



## **“Maya 2012, Lords of Time” Free Lecture at Stockton, October 25**

**Simon Martin, Associate Curator, University of Pennsylvania  
Museum at Alton Auditorium**

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**GALLOWAY TWP.** – Much publicity has appeared recently surrounding those who believe the ancient Maya calendar will come to a conclusion on December 23, 2012, signaling an “end of time” event. Books, magazines, television and Hollywood have all presented the theory and the beliefs that dramatic changes will come to the earth at that time. But what is the story behind the theory and the hype? What did the ancient Maya people believe would take place on this momentous date?

The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey presents a free lecture by Simon Martin, Associate Curator of the University of Pennsylvania Museum to explore these questions and much more. “The Maya and 2012: Fact, Fantasy and Phenomenon” talk is set for Thursday, October 25, 2012, at 6:30 p.m. in the Alton Auditorium (A-Wing) on the Galloway campus. Martin will use hieroglyphic texts, including some only recently unraveled, to form a better and truer picture of ancient Maya beliefs about time reckoning and the cosmos and the 2012 phenomenon they have inspired.

The event, open to the public, is presented by the Languages and Cultural Studies program, Latin American and Caribbean Studies minor, and Historical Studies program at Stockton.

“This promises to be a fascinating speech for anyone interested in the Maya culture and calendar,” said Rob Gregg, Dean of Arts and Humanities. “The event is a direct tie to Stockton’s strategic plan to delve into global issues and cultures.”

Martin is Co-curator of the “Maya 2012 Lords of Time” exhibit of the University of Pennsylvania Museum. He is an expert on Maya hieroglyphic writing and specializes in the history and politics of the classic Maya.

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