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Fort Pitt Museum to Host Award-Winning Author and Historian Max Edelson

-Edelson will discuss his latest book, "The New Map of Empire: How Britain Imagined America before Independence"-

PITTSBURGH, Aug. 21, 2019 – The Fort Pitt Museum, part of the Smithsonian-affiliated Senator John Heinz History Center museum system, will welcome guest lecturer **S. Max Edelson** as part of the Fort Pitt Speaker Series on **Saturday, Aug. 31 at 11 a.m.**

A history professor at the University of Virginia, Edelson is the author of "The New Map of Empire: How Britain Imagined America before Independence." The book won the 2017 John Lyman Book Award in U.S. Maritime History and was a finalist for the 2018 George Washington Book Prize.

During his presentation, Edelson will discuss British efforts to map and control America in the years preceding the American Revolution.

Illustrated by a dynamic digital presentation featuring original maps, Edelson will explain how Americans reacted to this grand scheme of control and rejected the bonds of empire.

Admission is \$15 for the general public and \$10 for students and History Center members. Register online at heinzhistorycenter.org/events.

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



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