

# University Museum Research Projects

**Rojdi, India**—excavation  
Director: Dr. Gregory Possehl (Asia Section, University Museum)  
Sponsors: University Museum, Gujarat State Department of Archaeology

The third season of excavation at Rojdi, a town of the Harappan civilization in Gujarat State, western India, took place during January and February 1985. Dr. Possehl and a team of ten Americans, mostly from the University of Pennsylvania, were joined at the site by a team from the Gujarat State Department of Archaeology.

Excavations continued on the South Extension of the site. The town, which dates to about 1500 B.C., was uncovered further, and the remains of this planned settlement were completely mapped. During excavation an earlier town was also discovered, along with a number of in situ complete pots associated with this earlier settlement. Some of these vessels have interesting, even spectacular designs which have never been found before.

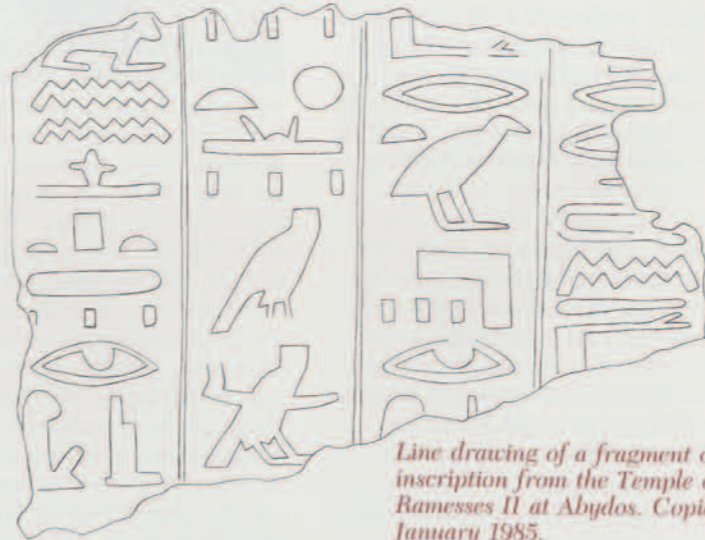
The excavation on the South Extension and on



*Storage jar with floral motif from the later settlement at Rojdi (ca. 1400 B.C.).*

the Main Mound produced thousands of animal bones and an expanded corpus of prehistoric seeds. These will be used to reconstruct the ancient subsistence system at Rojdi.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hastings who participated in this season's work established a small computer "Center" in their hotel room in Rajkot, the city nearest to the excavation. We believe that this is the first time that a computer has been brought near enough to an Indian archaeological excavation for there to have been the potential for daily interaction between the field crew and the "Center."



*Line drawing of a fragment of an inscription from the Temple of Ramesses II at Abydos. Copied in January 1985.*

**Abydos, Egypt: Ramesses II Temple**—field recording and study  
Director: Dr. David Silverman (Egyptian Section, University Museum)

Sponsors: University Museum, Yale University  
The University Museum has maintained an expedition to the ancient city of Abydos in southern Egypt since 1967. Under the co-direction of Dr. David O'Connor of the University and Dr. William Kelly Simpson of Yale University, the expedition has excavated memorial chapels of the Middle Kingdom and a temple built by Ramesses II of the New Kingdom, and has surveyed the town site of the Old Kingdom.

The 1984-85 season, under the direction of Dr. Silverman, was devoted to the copying of all the inscribed material excavated by Dr. O'Connor during his work at the temple of Ramesses II. This epigraphic expedition recorded scenes and inscriptions still in situ at the temple, as well as those on the over 2500 blocks and fragments stored in the magazine of Penn-Yale House.

The inscriptional material consists of royal titulary, ritual texts, and formulaic prayers. Some of the small fragmentary pieces, containing only bits of text, are more difficult to categorize. A few

of the blocks have proven to be re-used, and one can see both the original carving, as well as the later, which dates to Ramesses II. The iconography focuses mainly on ritual scenes involving offerings, the king, and deities. Further work, study, and translation of the texts should aid in determining the function of this little known temple of Ramesses II.

## Current Fieldwork

**County Wicklow, Ireland**—survey & field research  
Director, B. Wailes (UM)  
Sponsor, University Museum

**La Quina, France**—survey & field research  
Assoc. Director, H. Dibble (UM)  
Co-sponsors, University Museum, University of Arizona, University of Bordeaux, Musée des Antiquités Nationales

**Gla, Greece**—excavation  
Director, S. Iakovidis (UM)  
Sponsor, Archaeological Society at Athens; participation by and training of University of Pennsylvania students funded by University Museum

**Wadi al-Jubah, Yemen**—survey & test excavation  
Chief Archaeologist, J. Sauer (UM); Field Directors, J. Blakely (Univ. of Pennsylvania), A. Ghaleb (Univ. of Sanaa)

Sponsors, American Foundation for the Study of Man; participant, University Museum

**Gritille, Turkey**—excavation  
Director, R. Ellis (Byrn Mawr College); Senior Archaeologist in Charge of Excavation, M. Voigt (UM)

Sponsors, Bryn Mawr College, University of North Carolina; participant (1981-84), University Museum

**Abydos, Egypt**  
a) excavation of core area  
Directors, D. O'Connor (UM), W. K. Simpson (Yale Univ.)  
Sponsors, University Museum, Yale University

b) regional survey  
Supervisor, D. O'Connor; Director, D.C. Patch (UM)  
Sponsors, University Museum, Yale University

**Marsa Matruh, Egypt**—survey  
Director, D. White (UM)  
Sponsor, University Museum

**Thailand Archaeometallurgy Project**—survey  
Directors, V. Pigott (UM), P.

Charoenwongsa, S. Natapintu (Thai Fine Arts Dept.)  
Sponsors, University Museum, Thai Fine Arts Dept.

**Northern Thai Ethnohistory Project**—survey & field research  
Director, H. Peters (UM)  
Co-sponsors, The Institute for the Study of Human Issues, Tribal Research Center in Thailand, University Museum

**The Bugis, South Sulawesi province, Indonesia**—anthropological & ethnographic study  
Director, W. Davenport (UM)  
Sponsor, University Museum

**Minangkabau, West Sumatra**—anthropological/ethnohistorical study

Director, P. Sanday (Univ. of Pennsylvania)  
Sponsor, University Museum

**Silver Reef, Utah**—excavation & archival research  
Director, R. Schuyler (UM)  
Sponsor, University Museum

**Bay of Honduras, Central America**—survey  
Director, R. Sharer (UM)  
Sponsor, University Museum

## Analysis and Publication Projects

**Dun Ailinne, Ireland**—  
B. Wailes (UM)

**University Museum collection of Greek & Greek-related figured pottery**—*Corpus Vasorum Antiquorum*

K. DeVries, R. Edwards (UM)

**Gordion, Turkey**

Committee, R. H. Dyson, Jr., K. DeVries, K. Vellucci (UM), M. Mellink (Bryn Mawr), K. Sams (Univ. of N. Carolina, Chapel Hill); Series Editor, E. Kohler

**Sumerian Dictionary Project**

Director, A. Sjöberg (UM); co-investigators, E. Leichty, B. Eichler (UM)

Sponsors, NEH, William Penn Foundation

**Sarepta, Lebanon**  
J. Pritchard (UM)

**Tell es-Sa'idiyeh, Jordan**  
J. Pritchard (UM)

**Tell Hesban, Jordan**  
Principal Investigator, J. Sauer (UM)  
Sponsor, Andrews University (MI); participant, University Museum

**Baq'ah Valley, Jordan**  
P. McGovern (UM)

**Hasanlu Project, Iran**  
Committee, R. H. Dyson, Jr., Maude de Schauensee, Mary Virginia Harris, Mary Voigt (UM)  
Sponsors, University Museum, Metropolitan Museum of Art, Iranian Center for Archaeological Research

**Malyan, Iran**  
Director, W. M. Sumner (Ohio State Univ.)

Sponsors, University Museum, Ohio State University

**Tepe Hissar, Iran**  
R. H. Dyson, Jr. (UM)  
Sponsors, University Museum, Turin University, Iranian Center for Archaeological Research

**Tepe Hissar Skeletal Material**  
F. Johnston (Univ. of Pennsylvania), MASCA

**Cyrene, Libya**  
D. White (UM)

**Mohenjo Daro, Pakistan**  
G. Dales (Univ. of California, Berkeley)

Sponsor, University Museum

**Ban Chiang, Thailand**

G. Possehl, J. White (UM)  
Sponsors, University Museum, Thai Fine Arts Department

**Solomon Islands, S. Pacific**  
W. Davenport (UM)

**Iron Production in the Northeastern United States**

H. Schenck (UM), MASCA

**University Museum North American collections**

S. Kaplan (UM)  
**Tikal, Guatemala**

W. Coe (UM)  
**Quirigua, Guatemala**

R. Sharer (UM)  
**Verapaz Survey, Guatemala**

R. Sharer (UM)