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**PENNSYLVANIA HISTORICAL AND MUSEUM COMMISSION TO
CO-SPONSOR CONFERENCE ON NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE
One-Day Conference Includes History, Culture of Pa. Native Americans**

HARRISBURG — Native American history and culture in Pennsylvania will be explored during a conference on Oct. 14 at The State Museum in Harrisburg. The one-day event will be co-sponsored by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission.

Historians, archaeologists and educators will discuss the varied history of Native Americans in the commonwealth. Subjects will include “Caring for Native American Collections,” “The Carlisle Indian School,” “Native American Origins” and cultural aspects.

“Some of Pennsylvania’s most important history will be presented at this conference,” said PHMC Executive Director Barbara Franco. “Participants will gain greater knowledge of the origins and contributions of Native Americans to the state and the country.”

Daniel K. Richter, the director of the McNeil Center for Early American Studies and professor of history at the University of Pennsylvania will serve as keynote speaker. His focus is Native American history before 1800. Other speakers include James Adovasio of Mercyhurst College, Kinorea Dickman of the National Museum of the American Indian at the Smithsonian Institution, and Timothy Shannon of Gettysburg College.

Sponsoring organizations include the Pennsylvania Federation of Museums and Historical Organizations, the Pennsylvania Historical Association, and others. Registration is \$25 and \$15 for students. Free activities at The State Museum that day include exhibitions and children’s activities such as a Native American tool manufacturing demonstration.

Registrants for the conference are invited to attend a reception and the first 150 people to register will receive a copy of Richter’s recently published book, *Native Americans’ Pennsylvania*. For more information contact Janet MacGregor at (717) 909-3995 or janet.macgregor@pamuseums.org.

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