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LHU will host a presentation on three North African leaders

Dr. Mongi Bahloul, retired Professor of Literature at the University of Sfax in Tunisia and Senior Fulbright Scholar, will deliver a present a comparative case study of the character of three leaders in North Africa during the last half century who had contrasting styles of leadership. This free, public event will take place in Lock Haven University's Hall of Flags (Robinson Hall) on Thursday, September 29 at 8:15 p.m.

Habib Bourguiba is considered the father of modern Tunisia. Zine al Abidine (Ben Ali) seized control of Tunisia in a bloodless coup after the demise of the elderly Bourguiba. Muammar Ghadafi seized control of Libya in 1969 and ruled there with an iron hand until the recent revolution. Dr. Bahloul is very familiar with these leaders having been a frequent translator for Bourguiba (who spoke French but no English), worked many times in Libya, and participated actively in the recent Tunisian revolution against Ben Ali.

Students, faculty and community guests will enjoy this presentation by a dynamic lecturer and learn a great deal about North African politics over the years. Dr. Bahloul will present his views on where the Arab Spring might successfully go if it is to confront its many challenges. He is the guest of the Leadership Minor Program this term lecturing on topics related to Islam in the modern world.

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