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Swearingen to Deliver Annual Governor Henry Lecture

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For Immediate Release

Dr. C. Jan Swearingen, professor of English at Texas A&M University, will deliver the Ninth Annual Governor Henry Lecture at the Library of Virginia at 5:30 PM on Tuesday, November 17, and at Hampden-Sydney College at 4:30 PM on Wednesday, November 18. Her lecture is entitled "Samuel Davies and Patrick Henry: Prophets of Liberty in Presbyterian Virginia." Swearingen will illuminate the Henry family's links to the pioneering evangelist Davies and other "dissenting" Presbyterians in Virginia—subjects that have been the recent focus of her research in Scotland and Virginia on a fellowship from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Swearingen's published works include *Rhetoric and Irony: Western Literacy and Western Lies* (Oxford, 1991) and *Rhetoric, the Polis, and the Global Village: Selected Papers from the 1998 Thirtieth Anniversary Rhetoric Society of America Conference* (1999). Her current works in progress include *After Washington: Virtue and the American Presidency* and *From Church to State: Rhetoric, Religion, and the Transformation of Liberty in Colonial Virginia*. She is a past president of the Rhetoric Society of America, and serves on the advisory board of the Historic Polegreen Church Foundation, in Mechanicsville.

The annual Governor Henry Lectures are jointly sponsored by the Patrick Henry Memorial Foundation, the Library of Virginia, and Hampden-Sydney College. The lectures are open to the public at no charge. Free parking is available, and a reception follows each event.

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