

Tuesday, May 10, 2011
12:30 – 1:45
John Munroe Hall, Conference Room

**"The John Dickinson Writings Project:
Documenting Delaware's
Founding Father."**



Professor Calvert's interests are in early modern Anglo-American religious, political, and constitutional history with her research focusing on Quaker political thought and founding father John Dickinson. Her monograph, *Quaker Constitutionalism and the Political Thought of John Dickinson*, is the first of a trilogy of works on John Dickinson. It describes a hitherto unrecognized strain of Anglo-American political thought and action that explains the apparently contradictory stance that Dickinson took during the Revolution as an advocate of rights and liberty, but not independence or revolution. This study is the first analysis of Quaker constitutional theory; the first exploration of the origins of civil disobedience in Quaker political thought and action; and the first comprehensive exposition of Dickinson's political thought.

In the Spring of 2011 she is a senior research fellow at Yale University's MacMillan Center for International and Area Studies to work on an edited volume of Thomas Paine's political writings.

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Founding Father John Dickinson, known today as “the Penman of the Revolution,” published more for the American cause than any other figure. With his extensive knowledge of law and politics and eloquent expressions of patriotism, he was one of the foremost leaders of the era and America's first political hero. The purpose of the John Dickinson Writings Project is to collect, edit, and publish in print and digital editions everything that he wrote on public affairs over the course of his life. The Project founder, director, and chief editor, Dr. Jane E. Calvert, will speak on the Project and Dickinson's career, using the documents he produced as illustrations.

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