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## **Great War Expert and Oxford Professor Hew Strachan To Speak at National World War I Museum at Liberty Memorial**

The National World War I Museum at Liberty Memorial is proud to host Great War scholar Hew Strachan on Saturday, Sept. 22, 2012.

Strachan, who is Chichele Professor of the History of War at Oxford University, Director of the Oxford Programme on the Changing Character of War, and a Fellow of All Souls College, will present a special lecture entitled, "The First World War: Commemoration or Celebration?"

"We are thrilled to welcome such a renowned expert to America's only World War I museum," says Interim Museum President & CEO Dr. Mary Davidson Cohen. "As the centennial of the Great War quickly approaches, it is increasingly important that we explore what it means to observe the anniversary of a global event whose effects are still felt today."

The free lecture, made possible with funding support from Shook, Hardy & Bacon L.L.P., will take place in the J.C. Nichols Auditorium. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.; lecture begins at 7:30 p.m. No reservation is necessary. Strachan will be available to sign books after the lecture, and copies of his work will be available for purchase in the Museum Store.

### **About Hew Strachan**

Strachan's research focuses on military history from the 18th century to date, including contemporary strategic studies, but with particular interest in the First World War and in the history of the British Army. He is the author of several highly acclaimed books on military history, including *European Armies and the Conduct of War* (1983), *The Politics of the British Army* (1997), and *The First World War: Volume 1: To Arms* (2001). His multi-part documentary series for television formed the basis for *The First World War: a New Illustrated History* (2003), and *Clausewitz's On War: A Biography* (2007).