Napoleon's Invasion of Egypt: A Crucial Meeting of Islamic and Christian Cultures

When: Monday, October 7, 2013, 12:30 p.m.-1:50 p.m.
Where: Hillwood Commons Lecture Hall, LIU Post
Speaker: Dr. Bob Brier

When Napoleon Bonaparte invaded Egypt in 1798, along with his army, he brought 150 artists, linguists, and scientists of all kinds to describe Egypt. It was the first ethnographic study of its kind and was also the beginning of modern Egyptology. They discovered the Rosetta stone, the key to deciphering hieroglyphs. When the savants returned to France, they published the Description de L'Egypte, the first accurate representation of Egyptian antiquities to the western world. It was a massive work, taking 20 years to complete and started a wave of Egyptomania that continues today. They also introduced the west to Islamic architecture and customs.

This illustrated lecture traces Bonaparte's Egyptian campaign as a unique interaction between the Islamic and western worlds.

About the Speaker...

Dr. Bob Brier is Senior Research Fellow at Long Island University - Post. He is recognized as one of the world's foremost expert on mummies. He has conducted pioneering research in mumification practices, and has investigated some of the world's foremost mummies such as King Tut, Ramses the Great, and the Medici family of Renaissance Italy. He has conducted research in pyramids and tombs in 15 countries, and was the host of several award-winning television specials for TLC. Dr. Brier's research has been featured in scholarly and popular books, and media venues such as CNN, 60 Minutes, TV Guide, and Archaeology Magazine.

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