

The University Libraries,  
Mason Publishing, and the  
University Bookstore

present

THE  
Mason  
Author  
Series

featuring

**Lincoln A. Mullen**



**Thursday, March 1, 2018**

3:00-4:30 pm

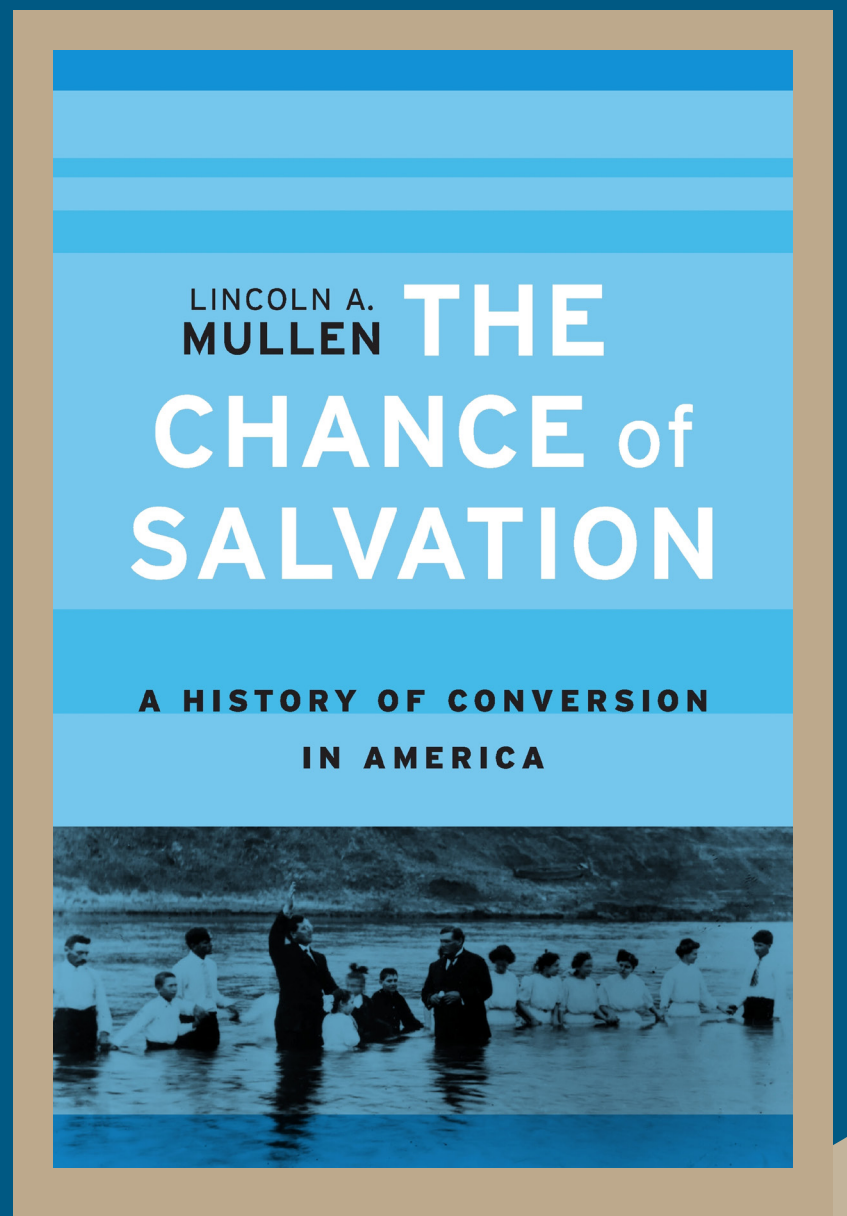
**Main Reading Room**

Fenwick Library

Fairfax Campus



[publishing.gmu.edu](http://publishing.gmu.edu)



While the United States has a long history of religious pluralism, Americans have often believed their faith determines their eternal destiny. The result is that Americans switch religions more often than any other nation. *The Chance of Salvation* traces the history of the distinctively American idea that religion is a matter of individual choice.

Lincoln Mullen shows how Americans' willingness to change faiths has created a shared assumption that religious identity is a decision. As Americans confronted a growing array of religious options in the 19th century, pressures to convert altered the basis of American religion. Evangelical Protestants, Cherokees, enslaved and freed African Americans, Mormons, American Jews, and Catholics each experienced their own patterns of conversion.

**Lincoln A. Mullen** is Assistant Professor in the Department of History and Art History at George Mason University. Mullen is a historian of American religion and also teaches digital history, U.S. history, and the history of Christianity.