

Mary Beth Mathews

Professor of Religion at University of Mary Washington

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Dr. Mathews is knowledgeable about American religious history, Protestant fundamentalism and evangelicalism.

Biography

In just over 20 minutes, Mary Beth Swetnam Mathews can give you the 100-year history between emancipation and the civil rights struggle, focusing on slave religion and churches. And that's just a taste of this professor's expertise in American religious history and politics in the United States. A self-titled "guide on the side," the University of Mary Washington professor encourages her students and audiences to engage in her lectures by asking questions. "We have a lot of diversity in terms of religious faith and backgrounds," says Dr. Mathews. "Our [classics, philosophy and religion] department does everything it can to foster that." The author of "Rethinking Zion: How the Print Media Placed Fundamentalism in the South," Dr. Mathews is an expert in American religious history, Protestant fundamentalism and evangelicalism, African-American religions, and religion and politics in the United States. Dr. Mathews previously worked for a U.S. senator and a member of the U.S. House of Representatives.

Industry Expertise

Training and Development, Education/Learning, Religious Institutions, Research

Areas of Expertise

American Religious History, Protestant Fundamentalism, African-American Religion, Religion and Politics of the U.S.

Affiliations

American Historical Association : Member, American Society of Church History: Member

Event Appearances

Religious Liberty Presentation

Religious Freedom Day Celebration,

Education

University of Virginia

Ph.D. European and American Religious History

University of Virginia

M.A. European and American Religious History

The College of William and Mary

A.B. Government and Religion

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