

How do perceptions  
of race and gender  
shape our nation?

Where do we go  
from here?

Barack Obama, Sonia  
Sotomayor...is America  
reaching a post-racial,  
gender-blind society?



Please join renowned scholar **Henry Louis “Skip” Gates, Jr.**, Chicago writer and interviewer **Rick Kogan**, elected officials, educators, students and community leaders for an interactive conversation on

## Our Histories, Our Stories

Join us as we explore how history shapes the stories we tell, and how the stories we tell shape history.

**Monday, June 29, 2009**

6:00 – 7:30 p.m. | Doors open at 5:00 p.m.

Book signing with Professor Gates, author of *Lincoln on Race and Slavery* and *In Search of Our Roots: How 19 Extraordinary African Americans Reclaimed Their Past*, immediately following the event.

**Chicago Public Library, Harold Washington Library Center**

Cindy Pritzker Auditorium | 400 South State Street | Chicago, IL 60605

**FREE and open to the public. For information call (312) 747-4050**

Inspired by Abraham Lincoln’s efforts to build a multi-racial and an equal opportunity society, the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission’s Lincoln Legacy Town Halls seek to build mutual understanding about differing perspectives on race and ethnicity and provide an opportunity to re-examine what it means to be American in the 21st century.

Co-conveners of the event to date are: *Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission, Chicago Bar Association, Chicago History Museum, Chicago Public Library, DuSable Museum of African American History, Facing History and Ourselves, The HistoryMakers, Illinois Humanities Council, McCormick Freedom Museum, The Newberry Library, The Richmond Group, Historian Charles Branham, Historian Adam Green, Ms. Anne Oppenheimer.*

*Discounted parking rate available at the South Loop Self Park at 318 S. Federal.  
\$7.00 parking after 4:00 p.m.*