



## Welcome

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### Message from the ACE Director

Dear

Welcome to the first edition of our new-format Rundle Foundation Newsletter! Through this we will bring you regular news about Egyptology at Macquarie and other items of interest. Needless to say those of us in Sydney are all in lockdown right now, and I sincerely hope you are managing this unusual period in our community life.

Second, I am very glad to announce that Dr Susanne Binder and Professor Martin Bommas joined the Australian Centre for Egyptology leadership team as Deputy Directors with effect from 2 August. Congratulations to them both! I will have more to say on their roles in a future e-Newsletter.

In the meantime, stay safe, and we look forward to any feedback on this e-format you may wish to share.

Best wishes, Karin Sowada  
Australian Centre for Egyptology

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## Announcements

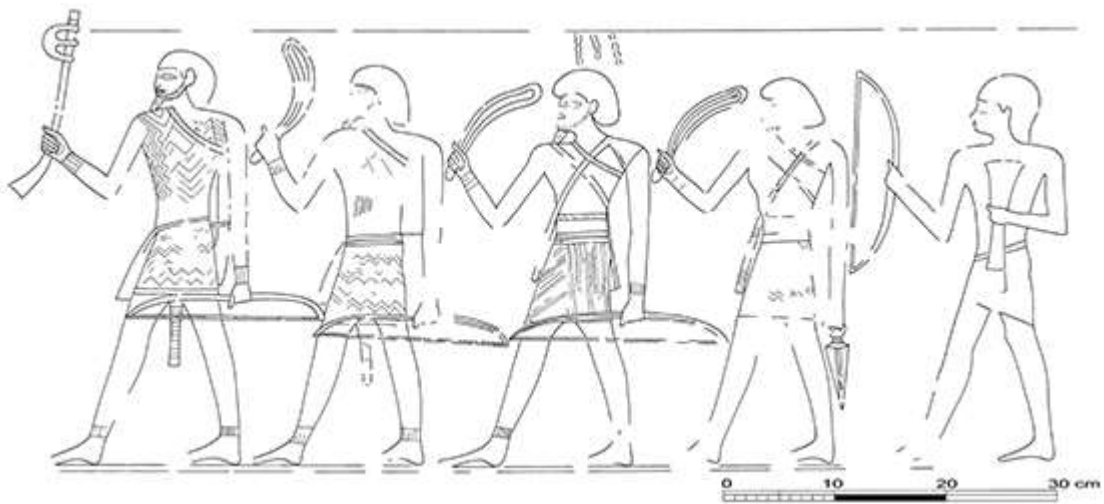
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### Farewell to Yann Tristant

Those who were able to attend the first in-person ACE / Rundle Foundation event since the start of the pandemic, held on the 19th June 2021 in the new Arts Precinct at Macquarie University, heard the bitter sweet news that Associate Professor Yann Tristant has been offered a position in Egyptian Archaeology at the KU Louvain in Belgium – bitter, because we are very sad to lose a great colleague and friend, sweet, because the position in Louvain acknowledges Yann's considerable academic achievements and opens up great academic and research possibilities for him, as well as bringing him closer to his family in France. In the 10 years that Yann spent at Macquarie University he made a huge contribution to Egyptology and Archaeology, in both teaching and research. He was instrumental in establishing the Bachelor of Archaeology degree and we regularly enjoyed hearing about his research projects and fieldwork in the Wadi Arabah, Abu Roash and, most recently, Dendera. A hallmark of Yann's teaching was the involvement of students in research, which included the 3D scanning and publication of the Egyptian funerary objects in the Museum of Ancient Cultures (now Macquarie University History Museum), resulting in the publication of the book *Death is only the beginning: Egyptian funerary customs at the Macquarie Museum of Ancient Cultures*. Yann will be greatly missed. We wish him and his family all the best for the future and look forward to him visiting us and hearing of his future activities. (Boyo Ockinga)

### Lockdown reading...



The first group of “Asiatics” (12th Dynasty): Beni Hassan, Chapel of Khnumhotep I, east wall south. (Drawing by S. Shafik (The Australian Centre for Egyptology).

The tomb of Khnumhotep I is located in the southern section of the upper terrace of tombs at Beni Hassan (no.14), between that of Baqet III (no. 15) to its south and another Khnumhotep (no. 13) to its north. It features a large chapel, originally pillared, as well as two burial shafts cut into the native, good-quality white limestone of the cliff.

Publication: Miral Lashien and Anna-Latifa Mourad, Beni Hassan V: The Tomb of Khnumhotep I, The Australian Centre for Egyptology: Reports 43, Oxford 2019.

### **Foreigners at Beni Hassan**

Dr Anna-Latifa Mourad is a Macquarie Research Fellow leading the 3-year project 'Ties that Bind: Negotiating Foreign Relations in the Second Millennium BC'. She recently had a paper published in the prestigious archaeology journal, *Bulletin of the American Schools of Oriental Research* (BASOR), focusing on the well-known tomb of Khnumhotep II at Beni Hassan.

Dr Mourad has a long-standing association with MQ Egyptology, having completed her PhD at the University, and we congratulate her on this major piece of research.

[Read the whole paper on open access](#)



Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge E.71d.1903

**First lecture on Zoom, 4th August, 2021**

**Wednesday 4th August 2021, 6.30pm - 8.00pm (AEST) via Zoom**

Please join us on the above date for two 30 minute presentations from Dr Georgia Barker (2020) and Gemma Green (2019) previous recipients of the Michelle McLean Egyptology Travelling Scholarship.

**Same but *Different?* A Comparison of Themes  
Represented by Funerary Models and Wall Scenes**

Dr Georgia Barker

and

**Data Assembly and a bowl of Koshari: Exploring  
Egypt in 2020**

Gemma Green

Both Gemma and Georgia will be speaking for 30 minutes each, followed by questions.

Link for the Zoom Meeting <https://macquarie.zoom.us/j/89880365169>

[Register now](#)

**Details of remaining semester 2 lectures**

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## Did you know that the Egyptians spoke in metaphors?

Wednesday 8th September 2021, TBA

Dr Camilla Di Biase-Dyson. Did you know that the Egyptians spoke in metaphors? Some insights into language and thought in the ancient world.



## Egypt and the Levant in the Bronze Age

Wednesday 13th October 2021, TBA

Dr Anna-Latifa Mourad, Macquarie Research Fellow, Building Bridges with Timber: Egypt and the Levant in the Bronze Age.

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