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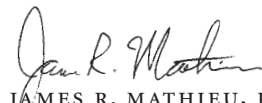
IT'S HERE—the summer issue of *Expedition*—your triennial 48 pages of popularly accessible archaeological and anthropological scholarship! As usual, we present three peer-reviewed articles for your enlightenment. The first grabs our attention by focusing an anthropological lens on the controversial human passion for gambling— which side are you backing? Then, searching for rebirth, we turn to ancient Egypt to explore the symbolism found in royal burial chambers—have you followed the right path? Finally, in returning to modern West Africa, we grapple with the Gambian concept of human rights—can we contextualize such universal concepts?

Our pages once again introduce a Penn Museum curator—the American Section's Associate Curator of South America—and we also tell the story of the first American—a Penn professor—to lead an archaeological expedition to India. Meanwhile, our Conservation Department bids a happy retirement to its long-term Senior Conservator, while at the same time their most recent intern explains the important role the Museum plays in educating conservators through our internship program.

Other short articles recount the discovery of early 20th century Maya translations and transcriptions in the Guatemalan highlands during the 1970s, as well as the dramatic rituals that took place during the recent funeral of the leader of the Church of Latter-day Saints in Salt Lake City.

As always, our Museum Mosaic department informs you about Museum-related news and events, and we then wrap up with a preview of a new exhibit on the Lenape Indians of Pennsylvania, Delaware, and New Jersey that will open this fall in our galleries.

We always welcome feedback and hope you find this issue and our website (<http://www.museum.upenn.edu/expedition>)—which hosts a full and searchable archive of back issues of *Expedition*—worth sharing with your family and friends. 🏠



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