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EGYPT REVEALED

A Symposium on Archaeological Finds from Egypt To Be Held October 13-14, Will Provide a Rare Opportunity to Learn about the Most Recent Discoveries

A TWO-DAY symposium on the latest archaeological finds from Egypt will be held October 13-14, 2001 in Kane Hall, University of Washington. The symposium will bring to campus four prominent Egyptologists: Mark Lehner, Director of the Giza Plateau Mapping Project; Kent Weeks, Director of the Theban Mapping Project; David Silverman, Curator, Egyptian Section, University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology; and Salima Ikram, Assistant Professor of Egyptology, American University in Cairo, who will present their latest field season reports and analysis of their most important work.

Dr. Lehner will report on the results of his Millennium Project, a two-year intensive survey and excavation revealing a vast royal complex very modern in its urban design. He will also discuss the geology and landscape of Giza, which contains clues about how the Egyptians built the pyramids, and he will examine the question of the "Missing Majority" of the pyramid builders society.

Dr. Weeks will talk about the

history of Thebes, its major monuments, and the work of the Theban Mapping Project in protecting and preserving this World Heritage site from imminent destruction.

Dr. Silverman will report on the expedition at Saqqara where the tombs of priests who served the pharaohs are located. Dr. Ikram will discuss ancient caravan routes and mummification discoveries made this season.

With modern technology changing the face of archaeology and Egyptology advances are being made using state-of-the-art computer graphics, remote sensing technology, geo-chronologists, paleo-botanists, faunal specialists and more. The Symposium will demonstrate how far this technology has brought us and where it will lead in the future.

The symposium is being offered for professional clock hours for teachers and a special session has been added directed specifically toward instructors who are teaching ancient Egypt in their classrooms. Specialists will be available to answer instructors'



Photo: Janice Brannon

The Pharaoh Tutmosis

questions and to provide useful curriculum material.

This symposium is being held in cooperation with The University of Pennsylvania, University College London and Seven Wonders Travel, and the Middle East Center, Jackson School of International Studies, University of Washington. See *related story on presenters inside*, page 2.

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EGYPT REVEALED PRESENTERS

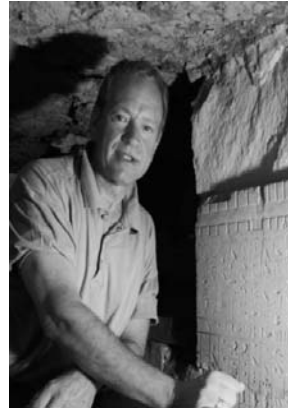
A Distinguished Team of Egyptologists



Mark Lehner



Kent Weeks



David Silverman



Salima Ikram

MARK LEHNER

Mark Lehner is Director of the Giza Plateau Mapping Project, and President of its sponsor, the nonprofit research organization AERA, Inc. The project conducts excavations of Old Kingdom settlements near the Sphinx and Pyramids with a team of archaeologists, geochronologists, paleobotanists and faunal specialists. Lehner is a pioneer in the use of state-of-the-art computer graphics and remote sensing technology to model the ancient configuration of the Giza Plateau. He is a Research Associate at the Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago and at Harvard Semitic Museum, and is the author of *The Complete Pyramids: Solving the Ancient Mysteries*.

KENT WEEKS

Kent Weeks is Director of the Theban Mapping Project and a Professor of Egyptology at the American University in Cairo. Dr. Weeks is a former Field Director of the University of Chicago Oriental Institute's Epigraphic Survey at Chicago House in Luxor. He has led the Theban Mapping Project since it was begun in 1978. He discovered KV5, the Valley of the Kings tomb of the sons of Rameses II, the largest tomb ever found in Egypt. He is currently excavating this complex tomb, while also meticulously documenting the archaeological heritage of Thebes. Dr. Weeks is using cutting-edge technology to create an electronic database of the archaeological sites of Egypt, using computers and

geophysics. Dr. Weeks is the author of many books, several of them world-wide bestsellers, including *The Lost Tomb* and *The Atlas of the Valley of the Kings*. He received his BA in Anthropology from the UW.

DAVID SILVERMAN

David Silverman is Curator of the Egyptian Section of the University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology and the Eckley B. Coxe, Jr. Professor of Egyptology. Since 1992, he has been the Director of the joint University of Pennsylvania Museum and Boston Museum of Fine Arts Expedition to Saqqara. The area includes three tomb chapels: one from the Old Kingdom - Mery-Teti, the son of Mereruka; and two from the Middle Kingdom-Ihy and Hetep. His most recent publication is entitled *Ancient Egypt*.

SALIMA IKRAM

Salima Ikram is Assistant Professor of Egyptology, Department of Sociology, Anthropology, Psychology & Egyptology at The American University in Cairo. Focusing her research on daily life in ancient Egypt (especially kitchens and bathrooms), mummification, and the interaction between humans and animals in antiquity, Dr. Ikram's publications include *The Mummy in Ancient Egypt*, and *Choice Cuts: Meat Production in Ancient Egypt*, and a series of children's books, as well as several articles. Her current project is the

Interdisciplinary Ph.D. Program Hosts First Annual Conference



Ellis Goldberg, Director of the Middle East Center, is flanked by Yizhak Nakash and Malika Zeghal.

IN honor of its establishment in September 1991, the Interdisciplinary Ph.D. Program in Near and Middle Eastern Studies held its first student conference on May 19, 2001. The conference, which was planned around the theme of the role of religious elites in contemporary Middle East politics, brought two important young scholars in the field to campus to work with students in the program. Theses scholars, Yizhak Nakash, Associate Professor, Department of Near Eastern and Judaic Studies, Brandeis University; and Malika Zeghal, Research Fellow, CNRS and Visiting Scholar at the University of Chicago, presented their recent scholarship and gave students in the program their perspectives on research and career strategies.

The conference was capped by a reception for all the current and

former students, faculty, and staff affiliated with the program.

The Interdisciplinary Program in Near and Middle Eastern studies is one of only nineteen programs of its type in the United States. It provides advanced graduate students the opportunity to pursue cross-disciplinary research at the doctoral level in either historical or modern issues pertaining the Middle East or Islamic Central Asia.

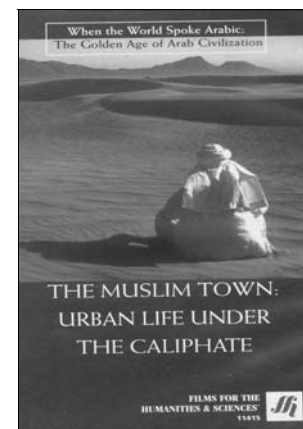
Students of the program have been eagerly sought by academic institutions. Recent placements are: *Patricia Wood*, hired by the University of Florida, Department of Political Science; *Karen Winslow*, appointed Charles & M. R. Shapiro Chair in Jewish Christian Studies, Greenville College; and *Erdag Goknar* joining Duke University's Center for Slavic, Eurasian, and East European Studies where he will

New Acquisitions Now Available in the Center's Resource Library

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Once Upon a Time: Baghdad during the Abbasid Dynasty. 26 min., 2001. This video is part of the series titled "When the World Spoke Arabic: The Golden Age of Arab Civilization" (as is the following video). It presents the Abbasid Caliphate at its peak.

The Muslim Town: Urban Life under the Caliphate. 27 min., 2001. Examines life in the great cities of the Abbasid dynasty by describing key centers of the Muslim town including the mosque and souk.



JACKSON SCHOOL SUMMER SEMINAR FOR EDUCATORS 2001

TEACHERS from around the Pacific Northwest took part in the annual Jackson School Summer Seminar for Educators, which this year was titled “Spiritual Spaces around the World.” In addition to attending scholarly lectures presented by

university faculty, participants took two half-day field trips to local religious sites to see first hand some of the religious traditions and practices they were studying. The 2002 Summer Seminar will focus on the topic of storytelling and oral traditions



At the Idris Mosque, Northgate, Seattle



At Gurudwara Singh Sabha of Washington, Renton



At the Washington Buddhavanaram, Auburn



At St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church

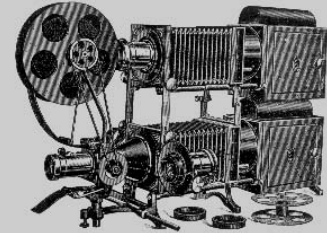
International Documentary Film: Effective Use in the Classroom

PARTICIPANTS in this workshop will learn how to assess documentary films for quality and suitability, and to identify biases and hidden messages. All films used in the workshop are selected from the video collections at the UW Media Center or at the outreach centers of the Jackson School of International Studies and are available for instructors to use in their own classrooms at little or no charge.

Workshop leaders are: Carol Hermer, Lecturer, Department of Anthropology and the Program on Africa, UW; and Mary Barber, local educator.

For more information contact: 206-543-6269 or email: <canada@u.washington.edu>

Saturday, October 27, 2001
 8:30 a.m. — 4:30 p.m.
 University of Washington campus
 Registration fee: \$40.00
 Eight clock hours for teachers



To register, send check for \$40.00 payable to: "University of Washington" to Canadian Studies Center, Box 353650, University of Washington, Seattle, WA 98195-3650.

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Gateway to the Silk Route: An Introductory Workshop for Educa-

AN all-day workshop on the silk route will be offered to educators on Saturday, January 12, 2002. This workshop is designed to serve as a gateway to the numerous activities that are planned for the spring of 2002 in cooperation with the Seattle Symphony, the Seattle Art Museum, the Seattle Silkroad Foundation, and the University of Washington, which will include exhibitions, concerts, and lectures. Scheduled before the beginning of the



spring events, this workshop will preview the major activities and provide information on accessing these opportunities for best use in the classroom setting. For more details visit: <http://depts.washington.edu/uwcb/silkroad/index.html>

To register, send check for \$40.00 payable to: "University of Washington" to REECAS, Box 353650, University of Washington, Seattle, WA 98195-3650.

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For more information, contact the Russian, East European, Central Asian Center, email: reecas@u.washington.edu; tel: 206-685-3113; fax: 206-685-0668.

CALENDAR OF SELECTED UP-COMING EVENTS

September 29, 2001

"Day of Music: Music without Borders," Benaroya Hall, 11:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m., sponsored by the Seattle Symphony and Seattle Art Museum, featuring Münir Beken playing the Turkish *ud*; and Elmira Kochumkulkizi, performing traditional Krgyz music. This event is free and open to the public. Call 206-215-4700 for details.

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