



Howard Norton Cook, *Steel Industry* (detail), 1936, United States Post Office and Courthouse, Pittsburgh, PA. Courtesy of the General Services Administration, Fine Arts Program

In 1933, the administration of President Franklin Roosevelt launched an ambitious program to place murals and sculptures in post offices across the country, including Pennsylvania. To coincide with the national 75th anniversary of the New Deal, The State Museum of Pennsylvania announces a special exhibition that will offer visitors a glimpse of some of these extraordinary artworks, brought together for the first time.

# A COMMON CANVAS

## PENNSYLVANIA'S **NEW DEAL** POST OFFICE **MURALS**

AT THE STATE MUSEUM OF PENNSYLVANIA

NOVEMBER 22, 2008 – MAY 17, 2009

### Public Reception

**Sunday, November 23, 2008**

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Gallery Tours beginning at 2:30 pm and 3:15 pm

Meet the Curators • Refreshments • Sponsored by the Friends of the State Museum

### Public History Symposium

**Pennsylvania's New Deal Legacies**

Thursday, December 4, 2008

1:30 pm – 5:00 pm

Location: The State Museum of Pennsylvania, Auditorium

Free to the public, but reservations are suggested; call (717) 783-0395.

### Tours

**Palace of Art: The State Capitol Murals of  
Edwin Austin Abbey & Violet Oakley**

**Saturday, April 4, 2009**

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Nancy Mendes, M.F.A., Graphic Arts Director, State Museum of PA

Location: The State Capitol Rotunda

Free to the public, but reservations are suggested; please call  
The State Museum's reservation office at (717) 772-6997.

### Second Saturdays

December 2008 - May 2009 • Second Saturdays of each month

Beginning at 1:00 pm and 2:00 pm

Location: *A Common Canvas* exhibition, first floor gallery

No registration is required.

### Gallery Talk Schedule

**Saturday, January 24, 2009**

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

"Pennsylvania's New Deal Post Office Murals"

David Lembeck, co-curator of *A Common Canvas*

**Saturday, February 21, 2009**

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

"Black Participation in Philadelphia's New Deal Arts Projects"

Arthur Jarvis, Ph.D., Asst. Professor of History,

Montgomery Co. Community College, Pottstown Campus

**Sunday, March 8, 2009**

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

"Story Murals"

Douglas Cooper, Civic Muralist, and Professor of  
Architecture, Carnegie-Mellon University

Gallery Talks and Guided Exhibit Tours are free to the public.

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