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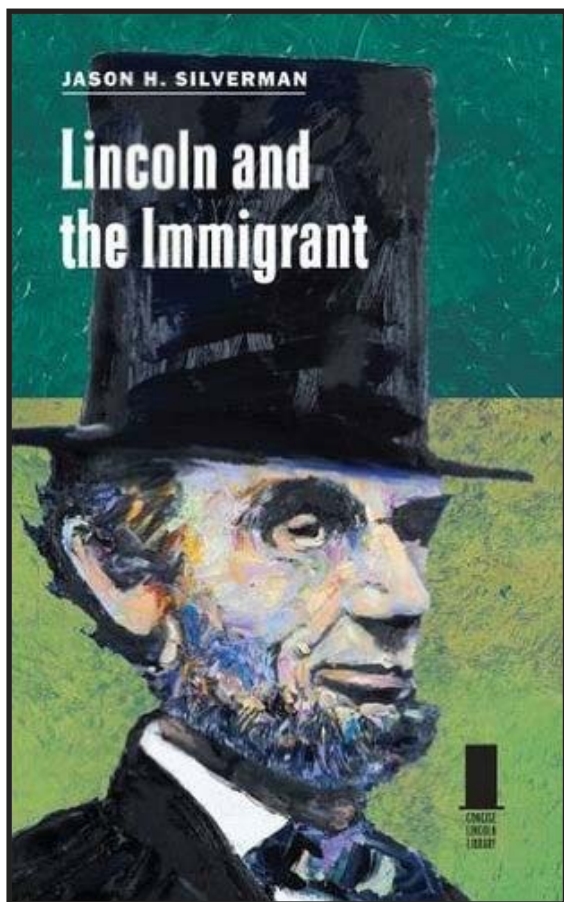
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Abraham Lincoln lived in a time when immigration was as controversial as it is today. In the mid-19th century, nearly 5 million immigrants from Germany, Ireland, Scandinavia, and México entered the U.S. and faced setbacks and opposition.

From a young age, Lincoln developed an affinity and respect for immigrants. Dr. Jason H. Silverman will examine how those feelings were formed, why it flourished through both his political career and his life, and why this was so unusual when compared to his contemporaries.

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Jason H. Silverman is the Ellison Capers Palmer, Jr. Professor of History at Winthrop University where he has taught for 31 years. Prior to that, he taught at Yale University for four years. He is the author or editor of 11 books, several nominated for national book awards. His recent work, *Lincoln and the Immigrant*, a volume in the Concise Lincoln Library series published by Southern Illinois University Press, was released in September. Of the 16,500+ volumes currently published on Abraham Lincoln, this is the first full-length study of its kind. This volume inspired an exhibit, "American By Belief," which opened in October at President Lincoln's Cottage at the Soldier's Home in Washington, D.C., where Dr. Silverman served as a content consultant.

Dr. Silverman received his undergraduate degree at the University of Virginia and his graduate degrees at Colorado State University and the University of Kentucky. Among his teaching awards, he has received Winthrop's Outstanding Junior Professor Award, been named the University's Distinguished Professor, received the Phi Kappa Phi Excellence in Teaching Award three times and, in 1990, became the first person in Winthrop's history to be named South Carolina Professor of the year. In 2011, Dr. Silverman was named the inaugural Ellison Capers Palmer, Jr. Professor of History at Winthrop.

He is currently working on a companion volume detailing President Lincoln's reputation in 19th Century Europe.



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