

“Virginia’s Oldest Church”



National Historic Landmark, National Shrine, Museum, and Gift Shop

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REBELLION IN VIRGINIA LECTURE

Smithfield, VA – On Saturday, April 15th 2017 between 1 p.m and 2 p.m., [Tufts University history professor Dr. James Rice](#) will present on 1676's Bacon's Rebellion. This untold story of Virginia's first major rebellion to a crown representative has a rich and complicated history with long-reaching implications for modern society.

Rice will present on his research about the Rebellion based on his published book "[Tales from a Revolution](#)". He has presented in the past at Jamestown Settlement before a group of peers with limited general audience. This is a rare opportunity for an intimate engagement of only 25 guests to learn more about this late-17th-century pivotal event.



In 1676 Nathaniel Bacon led a rebellion against royalist forces under Royal Governor Sir William Berkeley. After years of frustrating policies, taxes, practices, perceptions, and circumstances Bacon's Rebellion resonated well with his allies. The composition of the rebel forces made this rebellion the last of its kind to be seen in Virginia. African, European and Native Americans allied together to fight against the establishment.

MORE INFORMATION

Tickets to this symposium are \$15 per person. Seating is limited. [Register today on our web site.](#) For more information call the museum at (757) 357-3367.

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About Historic St. Luke's Church

Historic St. Luke's Restoration, established in 1954, is a 501(c)(3) educational nonprofit is Virginia's Oldest Church built in the 17th-century and remains an enduring symbol of Americans' pursuits of religious freedom and separation of church and state as imbued in the First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States. Today it operates as a National Historic Landmark, National Patriotic Shrine, Museum, and Gift Shop. Throughout the year daily guided tours are provided to the general public and private groups and educational special events and lectures are held. The museum displays a number of artifacts from throughout its history including America's Oldest Organ - a 1635 English Chamber Organ. Historic St. Luke's does not receive any funding from the federal, state, or municipal governments - all funding comes from private sources including individuals and foundations.

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