



**ALLEN GUELZO BECOMES FIRST TWO-TIME WINNER
OF THE LINCOLN PRIZE
FOR *LINCOLN'S EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION*
Harold Holzer wins 2nd place for *Lincoln at Cooper Union***

(Gettysburg, PA, February 12, 2005)—Historian Allen C. Guelzo today became the first repeat winner of the Lincoln Prize in the 15-year history of the nation's most generous and prestigious award in the field of American history. Guelzo was named the 2004 Lincoln Prize Laureate for his book, *Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation: The End of Slavery in America*. Guelzo, a professor of history at Gettysburg College, was awarded first place, \$35,000, and the Augustus Saint-Gaudens bust of Lincoln.

Harold Holzer of The Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York was awarded second place, with \$15,000, for *Lincoln at Cooper Union: The Speech That Made Abraham Lincoln President*. Both books were published by Simon & Schuster.

Announcement of the Lincoln Prize winners for the year's best works on Abraham Lincoln and the Civil War was made today by the Lincoln and Soldiers' Institute at Gettysburg College, which administers the awards. The \$50,000 Lincoln Prize was co-founded and endowed by business leaders and philanthropists Richard Gilder and Lewis Lehrman, the principals of the Gilder Lehrman Institute for American History in New York. The Institute devotes itself to education by supporting magnet schools, teacher education, curriculum development, exhibitions, and publications. Mr. Gilder and Mr. Lehrman established the prize in 1990, together with Professor Gabor Boritt, Director of the Civil War Institute at Gettysburg College.

Commented Mr. Gilder and Mr. Lehrman: "It is a privilege to recognize Allen Guelzo's long-awaited book on the Emancipation Proclamation—the first study of this important subject in forty years—a masterpiece of compelling scholarship and elegant prose. It should stand the test of time as the definitive treatment of the most society-altering event of the entire 19th century.

"Harold Holzer's penetrating second-place work on the pre-presidential Lincoln at his oratorical zenith—finding his voice before a demanding New York audience at a crucial moment in his pre-White House career—vividly re-creates the lost culture of political oratory at its best. We are honored to recognize and celebrate these superb literary and historical achievements."

The three-member Lincoln Prize jury—Professor Melinda Lawson of Union College; Professor Brian Holden Reid of the Department of War Studies at King's College of London; and Professor Peter Kolchin of the University of Delaware—considered 91 submissions for the 2004 award (before recommending its choices to the Lincoln Prize board, which makes the final decision).

In addition to the two winners, the Lincoln Prize acknowledged two finalists for special mention: Jonathan D. Martin's *Divided Mastery: Slave Hiring in the American South* (Harvard University Press) and Jane A. Schultz's *Women at the Front: Hospital Workers in Civil War America* (University of North Carolina Press).

Commenting on the two principal award-winners, Professor Boritt said: "It is especially gratifying to recognize two superb scholars and leaders of the Lincoln field. My esteemed faculty colleague Allen Guelzo, and my respected Lincoln Bicentennial Commission colleague Harold Holzer, have both contributed their very best work in 2004, producing books that will be long consulted and enjoyed by both serious scholars and educated readers. Each has opened a new window onto the Lincoln story, capturing him at his most resolute and inspired, at two very different, but very important, moments of his history—and America's."

Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation

With this year's first-place honor, Lincoln Prize laureate Allen C. Guelzo becomes the first historian to earn two Lincoln Prizes. He was a co-winner in 2000 for *Abraham Lincoln: Redeemer President*. Dr. Guelzo, the former Grace Ferguson Kea Professor of American History at Eastern College in St. David's, Pennsylvania, joined the Gettysburg College history faculty in 2004 as Henry R. Luce Professor of the Civil War Era and professor of history. His *Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation* was published before he joined the Gettysburg College faculty. Professor Guelzo is the author of five previous books.

The Lincoln Prize jury cited *Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation* for telling "the story of a watershed event in American history in fuller detail and with more insightful analysis of Lincoln's actions than has been done before," adding: "Allen C. Guelzo's new study constitutes an important historiographical milestone."

Added the jury: "In emphasizing Lincoln's commitment to reason and prudence, Guelzo effectively contrasts him with radical abolitionists who shared much of his moral vision but little of his belief in restraint and balance. Guelzo also convincingly shows how conduct of the war was intertwined with political calculations as Lincoln struggled to formulate a policy that was both moral and practical. [T]his is a gracefully written and persuasively argued book that demonstrates there is still something new and important to say about Lincoln."

Lincoln at Cooper Union

Second-place prizewinner Harold Holzer, author or co-author of twenty-two previous books on Lincoln and the Civil War, serves as Senior Vice President for External Affairs at The Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York. He is also co-chairman of the U. S. Lincoln Bicentennial Commission and Vice Chairman of the Lincoln Forum.

Noted the Lincoln Prize jury in honoring his book: "This account of Lincoln's address at the Cooper Union in early 1860 will change the way historians and general readers alike view the Illinois politician's ascent to the presidency. Holzer tells [the story] more comprehensively, with fresh insights, and with a Lincoln expert's ability to separate evidence from mythology. Holzer's

analysis of the speech itself is thoughtful, judicious, and instructive. . . . This is an illuminating as well as an engaging book about Lincoln, a book that appeals to a broad reading public while at the same time putting forth arguments that historians will need to incorporate when they consider Lincoln's ascent to the presidency."

The Lincoln Prize Comes to Richmond

The Lincoln Prizes are announced, by tradition, on Lincoln's Birthday. This year, they will be awarded, for the first time, in Richmond, Virginia, the onetime capital of the Confederacy. The annual dinner will take place on April 21 in the historic Tredegar Gun Foundry, the principal cannon-factory for the Confederate armed forces during the Civil War. The event will take place 140 years to the month after Lincoln's unannounced visit to Richmond on April 4, 1865, and marks the pending development of the Tredegar site into one of the nation's premier Civil War destinations.

Stated H. Alexander Wise, Jr., President of the Tredegar National Civil War Center Foundation: "We are delighted and honored to welcome the Lincoln Prize to Richmond. This occasion will honor excellent scholarship on our nation's pivotal conflict, and will affirm this city's decision to examine Union, Confederate, and African-American experiences of that conflict together in an extraordinarily historic venue."

The Lincoln Prize dinner, sponsored by the Lincoln and Soldiers Institute at Gettysburg College, will be preceded by a reception hosted by the University of Virginia, and followed the next morning, April 22, by a special historians' conference sponsored by the Tredegar Foundation and the Lincoln and Soldiers Institute. The conference will consider how three key leaders—Lincoln, Jefferson Davis and Frederick Douglass—responded to the challenge of emancipation. The program will end with the official groundbreaking ceremonies for the future American Civil War Center at Historic Tredegar.

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(List of past winners attached)

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PAST WINNERS OF THE LINCOLN PRIZE

- 1991 Ken Burns, "The Civil War" (PBS)
- 1992 William McFeely, "Frederick Douglass;" and Charles Royster, "The Destructive War"
- 1993 Kenneth Stampp (lifetime achievement); 2nd place prize to Albert Castel, "Decision in the West: The Atlanta Campaign of 1864."
- 1994 "Free at Last: A Documentary History of Slavery, Freedom, and the Civil War," edited by Ira Berlin, Barbara J. Fields, Steven Miller, Joseph P. Reidy, and Leslie Rowland; 2nd place to Reid Mitchell, "The Vacant Chair."
- 1995 Philip Shaw Paludan, "The Presidency of Abraham Lincoln," 2nd place to William Marvel, "Andersonville: The Last Depot."
- 1996 David Herbert Donald, "Lincoln;" 2nd place to Mark Grimsley, "The Hard Hand of War: Military Policy Toward Southern Civilians, 1861-1865."
- 1997 Don E. Fehrenbacher (lifetime achievement)
- 1998 James M. McPherson, "For Cause and Comrades: Why Men Fought in the Civil War;" 2nd place to William C. Harris, "With Charity for All: Abraham Lincoln and the Restoration of the Union."
- 1999 Douglas Wilson, "Honor's Voice: The Transformation of Abraham Lincoln;" 2nd place to J. Tracy Power, "Lee's Miserables: Life in the Army of Northern Virginia, from the Wilderness to Appomattox."
- 2000 John Hope Franklin and Loren Schweninger, "Runaway Slaves: Rebels in the Plantation" and Allen C. Guelzo, "Abraham Lincoln: Redeemer President" (co-winners); 2nd place to Michael Holt, "The Rise and Fall of the American Whig Party: Jacksonian Politics and the Onset of the Civil War"
- 2001 Russell F. Weigley, "A Great Civil War: A Military and Political History, 1861-1865;" 2nd place to Leonard L. Richards, "The Slave Power: The Free North and Southern Domination, 1780-1860." E-Lincoln Prize to Edward L. Ayers, Anne S. Rubin, and William G. Thomas for "Valley of the Shadow: The Eve of War" (CD-ROM); 2nd place to Stephen Railton for "Uncle Tom's Cabin and American Culture" (web site)
- 2002 David W. Blight, "Race and Reunion: The Civil War in American Memory."
- 2003 George C. Rable, "Fredericksburg! Fredericksburg!" 2nd place to John Stauffer, "The Black Hearts of Men: Radical Abolitionists and the Transformation of Race." E-Lincoln Prize to John Adler, "HarpWeek Presents Lincoln and the Civil War.com (website).
- 2004 Richard J. Carwardine, "Lincoln." Special award to John Y. Simon in recognition of his extraordinary achievement in editing 26 volumes—to date—of "The Papers of Ulysses S. Grant."

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