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A. James Fuller, Ph.D., Professor of History, University of Indianapolis. A. James Fuller is Professor of History at the University of Indianapolis. An award-winning teacher, Fuller is also a scholar of the American Civil War era. He has published numerous books and articles, including *Oliver P. Morton and the Politics of the Civil War and Reconstruction* (2017), *The Election of 1860 Reconsidered* (2013), and *Chaplain to the Confederacy: Basil Manly and Baptist Life in the Old South* (2000). He has presented his work at more than thirty conferences including many national meetings of scholarly organizations like the Society for Civil War Historians, The Southern Historical Association, and the Organization of American Historians.

Jonathan Hafetz, Professor, Seton Hall Law School. Jonathan Hafetz is Professor of Law at Seton Hall University School of Law. Professor Hafetz is the author of the award-winning book, *Habeas Corpus after 9/11: Confronting America's Global Detention System* (NYU Press) and of numerous scholarly articles in constitutional law, federal courts, and international human rights. Prior to joining Seton Hall, Professor Hafetz was a senior attorney at the American Civil Liberties Union and at NYU's Brennan Center for Justice, where he litigated numerous constitutional law cases throughout the federal courts, including He has litigated numerous cases at all level of the federal courts, including *Al-Marri v. Spagone*, 555 U.S. 1220 (2009), *Boumediene v. Bush*, 553 U.S. 723 (2008), *Munaf v. Geren*, 553 U.S. 674 (2008), *Rasul v. Rumsfeld*, 542 U.S. 466 (2004), *Meshal v. Higgenbotham*, 804 F.3d 417 (D.C. Cir. 2015), *Salabi v. Obama*, 625 F.3d 740 (D.C. Cir. 2010), and *Jawad v. Obama* (D.D.C. 2009). Professor Hafetz has authored or co-authored more than thirty *amicus curiae* briefs for the U.S. Supreme Court and federal courts of appeals.

Meghan Leonard, Associate Professor of Political Science, Illinois State University. Meghan Leonard is a new assistant professor in the Department of Politics and Government. She earned a doctorate and a master's degree in political science from the University of Arizona. She received a bachelor's degree in political science from Union College in New York. Her dissertation was titled "Delegation and Policy Making on State High Courts." Leonard's book chapter, "State Judicial Elections and the New Institutional Legitimacy," which she co-wrote with Laura Langer and Andrea Polk, appeared in the 2010 *Oxford Handbook of American Elections and Political Behavior*.

Leonard is a member of the American Political Science Association, the Midwest Political Science Association, and the Southern Political Science Association. She has also served as a reviewer for the *Journal of Politics*. Professor Leonard is an avid baseball fan, particularly of the Boston Red Sox.

Michael Les Benedict, Historian, the Ohio State University. Emeritus Professor Benedict joined the Ohio State University faculty in 1970, retiring in 2005. He received his B.A. and M.A. degrees from the University of Illinois and his Ph.D. from Rice University. Professor Benedict is a recognized authority in Anglo-American constitutional and legal history, the history of civil rights and liberties, the federal system and the Civil War and Reconstruction. His *The Impeachment and Trial of Andrew Johnson* (1973) and *A Compromise of Principle: Congressional Republicans and Reconstruction* (1975) are standard reading for students of the Civil War and Reconstruction. He has authored a widely used textbook on American constitutional history, *The Blessings of Liberty* (1996, rev. ed. 2005), a companion *Sources in American Constitutional History* (1996), and a reader in *Reconstruction History, The Fruits of Victory: Alternatives in Restoring the Union, 1865-1877* (1975, rev. ed. 1986). He also prepared the American Historical Association's bicentennial essay on the history of American civil liberty, *Civil Rights and Liberties* (1987) and co-edited *The History of Ohio Law* (2004). Professor Benedict has published more than 40 essays in leading American history and law journals, as well as in books of essays.

Douglas W. Lind, J.D., Director of the Law Library and Professor of Law, Southern Illinois University. Professor Douglas Lind joined the faculty in 2007. He received a B.A. degree in political science from Purdue University and a J.D. degree from Valparaiso University, and a M.I.L.S from the University of Michigan. Prior to coming to SIU, Professor Lind was Head of Collection Development at Georgetown University School of Law Library where he also taught Advanced Legal Research and Seminar Research Methods. His writing and research interests focus on the production and marketing of American printed materials in the mid-19th and early 20th centuries. He is the recipient of the Joseph L. Andrews Bibliographic Award, a national award which recognizes a significant contribution to legal biographical literature, for his two-volume work, *Lincoln's Suspension of Habeas Corpus*

John Moreland, Chief of Staff, Cox Law Firm, Monticello, IL. John Moreland received his B.A. in history from the University of Illinois in 2013 and his M.A. in history from Illinois State University in 2016. His Master's thesis entitled, "A Law for Rulers and People: David Davis, Ex parte Milligan, and Constitutional Liberalism During the Civil War Era" explored the legal career of Supreme Court Justice David Davis, his reasoning in Ex parte Milligan, and the opinion's impact on Congressional Reconstruction. John currently serves as the Chief of Staff of the Cox Law Firm in Monticello, Illinois and plans on starting law school in the fall of 2017.

Luci Petlack, PhD History, University of California, Davis (2013). Luci Petlack received her Ph.D. from writing a dissertation, "A Dilemma of Civil Liberties: Blacks under Union Military Control, 1861-1866." She published, "A Dilemma of Civil Liberties: Cincinnati's Black Community, 1862-1863," in *Ohio History*, January 2013, which was a well-researched and concise look at the effects of martial law and military rule on the lives of black Americans in Cincinnati, Ohio during the American Civil War. Through newspaper accounts, police reports, and records of the black community, this article shows a thriving black community under the heavy hand of army generals and Union military men seeking to limit upheaval in a Southern-sympathizing city.

Christopher Phillips, Ph.D., University of Cincinnati, Professor and Department Head of History. My research interests generally are in American history, especially the nineteenth century in the era of the Civil War and Reconstruction, and more specifically, the American South and West.

Raised in the Midwest and educated there and in the South, I have a particular interest in regionalism, and I have published a number of books and essays on the Border States: free states that were deeply divided by the American Civil War and its coming and neighboring slave states that did not secede from the Union. My six published books have focused variously upon slavery and freedom, emancipation, war, race, politics, and memory during and after the Civil War era. They include a study of the military and political events in the border slave state of Missouri through the life of a controversial military commander there; a social history of the African American community of Baltimore, Maryland, in the early national and antebellum periods; the life and political career of a controversial Missouri Civil War governor as a lens into the development of

southern identity in the Border West; a northern-born Missouri supreme court justice in the mid-nineteenth century as a means of assessing the development of white proslavery ideology in the American West; and most recently a general history of the Border States' experiences during and after the Civil War. My current book project, *The Rivers Ran Backward: The Civil War and the Remaking of the American Middle Border*, will be published by Oxford University Press in April 2016.

My current project is a study of American slavery and culture in the trans-Appalachian West during the mid-nineteenth century. By exploring the previously overlooked western dimension of antebellum slavery and racial understandings and politics, the book will explain the critical consolidation of southern and western culture and politics that drove sectional tensions and proslavery white identity into a national war and aftermath.

My work, which includes many published, peer-reviewed articles, invited essays, and columns for such publications as *The Journal of the Civil War Era*, *Civil War History*, and *The New York Times*, has been supported by fellowships and grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, the American Philosophical Society, the American Antiquarian Society, and the Charles Phelps Taft Center, among other granting agencies. Since 2009 I have been appointed as a Distinguished Lecturer by the Organization of American Historians, and from 1999 to 2009, I served as co-editor of *Ohio Valley History*, a peer-reviewed, quarterly journal of regional history. In 2014, I was a Fulbright scholar at Tomas Bata University in the Czech Republic.

I regularly teach courses on the Coming of the Civil War, The Civil War and Reconstruction, Lincoln and His World, and The American South, in addition to graduate level seminars on Early American History, The Civil War Era, and Race and Region in American History. I live in Glendale, Ohio, the nation's first planned community (1855), with my wife, Jill, a high school mathematics teacher and the 2014 Ohio girls' basketball Coach of the Year and Division 1 state champion, and two sons, Grayson and Maddox, who eagerly play both of their parents' favorite sports.

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After working three years as an assistant editor for *The Papers of Andrew Johnson*, based at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville, Simpson joined the faculty at Wofford College in Spartanburg, South Carolina, in 1987. Three years later, in 1990, he migrated west to Arizona State University, where he presently teaches. Currently he divides his time between Barrett, The Honors College at ASU and the College of Letters and Sciences.

Simpson is the author of six books, the coauthor of two more, and the editor or coeditor of eight other books. He is perhaps best known for his work on Ulysses S. Grant. *Ulysses S. Grant: Triumph over Adversity, 1822-1865*, published by Houghton Mifflin in 2000, was a *New York Times* Notable Book and *Choice* Outstanding Academic Title for that year. He has appeared several times on C-SPAN, as well as on PBS's *American Experience*. In 2009, the U.S. State Department asked him to travel to Turkey for two weeks to lecture on Abraham Lincoln and Barack Obama in historical context.

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Stephen E. Towne, Ph.D., Stephen E. Towne is Associate University Archivist at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis. He has written and edited books and articles on the American Civil War, focusing on affairs in the Midwestern states during the war. His latest book is *Surveillance and Spies in the Civil War: Exposing Confederate Conspiracies in America's Heartland* (Ohio University Press 2015).

Jennifer Weber, Ph.D., Associate Professor, University of Kentucky. Jennifer L. Weber (Ph.D. Princeton, 2003) studies the Civil War and Abraham Lincoln. Her work is noted for its examination of how military, political, and social forces affected each other during the war, making her scholarship unusually holistic in its approach. Her first book, *Copperheads*, looked at the antiwar Democrats in the North and changed our understanding of the political pressures that Lincoln faced. Her second book, *Summer's Bloodiest Days*, is a children's book about the Battle of Gettysburg and its aftermath. The National Council for the Social Studies named it a notable book of 2011. Professor Weber is currently working on a biography of the agency that administered and enforced the Union draft, and what that bureau's experience illuminates about the growing size and power of government during the war and changing social norms.

Jonathan White, Ph.D., Professor of American Studies, Christopher Newport University. Jonathan W. White is associate professor of American Studies at Christopher Newport University and a senior fellow with CNU's Center for American Studies. He serves on the Board of Directors of the Abraham Lincoln Association, is Vice President of the Abraham Lincoln Institute, and serves on the Ford's Theatre Advisory Council. He has published several books on constitutional and legal issues during the Civil War, including *Abraham Lincoln and Treason in the Civil War: The Trials of John Merryman* (2011) and *Emancipation, the Union Army, and the Reelection of Abraham Lincoln*, which was selected by *Civil War Monitor* as one of the best books of 2014, was a Finalist for both the Lincoln Prize and the Jefferson Davis Prize, and won the Abraham Lincoln Institute's 2015 Book Prize. Check out his website at www.jonathanwhite.org/.

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