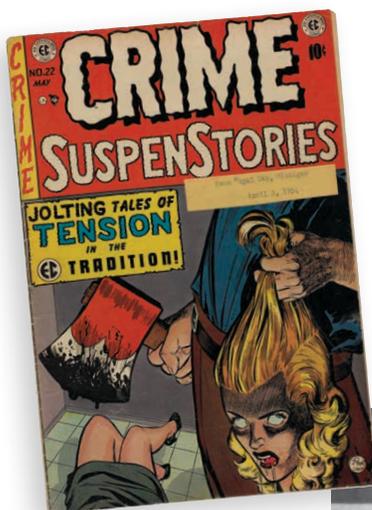


Capitol Visitor Center

# TEACHER WORKSHOP

## Congressional Investigations:



**Exhibit 22: *Crime Suspense Stories*, April 5, 1954**

**Martin Dies, Jr.**  
*Collection of the U.S. House of Representatives*

### ORIGINS, PRACTICE AND HIGHLIGHTS

Join us for a workshop that focuses on the congressional power to investigate, an important element of our constitutional system of checks and balances. The Capitol Visitor Center's new exhibit entitled "Congress Investigates," takes a look at Congress' investigatory powers and how Congress has used them to gain information, develop public policy, conduct oversight and inform the public.



The workshop will feature talks by Dr. Betty Koed, Historian for the U.S. Senate and Director of the U.S. Senate Historical Office and Dr. Matt Wasniewski, Historian, U.S. House of Representatives Office of the Historian.

Focusing on two different investigations – a 1954 inquiry into the role of comic books in causing juvenile delinquency and the landmark 1973-74 investigation into the Watergate scandal – Dr. Koed will explore the scope, consequences and significance of the Senate's investigatory powers.

Dr. Wasniewski will present on the Dies Committee of 1938, a precursor to the House Un-American Activities Committee. Discussion themes will include the link between foreign policy and domestic politics, civil liberties, and balancing a committee's investigatory tactics with its results.

**Teachers will have an opportunity to work with primary sources and visit the floor of the House of Representatives and Senate.**

### WHAT

Teacher Workshop

### WHEN

**Tuesday, June 30, 2015**

Registration 8:30 a.m. to 9 a.m.

Workshop 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

### WHERE

U. S. Capitol Visitor Center  
Congressional Meeting Room North

### WHO

**Dr. Betty Koed**, Historian for the U.S. Senate and Director of the U.S. Senate Historical Office

**Dr. Matt Wasniewski**, Historian, U.S. House of Representatives Office of the Historian

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