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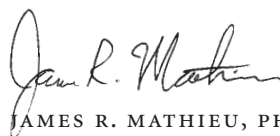
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From the Editor

WELCOME TO *EXPEDITION*'s special issue on Egyptology! Here's a detailed look at the Museum's involvement in the archaeology of ancient Egypt's Late Middle Kingdom. Our nine feature articles will introduce you to the site of South Abydos, from its first discovery at the turn of the last century to the Museum's recent archaeological work there since 1994 as part of the Pennsylvania–Yale–NYU Expedition to Abydos (begun in 1967 by David O'Connor and William Kelly Simpson). The research presented here focuses on the excavations directed by Josef Wegner, the Associate Curator in the Museum's Egyptian Section. In particular, you will read about his re-exploration of the hidden underground tomb of Senwosret III and the discovery of an impressive residence in the ancient town of *Wah-Sut*. This issue of *Expedition* will also give you a sneak peek at the discoveries of his Penn Ph.D. students, as well as others from Harvard University and the University of Toronto, who have excavated at South Abydos.

We are also pleased to introduce you to another of our curators, the Museum's new Deputy Director for Academic Programs. As usual, our Museum Mosaic will inform you about some of the Museum's recent and upcoming events. Finally, we wrap up with a Research Note from a Ph.D. candidate in Penn's History of Art Department, who seems to have discovered the Hindu temple in India where the Museum's Brahmā statue originated. We always welcome feedback and hope you find this issue and our website (<http://www.museum.upenn.edu/expedition>) worth sharing with your family and friends. 



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