



## CNU History Professor Molly Perry Speaking at York Hall on October 23

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Christopher Newport University Professor Molly Perry will present “Hanging Effigies and Buried Liberties: Virginia’s Role in the Stamp Act Crisis,” on Sunday, October 23, from 3 to 4 p.m. at York Hall, 301 Main Street, in historic Yorktown. Sponsored by the York County Historical Committee, Professor Perry’s talk is presented to the public for free. She will allow time for questions at the end of her remarks.

Professor Perry is a specialist in early American History with a focus on colonial resistance to British tax policies during the time leading to the American Revolution. This year marks the 250th anniversary of the repeal of the Stamp Act, ending the crisis period scholars have long called the “Prologue to the Revolution.” The presentation includes Virginia’s importance in leading development of anti-Stamp Act political arguments, as well as the role played by colonial sailors and Williamsburg’s population in protests and unrest leading to repeal of the Act.

Professor Perry has her Master’s degree in History from the College of William and Mary, where she is a Ph.D. candidate. She earned her Bachelor’s degree in History with high honors from Middlebury College. Her dissertation topic is *Influencing Empire: Protest and Persuasion in the British Empire, 1764-1769* and she has been published in historical journals on the Revolutionary period. Professor Perry has presented related topics to organizations such as the Massachusetts Historical Society, the American Society for Eighteenth Century Studies, the National Maritime Alliance, the Museum of the Royal Navy, the Institute for Historical Research at the University of London, UNESCO, and others.

For more information about this presentation, please call Parks, Recreation and Tourism at (757) 890-3500.



**Photo attached:** CNU History Professor Molly Perry will present a free historical lecture on Sunday, October 23, from 3-4 p.m. in York Hall, 301 Main Street, historic Yorktown. The presentation is entitled “Hanging Effigies and Buried Liberties: Virginia’s Role in the Stamp Act Crisis.” This year is the 250th anniversary of the repeal of the Stamp Act. Ms. Perry will focus on Virginia’s important role in developing political arguments opposing the Act and also cite protests and unrest in Williamsburg leading up to its repeal.