



# International Classroom Workshop: Archaeology and Anthropology Expert Series

**Stephen Phillips Ph.D.**

## **I Want My Mummy!**

Provide students with an introduction to the history behind ancient Egyptian mortuary practices: both how the mummification process developed through time and how mummies were actually made. Students also closely examine the history behind why ancient Egypt's mummies hold such a fascination in popular Western culture. Unpublished images of actual ancient Egyptian mummies, some collected as part of Dr. Stephen Phillip's own archaeological excavations in Egypt, are used to illustrate this talk. This program is perfect for middle school students.

## **Stephen Phillips Biography:**

Stephen R. Phillips, Ph.D., RPA, is the Research Assistant to the Curator-in-Charge of the Egyptian Section of the University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology. Dr. Phillips received his Ph.D. in physical anthropology and archaeology from the University of Pennsylvania, where he also earned his B.A. and M.A. degrees. He is listed with the Register of Professional Archaeologists (RPA).

Dr. Phillips has participated in a wide range of archaeological excavations over the past 18 years, including excavations at Petra, Jordan; near Bordeaux in southwestern France; and, for eight excavation seasons in Egypt - at Giza and Saqqara - most recently in February 2009. He is the Archaeological Site Supervisor and Physical Anthropologist for the ongoing Cairo University-Brown University Expedition in the Western Cemetery at Giza. He is also a professional guide for American tour groups to Egypt.

Dr. Phillips specializes in the analysis of ancient Egyptian and modern human skeletal remains, mummies and mummification techniques, as well as the tombs and artifacts of the Great Pyramid Complex on Egypt's Giza plateau.

