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State Museum of Pennsylvania Hosts Lecture, *Drawing Democracy in the 1930s New Deal Era*, Thursday, April 30, 2009

Harrisburg, PA – As part of the continuing exhibition, *Common Canvas: Pennsylvania's New Deal Post Office Murals*, The State Museum of Pennsylvania will host a special lecture, tour and reception on Thursday, April 30, 2009. The evening's featured speaker is Michael Barton, Ph. D., Professor of American Studies and Social Studies at Pennsylvania State University at Harrisburg and director of The Center for PA Cultural Studies.

The program will compare and contrast the United State's New Deal art with realist paintings from Mexico, Russia and China in the 1920s and 30s and show how American "populist" imagery differed from Europe's more "leftist" imagery. The program runs from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. and includes a private tour of the *Common Canvas* exhibit led by Dr. Curt Miner, curator of the exhibit.

Tickets are \$25 per person and advance registration is required. Call (717) 772-6997 to charge tickets. This event is sponsored by the Friends of The State Museum.

The State Museum of Pennsylvania, 300 North St., Harrisburg, is one of 26 historic sites and museums on the Pennsylvania Trail of History™ administered by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission. Museum hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Sunday, 12 noon to 5:00 p.m. Individuals who need special assistance should call (717) 787-

4979 or the Pennsylvania TDD relay service at (800) 654-5984. More information on exhibits and programs at The State Museum is available online at www.statemuseumpa.org.