

About Richard Lobban

Dr. Lobban was Chair and Professor of Anthropology, and African Studies at Rhode Island College were taught for thirty-six years. He has also taught at the University of Khartoum, American University in Cairo and conducted research in Tunis, Egypt and Sudan and was also the Executive Director of the Sudan Studies Association. He has published scores of articles, reviews, book chapters and encyclopedia entries, and a number of books on the Middle East including reference books on Sudan, on Middle Eastern Women. Among other things he specializes on urban and complex societies as well as gender, ethnicity, race and class, especially in the Middle East. His most recent books are The Historical Dictionaries of Ancient and Medieval Nubia and of Sudan as well as a translation from French of the 19th century account by Pierre Tremaux who traveled in the region. He traveled to Egypt, Sudan, Eritrea, Somalia and Ethiopia often over the last four decades.



He was co-director of archaeological excavation in northern Sudan and used to teach African studies at the Naval War College, when not leading tours or giving talks and lectures. In May 2016 he was invited to give a paper on the History of Eritrea. He is a founder and first President of the Sudan Studies Association. Our clients who have been with Richard on past tours have said that he is the BEST lecturer they ever had on a scholarly-led voyage!

