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WASHINGTON, D.C. — Winthrop University History Professor Jason Silverman will serve on an April 10 panel during the President Lincoln’s Cottage commemoration of the 16th president’s last visit to the site.

This is the 150th anniversary of the April 13, 1865 visit to the cottage, the day before Lincoln was assassinated.

Highlights of this milestone anniversary include a retracing of Lincoln’s daily commute on horseback through the streets of Washington, D.C.; an exhibit examining presidential security; and a forum featuring innovating scholars and visionary leaders on the lasting influence of Lincoln’s brave ideas.

Silverman, a Lincoln scholar and author of a soon-to-be released book on “Lincoln and Immigration,” is among several experts participating in the Lincoln Ideas Forum at 1:30 p.m. April 10. The symposium will be held in the room in the Cottage where Lincoln drafted the Emancipation Proclamation.

The panel will explore the intersection of President Lincoln’s life and legacy with contemporary issues including immigration, human trafficking, architectural phenomenology, presidential safety and equity in education.

Other panelists are Adam Goodheart of Washington College; Bradley Myles, CEO of Polaris Project; Milton Shinberg, principal architect at Shinberg Levinas; and other experts. To join the conversation at the forum use the hashtag on Twitter #LincolnIdeas.

A completed list of the 150th anniversary events can be found at: www.lincolncottage.org/.

President Lincoln’s Cottage is significant in Lincoln’s presidency because he made some of his most crucial decisions while living there. For more than a quarter of his presidency, Lincoln lived at the Cottage, located on an uplifting hilltop in northwest Washington, D.C. During this period, he contemplated the Civil War, visited with wounded soldiers, spent time with self-emancipated men, women and children, and developed the Emancipation Proclamation.

Later this fall, Silverman will return to the Cottage on Oct. 15 to talk about the release of his book during a “Cottage Conversation.” The following day, a museum exhibit will open about Lincoln and the immigrant.

President Lincoln’s Cottage is a private, non-profit located on the grounds of the Armed Forces Memorial. It is the last remaining cottage from the Civil War era that was still in use when President Lincoln lived there. The Cottage is open April through November daily from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and the museum is open April through October daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Retirement Home. The Cottage is recognized as a National Historic Landmark, National Monument and site of the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

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