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Fort Pitt Museum to Host Fourth Annual Women's History Seminar
-Part of the Fort Pitt Museum's speaker series, Mary Miley Theobald and Ja:no's (Janine) Bowen will share presentations about women's history-

PITTSBURGH, July 17, 2018 – The Fort Pitt Museum, part of the Smithsonian-affiliated Senator John Heinz History Center museum system, will host its fourth annual **Women's History Seminar** on Saturday, July 28 at 10 a.m.

Presented as part of the Fort Pitt Museum's speaker series, two speakers will share presentations focused on women's history.

Mary Miley Theobald, a history and freelance writer, will discuss history myths and women in early America. Her presentation will explore the history myths about women often repeated in cultural institutions throughout the country, how they perpetuate, and what truth is behind them. Theobald will be available to sign copies of her book, "Death by Petticoat: American History Myths Debunked," which will be available for purchase in the Fort Pitt Museum shop.

Ja:no's (Janine) Bowen, the Allegany Territory, Language Development Director at the Seneca Nation, will discuss the central role women have played throughout Iroquois history as teachers who transmit the culture to the next generation. Bowen's presentation will share the inspiring stories of women who have dedicated their careers to language revitalization efforts.

Visitors can also participate in guided museum tours at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. to explore Western Pennsylvania's critical role during the French & Indian War, the American Revolution, and the birth of Pittsburgh.

The museum's featured exhibit is ***From Maps to Mermaids: Carved Powder Horns in Early America***, which showcases delicately carved powder horns – used by soldiers, settlers, and American Indians to store gunpowder on the colonial frontier – and the stories behind them.

Admission for this seminar is \$10 for the general public and \$5 for students and History Center members. Register online at www.heinzhistorycenter.org/events.

For more information on the Fort Pitt Museum's exhibits and public programs, please visit www.heinzhistorycenter.org/fort-pitt.

The **Fort Pitt Museum**, built in a recreated bastion of the British fort originally constructed in 1759, focuses on the critical role that Western Pennsylvania played during the French & Indian War, the American Revolution, and the founding of Pittsburgh. The Fort Pitt Museum is located in Point State Park in downtown Pittsburgh. The Senator John Heinz History Center, an affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution, operates the Fort Pitt Museum in partnership with the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC). For more information, please visit www.heinzhistorycenter.org/fort-pitt.



Author Mary Miley Theobald will discuss history myths at the Fort Pitt Museum's fourth annual Women's History Seminar on Saturday, July 28 beginning at 10 a.m.



Ja:no's (Janine) Bowen, the Allegany Territory, Language Department Director at the Seneca Nation, will share the inspiring stories of Iroquois women who have dedicated their careers to language revitalization efforts during the Women's History Seminar at the Fort Pitt Museum on July 28.

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