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2010 Aspinall Public Lecture: Abraham Lincoln and the American West

Grand Junction – This slide-illustrated presentation from Abraham Lincoln expert Richard W. Etulain draws on the speaker's recently published book on Lincoln and the American West. Although nearly 16,000 books have been published on Lincoln, none deals entirely with his complete connections with the West. This talk shows how much Lincoln was actually linked to the trans-Mississippi West.

Subjects covered include slavery and no-extension of slavery, western politics and patronage, Lincoln and Indians, Lincoln and the Mormons, and Lincoln and the Civil War in the West. A concluding section deals with Lincoln's interesting connections with Colorado.

The presentation will be on April 8 at 7:00 pm in the Recital Hall in Moss Performing Arts Center. Admission is free and the public is invited.

Etulain is professor emeritus of history at the University of New Mexico. A specialist in the history and literature of the American West and more recently on Abraham Lincoln and the American West, he has authored or edited more than forty books on western and U.S. historical topics. Among his best-known books are *Conversations with Wallace Stegner on Western History and Literature*, *The American West: A Twentieth-Century History*, *Re-Imagining the Modern American West: A Century of Fiction, History, and Art*, and *Beyond the Missouri: The Story of the American West*. His most recent book is *Lincoln Looks West: From the Mississippi to the Pacific*.

His writings have won several awards, and he has served as president of both the Western Literature and Western History associations. He is of Basque ancestry and grew up on a sheep ranch in the outback of the state of Washington.

The Aspinall Foundation was formed in January 1968 in honor of Congressman Wayne N. Aspinall. It provides various programs for educating and informing students and the public as well as promoting good citizenship by increasing interest and participation in good government, wise development and use of natural resources, careful land-use planning and other public affairs. The Aspinall Foundation also provides scholarships for deserving students.

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