



Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum

The Governor's Conference On Otto Kerner November 2nd, 2013 – ALP Library Multi-Purpose Room AGENDA

8:30 AM Registration & Coffee

9:00 AM Welcome

Eileen Mackevich, Executive Director
Mark DePue, Director of Oral History

9:15 AM The Kerner Administration: Goals & Accomplishments

Moderator: Governor Jim Edgar

Panelists:

Bill Feurer – an assistant to Governor Kerner
Lowell Sachnoff – assisted with the drafting of mental health legislation
Gene Schlickman – Co-author of *Kerner: The Conflict of Intangible Rights*

10:30 AM The Journalists' View of the Kerner Administration

Moderator: Robert Hartley – Retired journalist & author on IL political history

Panelists:

Mike Lawrence – statehouse reporter for *Chicago Sun-Times* & Edgar advisor
Taylor Pensoneau – political writer for the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* & author
Jack Taylor – Principle news anchor for WGN Television, with EGN since 1958
Gene Callahan – Reporter and columnist for *Springfield's State Register*

12:00 PM Luncheon

The Kerner Commission

Key Note Speaker: Nathaniel Jones - Assistant General Counsel to the National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders (the Kerner Commission)

1:15 PM The Trial & Conviction of Otto Kerner

Moderator: Kent Redfield – UIS Professor emeritus of political science

Panelists:

Thomas Patton – a member of Gov. Kerner's defense team in early 1970s
Eric Long – Assistant U.S. Attorney for Central District of Illinois
Bill Barnhart – Co-author of *Kerner: The Conflict of Intangible Rights*

2:45 PM The Public and Private Otto Kerner

Moderator: Bernie Sieracki – Longtime lobbyist in the IL State Legislature

Panelists:

Anton Kerner – Son of Otto and Helena Kerner
Roger Nathan – Executive Director, IL Human Rights Commission
Wally Henderson – Springfield architect for reconstruction of Old State Capitol
Helena Kerner Stern – Dugther of Otto and Helena Kerner

4:30 PM Closing Remarks