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ALTOONA MUSEUM TO HOST SYMPOSIUM ON RAILROAD PHOTOGRAPHER

Altoona – The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Altoona will host a symposium on former Pennsylvania Railroad photographer William H. Rau from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesday, August 16. The program costs \$15 per person or \$14 for SAMA members and includes lunch. Rau’s photographs are currently on view at the Museum in the exhibition, *William H. Rau: Openings – Urban, Rural, Rail*.

Led by exhibition curator Julie Fether, the symposium will address the impact and legacy of Rau’s railroad photography. Also presenting will be photographer Michael Froio, whose art is also included in the Museum’s exhibition.

Openings – Urban, Rural, Rail takes the viewer on a photographic trip with Rau, who shows us various environmental landscapes along the Pennsylvania Railroad from various divisions. In this exhibition, hidden worlds become exposed *openings* – a late nineteenth century term which describes the landscape and landscape photography. Rau’s photographs showcase these *openings* in which the railroad makes itself known – or unknown. Impacting both urban and rural settings, the rails speak visually stunning volumes, echoing the industrial past.

For reservations or additional information on the symposium, please contact the Museum at (814) 946-4464 or altoona@sama-art.org.

The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Altoona is located in the Brett Building at 1210 Eleventh Avenue. Hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday. The Museum is a handicapped-accessible facility and is open to the public free of charge. Parking is available in the garage across the street or in metered spots in the lot at the rear of the building. For more information, call the Museum or visit www.sama-art.org.