



## ANNUAL HISTORY FORUM LECTURE

# THE BIG (500-YEAR-OLD) LIE

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BEHIND THE  
SPANISH CONQUEST  
OF THE AZTECS

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**Wednesday, October 27, 2021**  
7:00 p.m | Power Center Ballroom



**HOSTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY**  
The event is free and open to the public. Reception follows

**PROFESSOR MATTHEW RESTALL**  
Penn State University

Everything you know about the Aztec Empire and its destruction by Spanish conquistadors is likely wrong. Ever since that world-changing event, its history has been built upon a great deception. What is the big lie? How could it survive so long? And what really happened in Mexico exactly five centuries ago? To find out, join Dr. Matthew Restall at Duquesne University's Annual History Forum.

Professor Matthew Restall, educated at Oxford University and UCLA, is Edwin Erle Sparks Professor of History and Anthropology, and Director of Latin American Studies, at the Pennsylvania State University. His thirty books range from popular music, to the Maya, to the Spanish conquest, and include the prize-winning *When Montezuma Met Cortés: The True Story Behind the Meeting That Changed History* (2018).

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