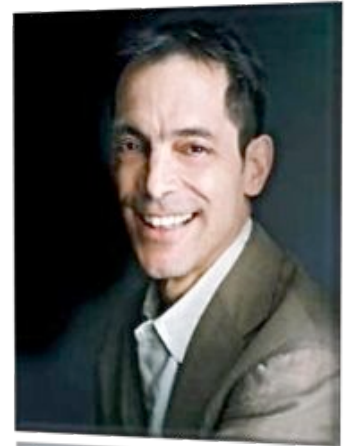


**GIANTS:
The Parallel Lives of
Frederick Douglass
and
Abraham Lincoln
with
Harvard Prof. John Stauffer**



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To celebrate the 150th Anniversary of The Emancipation Proclamation, listen to award-winning Harvard University scholar John Stauffer describe the transformations in the lives of two giants during a major shift in cultural history. As Douglass and Lincoln reinvented themselves and became friends, they transformed America.

Lincoln was born dirt poor, had less than one year of formal schooling, and became the nation's greatest president. Douglass spent the first twenty years of his life as a slave with no formal schooling. His masters forbade him to read or write. But he became one of the nation's greatest writers and activists, as well as a spellbinding orator and messenger of audacious hope, the pioneer who blazed the path traveled by future African-American leaders.

At a time when most whites would not let a black man cross their threshold, Lincoln invited Douglass into the White House. Lincoln recognized that he needed Douglass to help him destroy the Confederacy and preserve the Union; Douglass realized that Lincoln's shrewd sense of public opinion would serve his own goal of freeing the nation's blacks. Their relationship shifted in response to the country's debate over slavery, abolition, and emancipation.

Our Speaker, John Stauffer describes their personal and political struggles with a keen understanding of the social context and dilemmas they confronted. What emerges is a brilliant portrait of how two of America's greatest leaders lived. Stauffer is Chair of the American Studies Program and Professor of English and African American Studies at Harvard. He is the author or editor of 9 books and more than 50 articles on antislavery, race relations, and the Civil War. **GIANTS** was a national bestseller along with **The State of Jones**, nominated for the Pulitzer Prize and co-authored with Washington Post columnist Sally Jenkins.

His essays and reviews have appeared in Time Magazine, The Wall Street Journal, The New York Times, Washington Post and scholarly journals. He's also received two teaching awards from Harvard. He has appeared on national radio television shows, including the Diane Rehm Show, and has lectured widely throughout the US and Europe.

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