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Fort Pitt Museum to Host Author and Historian Patrick Spero
- 2019 Fort Pitt Speaker Series continues with the "Frontier Rebels" author -

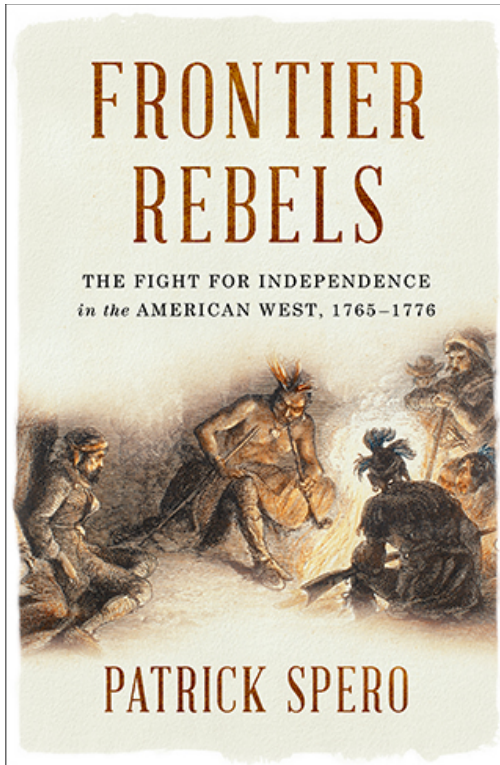
PITTSBURGH, April 2, 2019 – The Fort Pitt Museum, part of the Smithsonian-affiliated Senator John Heinz History Center museum system, will host author and historian **Patrick Spero** as part of its 2019 Fort Pitt Speaker Series on **Saturday, April 13 at 11 a.m.**

During the lecture, Dr. Spero will discuss how the West played a crucial role in the struggle for independence as explored in his new book, "Frontier Rebels: The Fight for Independence in the American West, 1765-1776."

Dr. Spero is the Librarian and Director of the American Philosophical Society Library in Philadelphia and a scholar of early American history. His work includes more than a dozen essays, as well as "Frontier Country: The Politics of War in Early Pennsylvania" (University of Pennsylvania Press, 2016) and the edited anthology "The American Revolution Reborn: New Perspectives for the Twenty-First Century" (University of Pennsylvania Press, 2016).

Registration for this program is \$15 for adults and \$10 for students and History Center members and includes full museum admission. Register online at 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.



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