



"A Variety of Religious Experiences: Natives, Africans and Europeans in Early Virginia"

April 25

Ed Bond

The Church of England in Early Virginia: The Essentials

Historian Ed Bond investigates the Church of England, which arrived with the first colonists who settled Virginia. As it struggled to gain a solid footing and transfer its administrative structure to North America, the church became dominated by the laity but for many years continued to carry out numerous secular duties just as the Church of England did in England.



May 16

Margaret Williamson Huber

Religion of the Powhatan Indians of Virginia

Anthropologist Margaret Williamson Huber explores the religious ideas and practices of the Powhatan Indians, both those of lay people and the shamans, or *quiocosucks*, including their importance in Powhatan governance. Huber will describe Indian rituals and symbolism as well as Powhatan reactions to Spanish and English attempts to convert them to Christianity.



October ?

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Eighteenth-Century Williamsburg: A Case Study of African American Religious Experience

From the Established Church to evangelical gatherings, enslaved and free blacks participated in the religious life of colonial and revolutionary-era Williamsburg. To do so, they negotiated the strictures imposed by the law, officialdom, and slave owners. With the rise of a gifted African American preacher, a congregation founded by and for black worshippers took root and survives to this day.



November 7

John Ragosta

Hornets, Snakes, Baptists & Presbyterians: Winning the Contest for Religious Freedom

Monticello historian John Ragosta traces the relatively unknown role of Virginia's religious dissenters, primarily Baptist and Presbyterian evangelicals, in both winning the American Revolution and in establishing religious liberty, creating the strict separation of church and state embodied in Thomas Jefferson's eloquent "Statute for Establishing Religious Freedom."



All presentations unless noted are Sundays at 2:00 p.m. at Historic Christ Church & Museum, 420 Christ Church Road, Weems. Wine & cheese reception with speaker follows each presentation. Tickets: \$65.00 for series or \$25.00 per presentation. Tickets do not include any book purchases. Purchase at ChristChurch1735.ticketleap.com, at the HCC&M office, or at the door.

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