

2015 Faculty Lecture

Dr. John J. Hurt, Professor of History and

Dr. Steven E. Sidebotham, Professor
of Classical Archeology and Ancient History

Tuesday, May 12, 2015

4:30 p.m. Program in the Reading Room, Morris Library
A reception will follow.

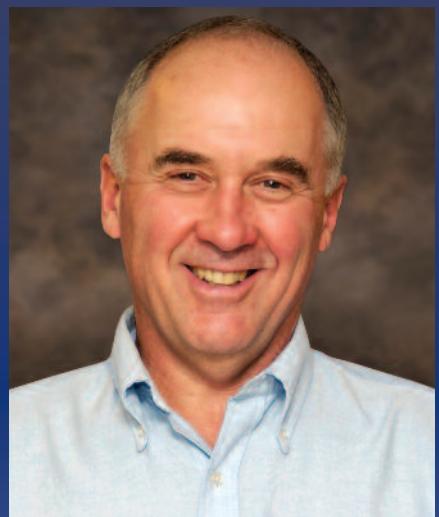
The featured speakers will be Dr. John J. Hurt and Dr. Steven E. Sidebotham from the University of Delaware. Dr. Hurt and Dr. Sidebotham are editors of the recent book, *Odyssey of a Bombardier: The POW Log of Richard M. Mason*, which was published by the University of Delaware Press in 2014. The illustrated *Odyssey of a Bombardier* depicts the experiences of the bombardier Richard M. Mason, in German prison camps after his B-17 "Flying Fortress" was shot down by the Germans in France in 1944, the final months of World War II. The log follows Mason from the day his plane crashed until his liberation in April 1945, and his return home to the United States. Included are such topics as medical treatment and rehabilitation for wounded prisoners of war, life in Stalag Luft III, a difficult long march in an arctic winter to another camp, the travails of prisoners in the overcrowded, filthy camp at Moosburg, critical food shortages and the arrival of General George Patton with the liberating forces. Mason was an amateur artist and illustrated his journal with moving depictions of prison life and comradeship.

Mark your calendars! The printed invitation will be mailed in April, 2015. All members of the University of Delaware Library Associates will be sent the invitation. Other interested persons may send an email message to UDLA@udel.edu or call Library Administration at 302-831-2231 to request a printed invitation. This event is open to the public.

Parking validation will be provided for the Visitors' Lot #41 on South College Avenue, the Trabant University Center Garage on Main Street and the Perkins Student Center Garage on Academy Street upon leaving the Morris Library.



Dr. John J. Hurt



Dr. Steven E. Sidebotham

