

**S. Spencer Wells**  
**Ph. D Candidate, College of William and Mary**  
**Lyon G. Tyler Department of History**

**EDUCATION**

*The College of William and Mary*, Williamsburg, Virginia, 2011- May 2018

Ph. D Candidate, Early American history

*Brigham Young University*, Provo, Utah, 2004-2011

BA, American Studies

*Summa cum Laude*, GPA 3.95

**DISSERTATION TITLE**

*Heathen Men and Publicans: Excommunicates, Church Discipline and the Struggle for Freedom of Conscience, 1730-1840* (Defended April 2018)

- Committee Members: Christopher Grasso, Karin Wulf, Nick Popper. Chris Beneke

**MA THESIS**

“Friendly Fire: Free Quakerism and the Politics of Gender in the Early Republic.”

- Committee Members: Karin Wulf, Chris Grasso, and Lu Ann Homza.

**AWARDS & GRANTS**

- Provost Dissertation Fellowship, *College of William and Mary*, 2017-2018, \$25,000.00
- Society for Historians of the Early American Republic Fellow, *LCP*, 2016-2017, \$2,000.00
- Dean’s Research Funding, *College of William and Mary*, April 2016, \$4,150.00
- Morton Research Grant, *College of William and Mary*, October 30, 2015, \$750.00
- BYU Religious Education Grant, *Brigham Young University*, July 2015, \$6,000.00
- Research Grant, “The College of William and Mary Arts and Sciences Student Research Grant,” November, 2012, \$300.00
- Fellowship, “The Order of Americans of Armorial Ancestry: The Grace DeuPree Scholarship for Outstanding Achievement in Educational Excellence in the Study of Colonial History and Heraldry,” April 15, 2012, \$1,000.00
- Research Grant, *BYU Office of Creative Research and Creative Activities*, 2011, \$1,500.00 (for personal research at Historical Society of Pennsylvania)

**PUBLICATIONS**

- “Here is the Reformation that is so Much Wanting”: The Times and Trials of Christopher Marshall, Disowned Quaker, 1753-1797, in *Revolution as Reformation: Protestant Faith in an Age of Revolutions (1688-1815)*, University of Alabama Press, [Forthcoming](#), 2019.
- “A ‘Watchman . . . on the Walls of Zion’: Christopher Marshall and the Defense of Universalism, 1750-1796,” *Journal of Unitarian and Universalist History*, [Forthcoming](#), 2019.
- “Muslims Under the Mormon Eye: Theology, Rhetoric, and Personal Contacts, 1830-1910,” *Journal of Mormon History*, University of Illinois Press, April 2016.

## BOOK REVIEWS

- *Liberty, Conscience, and Toleration: The Political Thought of William Penn*, Andrew R. Murphy, *H-Net Reviews*, March, 2017.

## ONLINE PIECES

- “We dishonor our Mormon Heritage if we let Muslim ban stand,” *Salt Lake Tribune*, February 11, 2017.
- “Omohundro Institute offers internships for the future,” *News and Media*, College of William and Mary, August 16, 2016.
- Students helping students write history more clearly,” *News & Media*, College of William and Mary, February 17, 2016
- “History Graduate Student Association looks to past for future success,” *News & Media*, College of William and Mary, November 4, 2015.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS & LECTURES

- “Here is the Reformation that is so Much Wanting”: Christopher Marshall and the Reformation of American Quakerism, *Omohundro Institute Conference*, June, 2018.
- “Between God and Caesar”: Revolutionary Committees of Safety and the Creation of (Un)Civil Religion,” *American Society of Church History*, January 2018.
- “As Judges in Zion: The Relief Society and the Reformation of Church Discipline,” *Mormon History Association*, June, 2017.
- “Tell it to the Church: Freedoms of Conscience in Colonial North America,” *Society for Early Americanists*, February, 2017.
- “Brothers in Arms: Mormons’ 19<sup>th</sup> Century Muslim Imaginary,” *Mormon History Association*, June, 2015
- “Friendly Fire: Free Quakers, and the Politics of Citizenship in the Early American Republic.” *Conference of Quaker Historians and Archivists*, June, 2014.
- “Revolutionary Periods: Thomas Paine and the Feminization of Quakerism, 1775-1783.” *Brian Bertoti Innovative Perspectives in History Graduate Conference*, April, 2012.
- “The World’s a Ship on its Passage Out.” *BYU Commencement Address*, Marriott Center, College of Humanities, August, 2011

## COURSES TAUGHT

- **History 201** Religion and War in American History, 1877-Present
- **History 220** US History through 1877
- **History 221** US History 1877-Present

## PUBLIC & DIGITAL HISTORY

- Research Associate, *National Museum of American Religion*, July 2013 – December 2016
- Editorial Apprentice, *Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Democracy*, August 2011-August 2012

## LANGUAGES:

- Korean – Proficient in reading and writing