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## Author Talk

### “In the beginning...”—America and Bible culture

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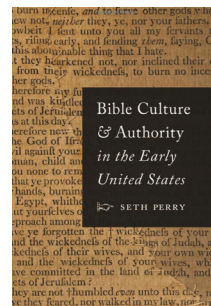
Join us for an insightful conversation with Prof. Seth Perry at The Mary Baker Eddy Library. He'll talk about his new book, *Bible Culture and Authority in the Early United States*. Enjoy a pre-talk about our collection of historic Bibles with Shanna Smith, who manages the Library's collections.

**Doors open at 5:00 p.m. for light refreshments.**

This event will be streamed live at [mbelibrary.org/sethperry](http://mbelibrary.org/sethperry)

### About Seth Perry and his book

*Bible Culture & Authority in the Early United States* explores the emergence of American Bible printing and publishing immediately following the Revolution. How did it shape the new nation's civic life and identity? Bible producers sought out a broad market in which democratization of scripture and of the young republic were closely linked. Dr. Perry notes in his introduction that this “created a space for readers to imagine the self-sufficient authority of their own bible reading.”



Dr. Michael Hamilton, Executive Director of The Mary Baker Eddy Library, will introduce Dr. Perry, addressing the place and influence of this Bible culture in Mary Baker Eddy's early life.

**Parking:** Discounted garage parking is available at the intersection of Huntington and Massachusetts Avenues. Enter from Huntington westbound or Massachusetts northbound.

**Public transportation:** Orange Line (Massachusetts Avenue); Green Line (Symphony or Hynes Convention Center); Bus (Routes 1 and 39).

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Above image: Frontispiece and title page of the Self-interpreting Bible. New York: Hodge and Campbell, 1792.  
Bible #138, Historic Bible Collection, The Mary Baker Eddy Library.