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The State Museum Hosts G. Terry Madonna on Eve of 2008 Election

*Madonna explores Pennsylvania's role in politics from 1932 through the 2004 election
plus insights into the 2008 presidential election*

Harrisburg – The State Museum of Pennsylvania, 300 North Street, will host Dr. G. Terry Madonna in a discussion on how Pennsylvanians helped to shape the policies of the nation's leading office and what have been the historic trends, and how may they affect the 2008 election outcome. Dr. Madonna will address these topics and much more in his timely presentation on October 27 at 5 p.m. – just eight days prior to the election.

This presentation is part of the Pennsylvania Heritage Society's Signature Series.

Dr. Madonna is a professor and director of the Center for Politics and Public Affairs at Franklin and Marshall College, and director of the Franklin and Marshall College Poll, Lancaster. His recently published book, *Pivotal Pennsylvania: Presidential Politics from FDR to the Twenty-First Century* explores Pennsylvania's role in politics from 1932 through the 2004 election. In addition to discussing the election span of the book, Dr. Madonna will also present up-to-date information about the 2008 presidential election.

Admission is FREE and open to the public, but attendees are encouraged to RSVP. Visit PAbookstore.com for more information or to order a copy of Madonna's book.

Prior to Dr. Madonna's presentation Dr. Kenneth C. Wolensky, a historian with the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission who has published and spoken widely on the history of labor, industry, politics, and public policy, will provide a brief presentation entitled "Lessons and Leaders from Pennsylvania's 20th-century Politics." He will highlight several of the leading figures in PA's 20th-century political world and review some of the key lessons learned.

The State Museum of Pennsylvania, located at 300 North Street, is one of 25 historic sites and museums on the Pennsylvania Trail of History®, administered by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission. Museum hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, 12 noon to 5 p.m. Closed Mondays. Individuals who need special assistance should call (717) 787-6778 or the Pennsylvania TDD relay service at (800) 654-5984.

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The Pennsylvania Heritage Society is a non-profit organization supporting the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, the official state agency charged with preserving and interpreting the Commonwealth's heritage and culture.