

SPEAKER**JMU Professor To Speak On Battle Of Hastings**

John J. Butt, professor of history and assistant department head at James Madison University, will present a retrospective on the 950th anniversary of the Battle of Hastings at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 18, in the Boitnott Room at **Bridgewater College**.

In October 1066, the Battle of Hastings changed the course of European history. William (later known as “the Conqueror”), the son of a Norman-French duke, fought a day-long battle to become King of England, ultimately altering the English language, the structure of feudalism and the power of European kingship.

Butt, the author of *Daily Life in the Age of Charlemagne* and *The Greenwood Dictionary of World History*, teaches British history and literature at JMU. His specialties are English Victorian history and medieval Europe. In addition, Butt established the Study at Oxford, Cambridge and St. Andrews programs at JMU.

The program is free and open to the public.

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