prelude to the Presidency*, (WILL Public Media, 2008),
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=baR_mbiGu-Q (trailer).

Social Media

Being Mack’s Momma Bear, blog (2014-present), <http://macksmommbear.com>.

History for the Present, blog (2016-present), <https://stacyprattmcdermott.com/>.

Twitter @StacyPhD (2010-present), daily On-This-Day (#OTD) Abraham Lincoln tweets and other historical tidbits.

Selected Essays

“Jane Addams and the News Babies of Chicago,” blog post, Jane Addams Papers Project (April 2017),
<http://janeaddams.ramapo.edu/2017/04/jane-addams-and-the-news-babies-of-chicago/>.

“Lincoln Lore: The First Couple Shared a Love of Politics,” *Illinois Issues* (April 2015): 25-27.

“Stacy Pratt McDermott on Mary Lincoln,” guest blog, Routledge (January 23, 2015),
<https://www.routledge.com/posts/506>.

“Base Balls and Ballots: The National Pastime and Illinois Politics during Abraham Lincoln’s Time,” (2013),
The National Pastime Museum online, <http://www.thenationalpastimemuseum.com/article/base-balls-and-ballots-national-pastime-and-illinois-politics-during-abraham-lincolns-time>.

“Baseball and Ballots,” *Illinois Issues* (February 2012): 27-29,
<http://illinoisissues.uis.edu/archives/2012/02/baseballandballots.html>.

“Who Freed the Slaves?” *American History*, ABC-CLIO, 2011.

“‘Black Bill’ and the Privileges of Whiteness in Antebellum Illinois,” *Journal of Illinois History* (Spring 2009):
2-26.

“Lincoln and Race,” *Illinois Issues* (February 2004): 2-5,
<http://illinoisissues.uis.edu/features/2004Feb/lincoln.html>.

“Houses Divided: Abraham Lincoln, Divorce Lawyer,” *Illinois Times* (February 13-19, 2003): 12-13.

“Love and Justice: Marital Dissolution in Antebellum Illinois,” *Illinois Heritage* (January-February 2003): 6-16.

“Dissolving the Bonds of Matrimony: Women and Divorce in Sangamon County, Illinois, 1837-1861,” in
Daniel W. Stowell, ed., *In Tender Consideration: Women, Families, and the Law in Abraham Lincoln’s
Illinois* (Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 2002), 71-103.

“The Law in an Illinois Corner: The Impact of the Law on an Antebellum Family,” in Daniel W. Stowell, ed., *In
Tender Consideration: Women, Families, and the Law in Abraham Lincoln’s Illinois* (Urbana:
University of Illinois Press, 2002), 161-81.

“Women, Business, and the Law: The Story of Henrietta Ulrich,” in Timothy P. Townsend, ed., *Papers from the
Thirteenth and Fourteenth Annual Lincoln Colloquia* [Springfield, IL: Lincoln Home National Historic
Site, 2002], 106-11.

“‘An Outrageous Proceeding’: An Analysis of a Northern Lynching and the Enforcement of Anti-Lynching
Legislation in Illinois,” *Journal of Negro History* 84 (Winter 1999): 61-78.

“Abraham Lincoln, Divorce Attorney at Law,” *Illinois Issues* (February 1999): 32-33.

“The Search for Lincoln’s Legal Papers: A Mutual Accomplishment of Archivist and Historians,” *The Record* 4
(May 1998): 28-29.

Reviews

Review of Jared Peatman, *The Long Shadow of Lincoln’s Gettysburg Address* in *Annals of Iowa* 74 (Spring
2015): 194-96.

“Lincoln in Brief: A Review Essay,” *Annals of Iowa* 74 (Winter 2015): 71-76.

Review of Frank J. Williams and Michael Burkheimer, eds., *The Mary Lincoln Enigma: Historians on America’s
Most Controversial First Lady* in the *Journal of the Abraham Lincoln Association* 36 (Winter 2015): 70-
73.

- Review of *Lincoln's Hundred Days: The Emancipation Proclamation and the War for the Union* by Louis P. Masur, in *Journal of American History*, 100 (September 2013): 532.
- Review of *Visits with Lincoln: Abolitionists Meet the President in the White House* by Barbara A. White, in *Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society*, 105 (Winter 2012): 390-92.
- Review of *Abraham Lincoln and White America* by Brian R. Dirck, in *Journal of Illinois History*, 15 (Summer 2012): 130-31.
- Review of *Emancipation's Diaspora: Race and Reconstruction in the Upper Midwest* by Leslie A. Schwalm, in *Journal of Southern History*, 76 (August 2010): 743-44.
- Review of *Lincoln Emancipated: The President and the Politics of Race*, edited by Brian R. Dirck, in *Annals of Iowa*, 66 (Summer/Fall 2007): 324-25.
- "The Power of Historical Circumstances," a review of *Lincoln* by Richard J. Carwardine, on H-CivWar, H-Net (December 2003), <https://networks.h-net.org/node/4113/reviews/4609/mcdermott-carwardine-lincoln>.
- Review of *Personal Memoirs of John H. Brinton: Civil War Surgeon, 1861- 1865* and *Army Life of an Illinois Soldier* by Charles W. Wills, in *Illinois Times*, 19 December 1996.
- Review of *Cultures in Conflict* by John E. Hallwas and Roger D. Launius, *Illinois Times*, 21 December 1995.

Electronic Media

- The Lincoln Editor*, quarterly newsletter of the Papers of Abraham Lincoln, 2001-2015, <http://www.papersofabrahamlincoln.org/newsletters/lincoln-editor>.
- The Law Practice of Abraham Lincoln*, Second Edition (online) (Illinois Historic Preservation Agency, 2009), www.lawpracticeofabrahamlincoln.org.
- The Law Practice of Abraham Lincoln: Complete Documentary Edition*, ed. Martha L. Benner and Cullom Davis et al. Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 2000. (Assistant Editor).

Professional Development

- Fundraising Workshop, Donors Forum (now Forefront), Chicago, Illinois (2013).
- Fundraising Workshop, Association for Documentary Editing annual meeting, Charlottesville, Virginia (2012).
- Digitization for Cultural Heritage Professionals, Rice University, Houston, Texas (2001).
- Institute for the Editing of Historical Documents, NHPRC, University of Wisconsin, Madison (1997).

Awards

- Superior Achievement Award, *The Jury in Lincoln's America*, Illinois State Historical Society, April 2013.
- Book of the Year Award, *The Papers of Abraham Lincoln: Legal Documents and Cases*, Illinois State Historical Society (Assistant Editor), April 2009.
- Award of Superior Achievement, for *Lincoln Editor: The Quarterly Newsletter of the Papers of Abraham Lincoln*, Illinois State Historical Society (Editor), April 2009.
- Joseph Ward Swain Publication Prize, Best Article by a Graduate Student, History Department, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, May 2003.
- Annual Book Award for *The Law Practice of Abraham Lincoln: Complete Documentary Edition*, Abraham Lincoln Institute of the Mid-Atlantic (Assistant Editor), March 2001.
- Finalist, The eLincoln Prize at Gettysburg College, February 2001 (Assistant Editor).

References

- Dr. Vernon Burton, Professor of History/Director of Clemson CyberInstitute, Clemson University, Clemson, SC; 217-649-0608; vburton@clemson.edu
- Dr. Daniel W. Stowell, former Director/Editor, Papers of Abraham Lincoln, 217-414-1210, danielstowell0325@gmail.com
- John Lupton, Director, Illinois Supreme Court Historic Preservation Commission, 217-670-0890, john.lupton@illinoiscourthistory.org
- Dr. David Racine, Executive Director, Center for State Policy and Leadership, 217-206-8417, draci2@uis.edu