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## **Fort Pitt Museum to Host Seminar Commemorating 245th Anniversary of Lord Dunmore's War**

***- The day-long seminar will explore the little known conflict that took place on the eve of the American Revolution -***

PITTSBURGH, March 13, 2019 – The Fort Pitt Museum, part of the Smithsonian-affiliated Senator John Heinz History Center museum system, will host a day-long seminar to commemorate **Lord Dunmore's War** on **Saturday, March 23**, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

This year marks the 245th anniversary of Lord Dunmore's War, in which American Indians and white settlers battled in the Virginia backcountry and Ohio River Valley on the eve of the American Revolution.

The seminar will include presentations by historians followed by Q&A sessions:

- **James Corbett David**, author of "Dunmore's New World," will discuss the life of John Murray, fourth earl of Dunmore, and highlight the central but ultimately fraught role that land grants played in British imperial expansion.
- **Alan Gutches**, director of the Fort Pitt Museum, will focus on British Imperial expansion and the murders in the spring of 1774 that broke a decade of peace in the Ohio Country.
- **Mary Miley Theobald**, historian and freelance writer, will share a presentation on the Countess of Dunmore, who became a master at manipulating the political system during an era when a titled woman could realize her ambitions only through her husband's status and her children's marriages.
- **Jeremy Turner**, an enrolled member of the Shawnee Tribe, will examine the role the Shawnee Nation played in Lord Dunmore's War.

This day-long seminar will include breakfast, lunch, and a roundtable discussion over dinner with speakers.

Admission to the Dunmore's War Seminar is \$25 for adults and \$20 for students and Heinz History Center members. Register online at [www.heinzhistorycenter.org/events](http://www.heinzhistorycenter.org/events).

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](http://www.heinzhistorycenter.org/fort-pitt).



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