

Capitol Visitor Center

# TEACHER WORKSHOP

## AMERICAN SYMBOLS FOUND IN ART IN THE U.S. CAPITOL

Join us for a workshop that will use an interdisciplinary approach to examine public art found in the U.S. Capitol. The workshop is relevant for art, social studies and language art teachers. Discussion topics will include:

- Why is art placed in the Capitol and who commissioned it?
- What symbols are found in the art? What are the origins of these symbols?
- How does public art in the Capitol reflect a particular historical period?
- What similar symbols are found in public art located in schools and communities?



**Statue of Freedom**

*Architect of the Capitol*



**The Apotheosis of Washington, "Marine" detail**

*Architect of the Capitol*

The workshop will include a lecture, a tour of the Capitol, and an opportunity to share curriculum ideas with colleagues. The speaker requests that prior to the workshop, teachers submit digital photos of public art or school symbols to [education@visitthecapitol.gov](mailto:education@visitthecapitol.gov).

The keynote speaker will be Dr. Michele Cohen, Assistant Curator, Architect of the Capitol, who was formerly the Founding Director of Public Art for Public Schools in New York City. She has lectured and written widely about public art, including *Public Art for Public Schools* (The Monacelli Press, 2009) and *the Art Commission and Municipal Art Society Guide to Manhattan's Outdoor Sculpture* (Prentice Hall Press, 1988).

## WHAT

Teacher Workshop

## WHEN

**Saturday, February 21, 2015**

9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

## WHERE

U.S. Capitol Visitor Center

## WHO

**Dr. Michele Cohen**

Assistant Curator

Architect of the Capitol

*For reservations or for more information, contact [education@visitthecapitol.gov](mailto:education@visitthecapitol.gov) or call 202.593.1868.*

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