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Saturday, March 11, 2017, 5:00 P.M.

“The Ahmose Tempest Stela: An ancient Egyptian account of a natural catastrophe. Chronological implications and the archaeological evidence”

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Dr. Nadine Moeller

Dr. Moeller is Associate Professor of Egyptian Archaeology at the Oriental Institute, University of Chicago. She has been directing the Tell Edfu Project since 2001. Her primary research interests are settlements and urbanism in ancient Egypt. Over the years, Dr. Moeller has participated in numerous excavations in Egypt at the sites of Abu Raswash, Memphis, Zawiet Sultan (Zawiet el-Meitin), Theban West Bank, Valley of the Kings, Dendera and Elephantine. For current updates on the work of the Tell Edfu Project, see the [Oriental Institute site](#) or the [University of Chicago site](#).

During the reign of Ahmose, founder of the Egyptian 18th Dynasty (New Kingdom), a highly destructive storm occurred. To commemorate his reconstruction efforts, Ahmose erected a stela at Karnak temple in Thebes, which recounts meteorological phenomena and devastations, then the restorations he undertook. While sudden and violent storms are a recurrent feature in ancient Egyptian life and literature, the Ahmose stela is unique in describing details of such a severe catastrophe. The writings go beyond what is usually experienced by a regular storm, and therefore, might be the oldest description of a catastrophic event, such as the Thera eruption, which affected much of the Eastern Mediterranean.

This inquiry offers a new contribution to the ongoing discussion on the absolute Egyptian chronology and its possible link to the now well-dated eruption of the volcano at Thera.

This 5:00 p.m. meeting will be held in the Community Room of the Wilshire Marquis, 10535 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90024. Free underground parking.

Ancient Egypt in the News

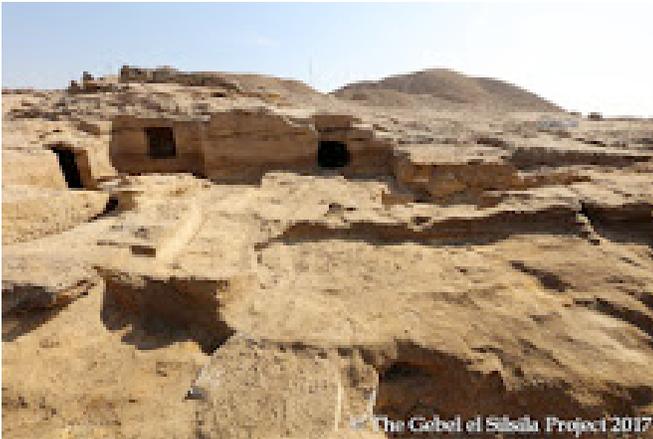


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Jan. 31, 2017 – Tomb of Ramesside-era royal scribe uncovered in Luxor

The tomb is beautifully decorated and likely dates to the Ramesside period, based on its style. Early inspection of the tomb suggests that it belonged to a royal scribe named Khonsu.

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The Gebel el Silsila Project 2017

Jan. 20, 2017 – Twelve new tombs uncovered in quarried landscape of Gebel el Silsila

Tombs dating from the 18th Dynasty (Thutmosid period) include crypts cut into the rock, rock-cut tombs with one or two chambers, niches possibly used for offering, a tomb containing multiple animal burials, and several juvenal burials, some intact.

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Dr. Ellen Morris Talks EEO/SC Through Negotiations Between an Egyptian Pharaoh and a Foreign King at February Lecture

February 11, 2017 - Professor Ellen Morris of Barnard College presented her research on “Merneptah and the Temple of Ba’al at Ugarit” to a standing-room-only crowd in EEO/SC’s Westwood location.



Among our guests at Dr. Morris’ presentation were Dr. Kara Cooney and Dr. Aaron Burke from UCLA’s Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures, as well as several of their students.



After her lecture, Dr. Morris (center) met with UCLA students (above) and EEO/SC members.



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April 2017

UCLA student presentations



May 13, 2017

Dr. Laurel Bestock, Brown University, will speak about the role of imagery of violence and power in the ideology of early Egypt.



September 9, 2017

Jessica Tompkins, Ph.D. candidate, Brown University, will speak about ancient Egyptian government



October 14, 2017

Dr. Josef Wegner, Associate Professor of Egyptian Archaeology, University of Pennsylvania, and Associate Curator, Penn Museum, will speak about his work in Abydos, Egypt.



November 11, 2017

Dr. Peter F. Dorman, Professor, Dept. of History and Archaeology, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, American University of Beirut, will speak about early development of the Book of the Dead.