



# St. Mary's College of Maryland

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## The Center for the Study of Democracy Presents

### Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson

### "Maryland Designe: The First Wall Between Church and State"

**Wed., March 11, 4:30 P.M.  
Goodpaster 195 lecture hall**

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(St. Mary's City, MD) March 5, 2009 – The Center for the Study of Democracy at St. Mary's College of Maryland (SMCM) will host the 2009 Chaney Visiting Scholar, Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson, author of "Maryland Designe: The First Wall Between Church and State." The lecture will be held in room 195 of Goodpaster Hall on March 11, at 4:30 p.m., and will address the politics surrounding Maryland's attempt to establish civil government in the 17<sup>th</sup> century. Jackson is a retired judge of the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia and is a member of the SMCM Board of Trustees and the Advisory Board for the Center for the Study of Democracy. This lecture is free and open to the public. For more information, please contact Abby Thompson at 240-895-6432 or amthompson@smcm.edu.

"Judge Jackson explores the political motivations of George Calvert's 'Maryland Designe' and its connection to the religious tensions in English politics during the 17<sup>th</sup> century," said Michael Cain, director of the Center for the Study of Democracy and Chair for the political science department at SMCM. "Jackson's essay shows how Maryland's early attempt to establish religious toleration in the New World was deeply connected to English politics beginning with the rule of King James I. The reverberations of English politics continued to shape the Maryland colony throughout the century, while ultimately contributing to the demise of Maryland's experiment in secular civil society in 1692."

The Center for the Study of Democracy is a joint initiative of St. Mary's College of Maryland and its affiliated institution, Historic St. Mary's City. It explores contemporary and historical issues associated with democracy and liberty in national and international contexts. The center provides a forum for presentations by government officials, journalists and scholars; publishes scholarly writing on subjects of civil governance; encourages and supports public participation in political processes; and engages undergraduate studies in study and research on related subjects.

St. Mary's College of Maryland, designated the Maryland state honors college in 1992, is ranked one of the best liberal arts schools in the nation by *U.S. News & World Report* and *Kiplinger's*.

*The Princeton Review* named it a “best value college” in its 2009 edition. Founded in 1840 as Maryland’s “monument school” commemorating the state’s first capital, SMCM is the state’s only public honors college, offering “an Ivy-level College with a public-school price tag” (*Newsweek*).

Some 2,000 students attend the college, which has the highest graduation rate for all Maryland public colleges and universities, and an SAT average for student admissions of 1252. The school’s waterfront campus along the St. Mary’s River in Southern Maryland is home to the 2007 National Intercollegiate Sailing Association Women’s, Sloop and Team champions.

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