

The Military History Society of New South Wales Incorporated presents

Dr. Stephen Bourke

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The Invasion of the Sea Peoples



Military art by Johnny Schumate

The mysterious Sea Peoples were said to have invaded the ancient kingdoms of the Eastern Mediterranean around the late 12th Century BC. Their attacks seriously disrupted the reign of Ramses III of Egypt and their invasions in the Levant are said to have led to the collapse of the Hittite Empire of Asia Minor and the end of the Bronze Age. Their origins are obscure and they may later have settled as Philistines.

Dr. Bourke will present an archaeologist's view of who the Sea Peoples were, what they looked like, where they came from, what they brought with them by way of culture, ships and weaponry. He will offer evidence of what the Egyptian and cuneiform sources tell us about their activities and the prehistory of their descent.

Saturday, 9 May 2015, 2pm
99 York St Conference Centre, Sydney

This is a FREE event but RSVP is essential by Wednesday 6 May 2015 as numbers are restricted (02) 9660 7225/0418 400 825 or rsvp@militaryhistorynsw.com.au