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Exhibitions

**LINCOLN THE CONSTITUTION AND THE CIVIL WAR**
March 20 – April 30, 2015
Atrium Lobby

“Lincoln: the Constitution and the Civil War,” a national traveling exhibition focuses on Abraham Lincoln’s struggle to meet the constitutional challenges of the Civil War. With a nation on the brink of Civil War—Lincoln struggled with issues of secession, slavery and civil liberties—all questions our country’s founding charter left unanswered. President Lincoln used the Constitution to confront these three intertwined crises of war, ultimately reinventing the Constitution and the promise of American life. This exhibition develops a more complete understanding of Abraham Lincoln as president and the Civil War as the nation’s gravest constitutional crisis.

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**American Civil War: Highlights from Special Collections**
March 20 – April 30, 2015
5th Floor East - Weiner Suite

The exhibition will feature rare books, documents, pamphlets and historical items from FAU Libraries’ Special Collections including Marvin and Sybil Weiner Spirit of America Collection, Elliot Cross and James A. Cross Civil War Collection, Arlyn Austin Katims Civil War Collection and the Dorothy Pernetti and Gorilla Koppisch Collection. Companion exhibition to “Lincoln: the Constitution and the Civil War” national traveling exhibition.

Hours: Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
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Lectures

**Abraham Lincoln and the Crisis of Federalism**
Friday, March 20, 2015 – 3 p.m.
Discussion by Stephen Engle, Ph.D. and moderated by Kate Dahlstrand

This interactive discussion will focus on crisis and resiliency of federalism during the Civil War, the Lincoln Presidency and how the northern states worked with the nation’s Chief Executive to preserve the Union.

**Prisoners of War and the Loyalty Oath: The Rhetoric of Unionism and Reflections on Reconciliation**
Monday, March 23, 2015 – 10 a.m.
Lecture by Kate Dahlstrand

In the dying days of the American Civil War, confederate prisoners of war reached out to politically affluent men in an effort to promise their loyalty and a peaceable reconciliation should they be paroled and allowed to return home. This lecture will speak to larger themes of unionism, reconciliation and citizenship.

Stephen D. Engle Ph.D. is professor of history, former department chair, and currently serves as the Director of the Alan B. Larkin Symposium on the American Presidency at Florida Atlantic University.

Kate Dahlstrand received her Master of Arts in History from FAU in 2013 and is currently working on her Ph.D. at the University of Georgia.