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**Meeting Notice**  
**Hybrid In-person\* & Virtual**  
**7:00 PM, Wednesday, November 6, 2024**  
**Pennepack Baptist Meetinghouse**  
**8732 Krewstown Rd, Phila, 19115**

**Topic: Native Presence on Three 17<sup>th</sup> Century Delaware River Maps**  
**Speaker: Agnès Trouillet, Université Paris Nanterre**



**Caert vande Svydt Rivier in Nieu Nederland.** Vinckeboons, Joan [1639?]. Library of Congress Geography and Map Division Washington.

The 17<sup>th</sup> century Delaware Valley was rich with exchanges between the Lenape, the original inhabitants of the region, and the Dutch, Swedes, and English vying in turn for control of the lucrative fur trade, and of the river. The Lenape were able to maintain their political and territorial sovereignty in the region into the 18<sup>th</sup> century, even after the Quaker colonization by William Penn. They welcomed European settlers as sources of trade goods but also to increase leverage in their own relations with other Indigenous populations of the Northeast, using their strategic position on the Delaware River as a crossroads between the northern and southern colonies. We will examine how Indigenous presence is represented on three maps, one Dutch, one Swedish, and one English, translating alternating European attempts at controlling the region over the course of the 17<sup>th</sup> century.

Agnès Trouillet is Associate Professor of American Studies at University Paris Nanterre, specializing in political history and the history of cartography. Her research interest is European and Indigenous clashing conceptions and practices of territory in the mid-Atlantic colonies, as expressed in their respective spatial epistemologies and land tenure systems. She focuses on the role of William Penn's settlement design in shifting sovereignties in the Delaware Valley.

**For those attending virtually, a link will be sent out a day or two prior to the meeting. Please send a request for the zoom link to [nephillyhistory@gmail.com](mailto:nephillyhistory@gmail.com) or visit our [Facebook page](#).**

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