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Pennsylvania Historical Association Annual Meeting,
October 22–24, 2009, Chester, Pennsylvania

Call for Paper and Panel Proposals 78th Annual Conference

The Pennsylvania Historical Association invites proposals for individual papers, panels, roundtable discussions, and special sessions to be given at its 78th annual meeting at Widener University in Chester, Pennsylvania, on October 22–24, 2009. This meeting is open to scholars, researchers, educators, public historians, and professionals who share an interest in the history of Pennsylvania and the mid-Atlantic region from the founding years to the present. The PHA welcomes proposals on a wide range of themes and from numerous disciplines, including but not limited to history, material culture, educational strategies and theories, historic preservation, and museum studies. Full panel proposals are encouraged.

The focus of the 2009 conference will be Mid-Atlantic Studies. While the program committee will consider all proposals, it wishes to solicit those that specifically address the myriad facets of the Mid-Atlantic from early contact to the present day in areas such as geography, politics, culture, education, economics, and public history. The committee welcomes panels from

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academics as well as non-academics, e.g., professionals working in public schools, museums, and historical agencies.

Although electronic submissions are preferred, those submitting proposals through regular mail should send six copies of their proposal. Proposals must include a title, description of paper or panel, brief CV for all participants involved, and full contact information.

Please send your submissions and any questions you may have to the program committee chair, Janet Moore Lindman, Department of History, Rowan University, 201 Mullica Hill Road, Glassboro, NJ 08208-1701; phone 856-256-4500, ext. 3995; or email at lindman@rowan.edu.

Proposals will be accepted until January 15, 2009. Participants will be notified of the committee's decision no later than April 2009.

New Deal 75th Anniversary Commemoration

The Pennsylvania Historical Association is co-sponsoring a Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission Symposium marking the 75th Anniversary of the New Deal. Entitled "Pennsylvania's New Deal Legacies," the event will be held December 4, 2008, at the State Museum in Harrisburg. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Christopher Breiseth, president of the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute, Hyde Park, New York. Other presentations will treat post office murals and two notable Pennsylvania New Deal projects, the Pennsylvania Turnpike and Johnstown's Roxbury Bandshell. A special State Museum exhibit, "A Common Canvas: Pennsylvania's New Deal Post Office Murals," will run concurrently. The Symposium is free and open to the public; reservations are recommended. To reserve, contact Kenneth Wolensky, Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, 717-772-0921 or kwolensky@state.pa.us.

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Program:

December 4th, 2008 1:30 to 4:30 PM

State Museum of Pennsylvania Auditorium, 3rd and North Streets,
Harrisburg.

Barbara Franco, PHMC Executive Director

*Welcome and Overview of PHMC's 2008 New Deal
Anniversary Commemoration
Introductions*

Keynote Address:

Dr. Christopher Breiseth, President and CEO, Franklin and Eleanor
Roosevelt Institute, Hyde Park, New York.

The Legacy of the New Deal

Presenters:

David Lembeck, Historian and Author

*Pennsylvania's Public Art Collection: New Deal Post
Office Mural Art and Artists*

Debbie Walter, Johnstown Redevelopment Authority, and Mary Borkow,
Johnstown Citizen Activist

*Preserving a New Deal Public Venue: The Roxbury
Bandsbell, Johnstown, PA.*

Dan Cupper, Historian and Author

*Pennsylvania's Prevalent New Deal Public Works
Project: The Pennsylvania Turnpike*

State Museum Exhibit Tours Following Program: A Common Canvas—
Pennsylvania's New Deal Post Office Murals

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Lesson Plans for Sports in Pennsylvania

The PHA has added on-line lesson plans to its web site for *Sports in Pennsylvania*, one of the 2007 additions to the Pennsylvania History Studies Series. The lessons were prepared by students at Mansfield University under the direction of the volume's author, Karen Guenther. The lessons are linked to the PHA's web site on the page for the Studies Series, <http://www.pa-history.org/pastudyseries.htm>.

PHA Publishes Election-Year Volume on Presidential Politics; Adds On-Line Ordering

How did Pennsylvania become a battleground state in presidential politics? To answer this question in a concise volume for general readers, the PHA invited political analyst G. Terry Madonna of Franklin & Marshall College to write *Pivotal Pennsylvania: Presidential Politics from FDR to the Twenty-First Century*. This latest volume in the Pennsylvania History Studies Series surveys campaigns and election outcomes from the 1930s through 2004. For further information about this and other volumes in the series, visit the PHA web site at <http://www.pa-history.org/pastudyseries.htm>.

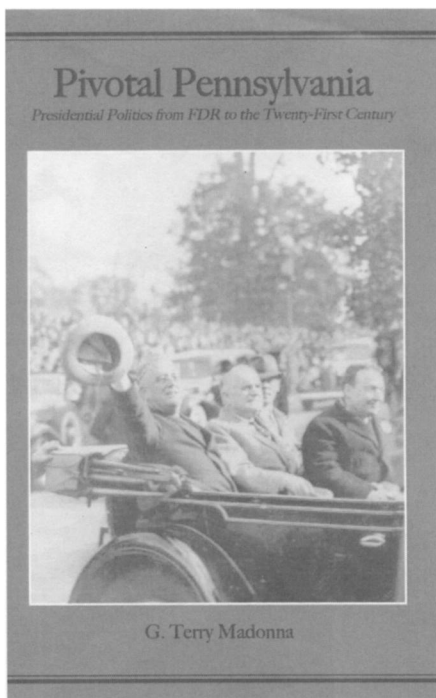
In addition to the printable order form on the PHA web site, volumes in the series also are now available for on-line ordering using credit cards through a cooperative arrangement with the Independence Hall Association of Philadelphia. To order on-line, visit the web site <http://www.ushistory.org> and click on the "Historic Bookstore."

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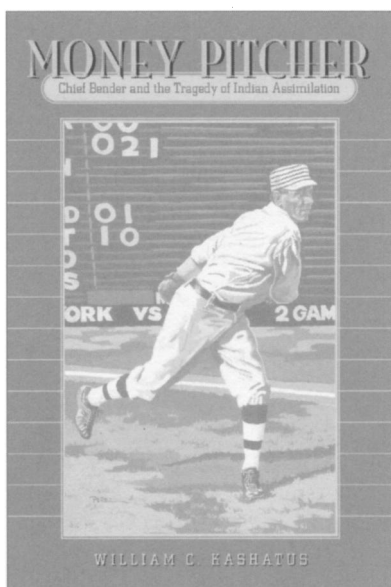
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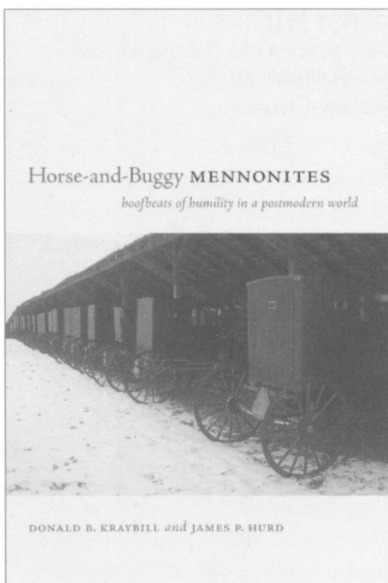
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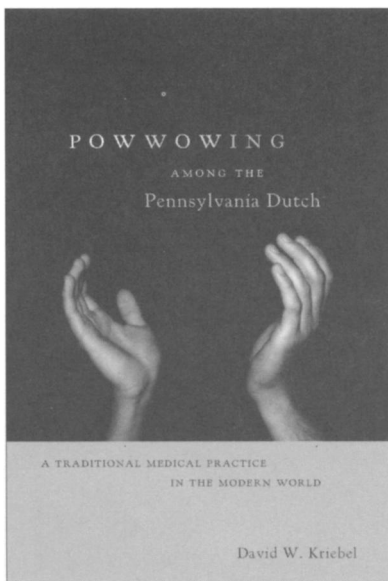
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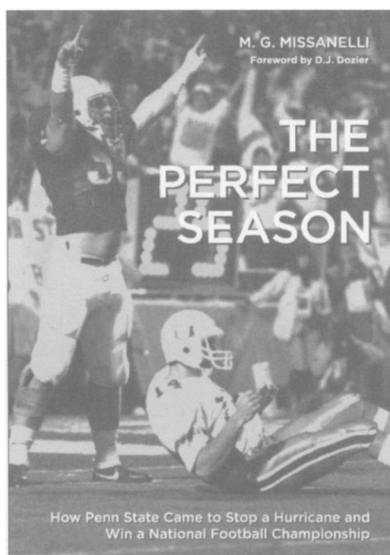
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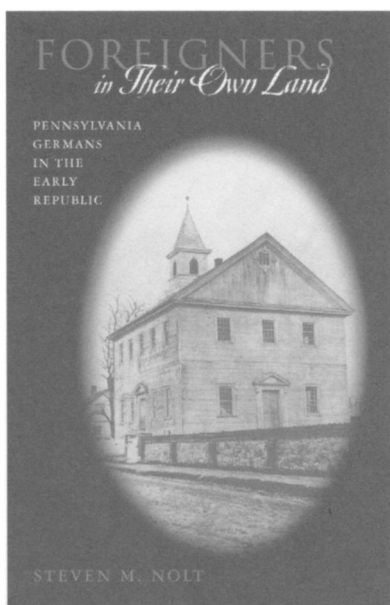
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History and Biography*

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"[*Foreigners in Their Own Land*] is well written, accessible, tightly organized, and thoroughly rooted in the primary sources as well as the relevant historiography of early modern Germany, colonial America, new republic, and American church and religion. It provides a fascinating, insightful portrait of German Americans during the period of the new republic."

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Journal of American History

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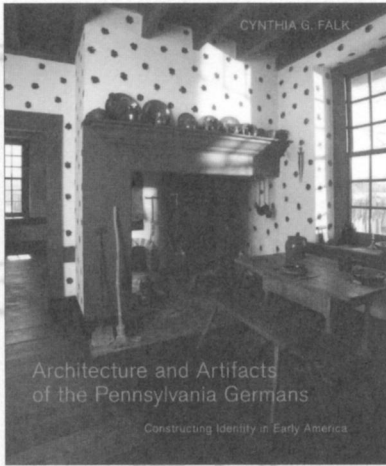
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ARCHITECTURE AND ARTIFACTS OF THE PENNSYLVANIA GERMANS

CONSTRUCTING IDENTITY IN EARLY
AMERICA

Cynthia G. Falk

How did a mid-eighteenth-century group, the so-called Pennsylvania Germans, build their cultural identity in the face of ethnic stereotyping, nostalgic ideals, and the views imposed by outside contemporaries? Numerous forces create a group's identity, including the views of outsiders, insiders, and the shaping pressure of religious beliefs, but to understand the process better, we must look to clues from material culture.

Cynthia Falk explores the relationship between ethnicity and the buildings, personal belongings, and other cultural artifacts of early Pennsylvania German immigrants and descendants. Such material culture has been the basis of stereotyping Pennsylvania Germans almost since their arrival. Falk warns us against the typical scholarly overemphasis on Pennsylvania Germans' assimilation to an English way of life. Rather, she demonstrates that more than anything, socioeconomic status and religious affiliation influenced the character of the material culture of Pennsylvania Germans. Her work also shows how early Pennsylvania Germans defined their own identities.

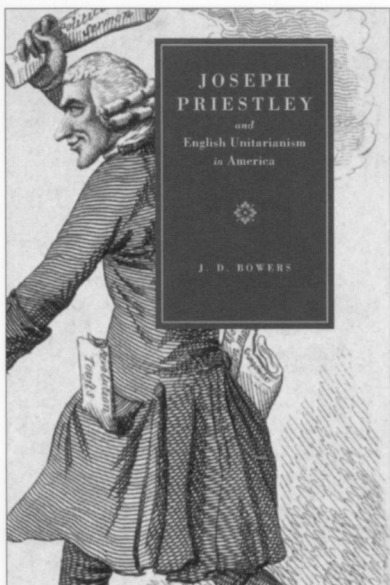
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