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### The Last Tsar of Russia

Dr. Anthony B. Falsetti
Wednesday, Sept. 24
1:00 to 2:30 p.m.
Sands Building, Room 215
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Join us for this 90-minute lecture and uncover the mystery of Tsar Nicholas II and his family!

#### Lecture:

The Romanov family ruled Russia for over 300 years. In 1917 following the Bolshevik revolution, the last Russian Tsar, Nicholas II, was made to abdicate his throne. He, his family, and four loyal servants were held in exile in Yekaterinburg, Russia until July of 1918 when the royal family and their servants were executed. So begins their journey into one of history's great mysteries. For nearly 75 years, the whereabouts of the remains of the Romanovs and their servants were unknown. In 1991, these remains were discovered. After seven years of research in multiple laboratories around the world, the results of the molecular studies were released and demonstrated that the bones found in 1991 were those of all but two of the Romanov's and their servants. Anastasia and Crown Prince Alexi were still missing so the mystery continues! This presentation will discuss the search and recovery for the Romanov's youngest children.

### **Instructor:**

Anthony B. Falsetti, Ph.D. received his doctorate at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville and recently retired as the dean at the CSI Academy of Florida in Alachua, Florida. He also held the position of deputy director in the forensic sciences department at the International Commission for Missing Persons where he oversaw the mortuary and field activities of the anthropology and archaeology division in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina. At the University of Florida, he was the director of the C.A. Pound Human Identification Laboratory and co-director of the William R. Maples Center for Forensic Medicine, and an associate professor in the department of anthropology for 13 years. Dr. Falsetti has worked on several major mass fatality incidents including the Oklahoma City Bombing, the crash of TWA Flight 800, the World Trade Center, Thailand's Tsunami Victim Identification and the aftermath of Haiti's earthquakes. He has worked on noted historical cases including the search, recovery, and identification of the missing children of Tsar Nicholas II. He was also the host of a *National Geographic Explorer* episode, "Finding Anastasia, and Investigation Discovery."

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