90 Pittsburgh Neighborhoods, Ron Donoughe
Wednesday, April 26 at 7 p.m.
Detre Library & Archives Reading Room at the Heinz History Center
Join the History Center for a reading, discussion, and book signing with artist Ron Donoughe. The idea behind the 90 Pittsburgh Neighborhoods art series was to visit each Pittsburgh neighborhood in alphabetical order and paint them in “plein air” (on location). The project, which lasted 12 months, was meant to capture the seasonal changes throughout the city. Using a city map to determine the neighborhoods’ locations, Ron Donoughe also wanted the project to act as a visual time capsule by keeping a journal and blog of the people and experiences as each painting was completed.
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Stories of Ethnic Identity & Military Service, Dr. Elaine Berkowitz and Valerie DeFazio Vacula
Wednesday, May 24 at 7 p.m.
Detre Library & Archives Reading Room at the Heinz History Center
Join the Italian American Program and the Rauh Jewish History Program at the History Center for a discussion about the relationship between military service and American ethnic identity. The program will include talks from Dr. Elaine Berkowitz, author of Live Life...Love Country, and Valerie DeFazio Vacula, author of The Italian Campaign: The Forgotten War. In Live Life...Love Country, Dr. Berkowitz chronicles her experiences from a nearly 40-year career in the U.S. Army, including four tours of duty in Kosovo and Iraq. In The Italian Campaign: The Forgotten War, Ms. Vacula tells the story of her Italian American father’s experience fighting in Italy during WWII, which includes his participation in the Battle of Monte Cassino and meeting his Italian relatives for the first time. Both stories share unique and heroic experiences from two different wars—experiences shaped in unexpected and meaningful ways by the protagonists’ Italian-American and Jewish-American identities.

The Devil Himself, Andrew Porwancher
Wednesday, June 14 at 7 p.m.
Detre Library & Archives Reading Room at the Heinz History Center
Join the History Center for a reading, discussion, and book signing with Andrew Porwancher. His book, The Devil Himself, tells the blood-soaked story of two Pennsylvania politicians who faced off in a duel in 1882 after one confessed to seducing the other’s daughter. One man was slain while the other was indicted for murder. The entire nation fixed its attention on Western Pennsylvania to see which sacred value would triumph in court: the code of honor or the rule of law.
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All events are free and open to the public but do not include admission to the rest of the museum.

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