



**Beth Plummer: “The Many Prisons of Stephen Castenbauer:
Reformation History, Memory, and Historical Method.”**



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Dr. Plummer's research focuses - among others - on the impact of early modern religious reform movements on family and gender roles as well as on tolerance, intolerance, and coexistence in early modern Germany.

In 1562, Lutheran theologian Cyriacus Spangenberg recounted the story of the dramatic, even miraculous, escape of Stephen Castenbauer in 1524 from his three-year imprisonment in Salzburg by the Salzburg Archbishop.

This event occurred after a lightning bolt hit the tower where Castenbauer was being held awaiting execution, a recitation of “historical events” that do not match other sources.

In this talk, Dr. Beth Plummer will explore how historians handle the differences between literary sources and archival records.

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