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**History Center to Host Book Launch for CMU Professor Joe William Trotter, Jr.**

***-This FREE program is presented by the African American Program of the Heinz History Center and Carnegie Mellon University-***

PITTSBURGH, Aug. 28, 2019 – The Smithsonian-affiliated Senator John Heinz History Center will host Carnegie Mellon University professor Joe William Trotter, Jr. for a celebration of his new book entitled “**Workers on Arrival: Black Labor in the Making of America**” on **Wednesday, Sept. 11 at 5:30 p.m.**

The evening will feature a reception beginning at 5:30 p.m. and a lecture at 7 p.m., presented by the African American Program of the Heinz History Center and the Center for African American Urban Studies and the Economy (CAUSE) of Carnegie Mellon University.

During his presentation, Dr. Trotter will explore the vast contributions of the black working class to the making of America, tracing workers’ complicated journey from the transatlantic slave trade through the American Century to the postindustrial order.

Dr. Trotter is the Giant Eagle Professor of History and Social Justice at Carnegie Mellon University. Recently elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, he is also the Director and Founder of CAUSE.

Following his presentation, Dr. Trotter will sign copies of “Workers on Arrival,” will be available for purchase.

Admission to this event is FREE and open to the public. Pre-registration is encouraged at [heinzhistorycenter.org/events](http://heinzhistorycenter.org/events).

The History Center’s African American Program is dedicated to the preservation, dissemination, and interpretation of the life, history, and culture of Africans and African Americans in Western Pa.

**The Senator John Heinz History Center**, an affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution and the largest history museum in Pennsylvania, presents American history with a Western Pennsylvania connection. The Western Pennsylvania Sports Museum is a museum within a museum, comprehensively presenting the region’s remarkable sports story through hundreds of artifacts and interactive experiences for visitors of all ages. The History Center and Sports Museum are located at 1212 Smallman Street in the city’s Strip District, and are open every day from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The History Center’s museum system includes the Sports Museum; the Fort Pitt Museum in historic Point State Park; and Meadowcroft Rockshelter and Historic Village, a National Historic Landmark located in Avella, Pa. in Washington County. More information is available at [www.heinzhistorycenter.org](http://www.heinzhistorycenter.org).



On Sept. 11 at 5:30 p.m., the Heinz History Center will host an evening with Carnegie Mellon University's Joe Trotter to discuss his newest book, "Workers on Arrival: Black Labor in the Making of America."

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