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Welcome

Message from the ACE Director

Dear Member,

This month we celebrate with Professor Naguib Kanawati on two counts: renewal of his position as Distinguished Professor (see below) and publication of the tomb of Wekhhotep III, with co-author Dr Georgia Barker. A big thank you to those members who donated funds to assist Georgia - the book is now out! This month we are also excited to bring details of the Rundle Foundation Annual Conference, which will follow the 6th Australasian Egyptology Conference in June. I hope you can join us for one or both events.

Dr Karin Sowada
The Australian Centre for Egyptology

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Rundle Foundation Annual Conference Sunday 12 June 2022

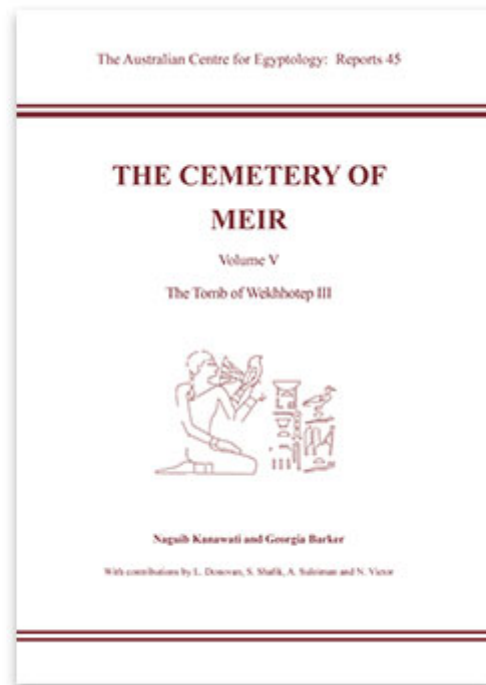


The much-anticipated **Rundle Foundation Annual Conference** will take place on Sunday 12 June at Macquarie University! The event will immediately follow the 6th Australasian Egyptology Conference at Macquarie, held from 9-11 June.

Featuring local and international speakers, the event will explore 'The Life and Times of Tutankhamun' in this centenary year of the discovery of his tomb in 1922. The speakers will be Gale Visiting Fellows **Dr Simon Connor** (formerly Université de Liège, Belgium) and **Dr Dimitri Labourey** (Université de Liège, Belgium) who have both researched and written extensively on the boy king. They will be joined by **Dr Anna Stevens** from Monash University.

Held in the new Arts Precinct at Macquarie, the day will cost \$80 for Members and \$60 for students, including morning and afternoon tea and lunch. Registrations will open will shortly.

ACE Report 45: Tomb of Wekhhotep III



The Cemetery of Meir, Volume V, The Tomb of Wekhhotep III.

Congratulations to [Professor Naguib Kanawati](#) and [Dr Georgia Barker](#) on the publication of the latest ACE Report and the fifth volume on the Cemetery of Meir. The report, available for purchase below, presents the Tomb of Wekhhotep III. Georgia extends her appreciation to Rundle Members who provided support for the publication, and those who contributed to the volume.

The tomb of Wekhhotep III (C1), with a probable date of the Twelfth Dynasty reign of Senwosret II and/or Senwosret III, is the last decorated tomb to be excavated in the cemetery of Meir. It has recently been re-excavated and re-recorded by the Australian Centre for Egyptology. The present volume provides a comprehensive record of the tomb's architectural features and wall scenes, a complete set of colour photographs and detailed line drawings of all its scenes and inscriptions, as well as a translation and analysis of those inscriptions. The tomb contains a number of unusual features, which include an exceptionally high number of women depicted with the tomb owner, the exclusive representation of women undertaking all activities within the chapel, Wekhhotep's adoption of several royal prerogatives, and an absence of shafts and burial chambers in the immediate vicinity of the tomb. Wekhhotep III did not produce a male heir and the evidence suggests that the rule of

his family came to an end with him. His tomb, therefore, provides important insights into the end of the power of nomarchic families during the mid-late Twelfth Dynasty.

This publication would not have been possible without the generosity of the Rundle Members who financially supported my work on this project. I deeply appreciate your kindness and would like to thank you all once again for your support. It has been a great privilege to work on this project alongside Professor Naguib Kanawati and to be able to achieve a comprehensive documentation of this important tomb. We are delighted with the final product and hope that you all enjoy the publication.

Dr Georgia Barker

READ MORE

Kanawati, N. & Barker, G. (2022), *The Cemetery of Meir, Volume V The Tomb of Wekhhotep III*, ACE Reports 45. Wallasey (UK).

HOW TO PURCHASE

Ordering and payment are to be made [here](#).

The cost of the publication is \$95. Postage and handling will cost \$16, a total of \$111.00 if you wish the book to be posted. If you wish to collect, please select "Pick up" on payment window and email this office to arrange collection:

egypt@mq.edu.au.

Support for Students at the Australasian Egyptology Conference (AEC), 9-12 June 2022

I am inviting Members to consider donating a scholarship to enable an undergraduate or postgraduate student to attend the 6th Australasian Egyptology Conference at Macquarie University. The event will feature the best local Egyptology, in addition to offering students an opportunity to gain experience in presentation skills and public communication.

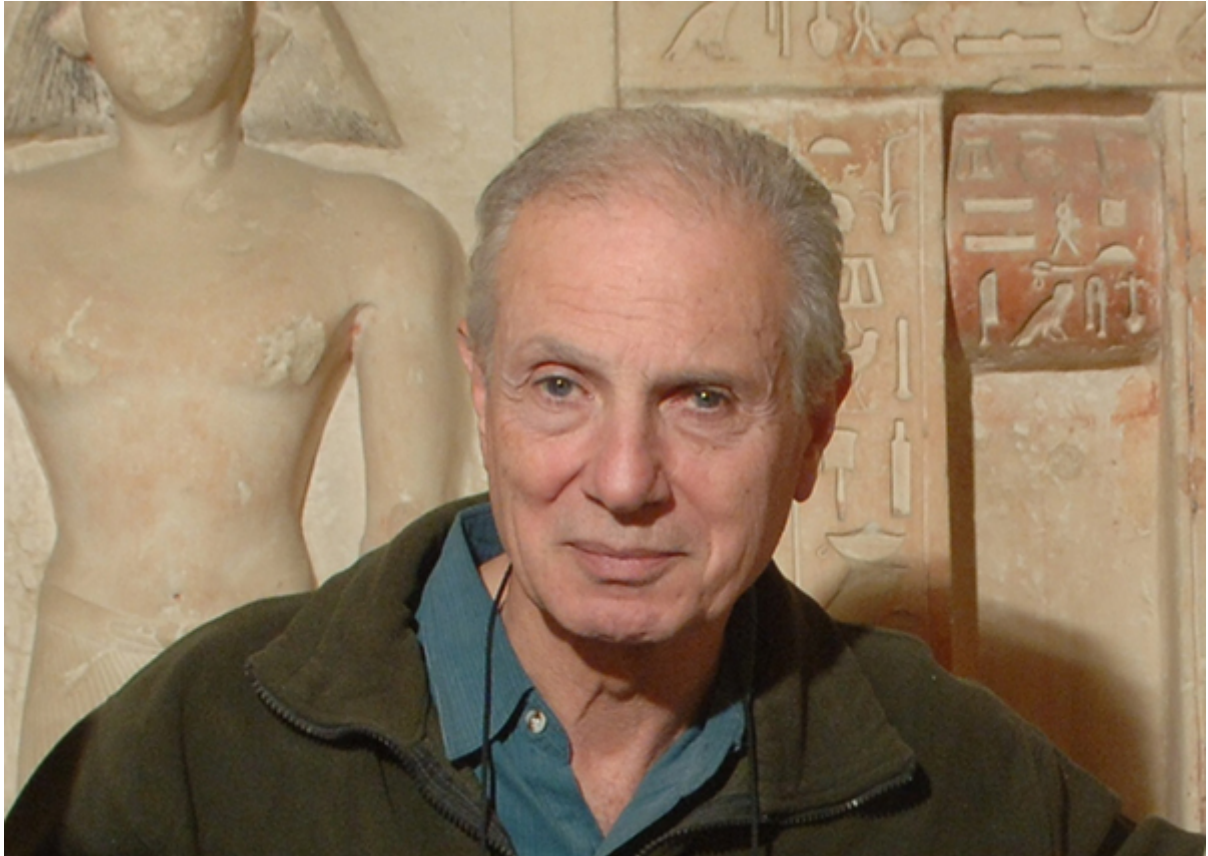
Please consider a donation in the following categories to support student registration costs. Donations to the Rundle Foundation are tax-deductible. [Click here to make your donation](#).

- \$180 for the full 4-day package
(incl. Annual Conference Day, 9-12 June)
- \$100 for the 3-day AEC conference attendance only (9-11 June)

- \$60 for the Rundle Foundation Annual Conference Day only (12 June)
- \$45 for the daily AEC conference rate

Dr Karin Sowada

CONGRATULATIONS **Distinguished Professor Naguib Kanawati**



Naguib Kanawati. Photo: Macquarie University Newsroom.

We extend our congratulations to [Professor Naguib Kanawati](#) who has received a renewal of the title of *Distinguished Professor* from Macquarie University's Distinguished Professor Committee.

Macquarie University awards this title to esteemed Professors of exceptional distinction who have made an outstanding contribution to their field or discipline, and to Macquarie University. It is a wonderful acknowledgment of his outstanding research achievements and contribution to Egyptology.

Get to Know: **Macquarie University's Undergraduate** **Egyptologists**

With Session 1, 2022 well and truly underway, Rundle Member Rachel Nawar introduces 2nd year undergraduate Egyptologists. Learn more about what has drawn students to study Egyptology and their discipline interests below.



Amanda Bie Wojcik

RN: What inspired you to study Egyptology?

ABW: From as long as I can remember, my grandpa used to flood me with stories about Egypt. I have always been passionate about history so that led to a special appreciation for everything Egypt. Best ancient civilisation hands down and the community of ancient Egypt aficionados is amazing

RN: What is your favourite Egyptology subject this semester?

ABW: Hieroglyphics C is the best Egyptology subject I am doing this semester. I love languages and studying them. I am also doing Ancient Egyptian and Near Eastern Art: Theory and

Practice, which has been incredibly interesting so far!

RN: How can you see yourself contributing to Egyptology in the future?

ABW: I hope to keep studying Egypt and well, go on a dig there (fingers crossed)! After doing tons of research and getting to live out my dream of being a historically accurate Indiana Jones, I want to end up teaching about Egypt and hopefully inspire more people to be as passionate as I am towards it.

RN: How can you see yourself contributing to Egyptology in the future?

JT: More than just the history, I love the science and archaeology of ancient Egypt. I'm hoping that one day I'll be able to use or help create something that can tell us more of the story of Egypt.



Will Oner

RN: What inspired you to study Egyptology?

WO: Of course, Indiana Jones must be credited with playing a role in me specifically choosing Archaeology as my



Emily Gardner

RN: What inspired you to study Egyptology?

EG: I was inspired to study Egyptology in my final year of high school – I had an amazing ancient history teacher who

degree, but I think my passion for history in general was the main proponent.

RN: What is your favourite Egyptology subject this semester?

WO: This semester, I am studying Egyptian and Near Eastern Art Theory which I have so far found very fascinating. This semester, I am studying Egyptian and Near Eastern Art Theory which I have so far found very fascinating.

RN: How can you see yourself contributing to Egyptology in the future?

WO: Egyptology is an interest I have developed at university after I studied Hieroglyphs A last year. In particular, the relationship between the Minoans and Egyptians, which I looked at briefly in another archaeology unit, has sparked my interest. Investigating this and similar contact points with other cultures could be something that I pursue but I am still trying to narrow down exactly how I want to contribute to the field.

showed such passion and flair for ancient history that I began to fall in love with it too.

RN: What is your favourite Egyptology subject this semester?

EG: When enrolling in university subjects, I found myself fascinated by the wide range of Egyptological study options – archaeology, art, society, and culture – however, my favourite so far has been the study of Middle Egyptian hieroglyphs. I am currently undertaking the third subject-level of the Hieroglyphs, and it is safe to say it is my favourite subject!

RN: How can you see yourself contributing to Egyptology in the future?

EG: In the future I hope to contribute to Egyptology through both academic works and social awareness of the Egyptian past. I believe that too many people think "the past is the past" and that it doesn't have any relevance or significance to their modern lives. As I continue to study and expand my knowledge, I know this couldn't be further from the truth.

Interviews and photographs by Rachel Nawar.

ACE/Rundle Events and Lecture Series

We invite members to attend our third lecture in the **2022 ACE/Rundle Lecture Series** will be held on Wednesday 13 April, 6.30 pm (AEST) on Zoom.

Our presenter [Dr Therese Clarke's](#) presentation is titled it's a long way to the top.

Elite male leadership career trajectories and social status within Egypt's provinces during the old kingdom.

Register now

READ ABOUT THERESE'S PRESENTATION

The Old Kingdom represents the period in which Egypt formalised the administrative and temple structures that would largely exist in one form or other through the remainder of its ancient history. Titles were created to reflect the responsibilities and links to court of individuals working within the kingdom's administration. That multitude of titles has created its own difficulties; the study sought to cut through the 'noise' and examine the data systematically using cohort analysis principles. The study also developed an innovative method for measuring the social status of cohorts via an index created to convert honorifics, Residence-related titles, and royal cult titles into a single measure: the Social Status Index.

Results included demonstrating that those involved in the day-to-day administration of provinces or temples had comparatively specialist careers and lower social status compared to individuals advancing to higher office. As is the case today, 'highfliers' were less common than the 'typical', even though 'highfliers' are more visible in the archaeological record.

A particular focus of the study was an attempt to better understand the patterns underlying the grant of titles identifying social status and the implications of these patterns for elite male progression. Analysis of these patterns has important implications for a better understanding of Residence strategies in focusing on locations and/or individuals at a given moment in time.

We are continuing to hold lectures on zoom and will move to a hybrid format as soon as suitable. Please reserve the following **Wednesdays 6.30–8.00 pm Sydney time (AEST)** for the ACE/Rundle Lecture Series:

Semester 1

Wed 13 April 2022

Wed 11 May 2022

Semester 2

Wed 10 August 2022

Wed 14 September 2022

Wed 12 October 2022

Wed 9 November 2022

Vale Dr Des Bright

We are saddened to hear of the recent passing of Dr Des Bright. Already having a PhD in statistics, Des came to Macquarie to study Egyptology. He gained his MA and PhD in Egyptology in 2005, with a thesis entitled "Dating Funerary Stelae of the Twelfth Dynasty: A Statistical Study". Des was a great scholar and a remarkable gentleman.

He joined the Rundle Foundation with his wife Ruth in 1990 and was a very active member, always attending our Conferences and functions until the last few years.

We send our condolences to Ruth and their family.

Vale Professor Geoffrey Martin

Earlier this month we sadly learnt of the passing of Professor Geoffrey Martin (Fellow, Christ's College, Cambridge). Many will remember Professor Martin from his visits to Macquarie University and contributions to Australasian Egyptology as a Rundle Foundation Fellow in 1985, ACE Visiting Scholar in 1995 for the ACE Annual Conference *Secrets Beneath the Sands of Egypt*, and as a Gale Visiting Scholar in 2000.

The below is amended from [Christ's College University of Cambridge](#):

In 1970, Geoffrey returned to University College London, where he had begun his academic study, as a lecturer in Egyptology and where he was ultimately Edwards Professor of Egyptian Archaeology and Philology. He was also a Senior Fellow of the McDonald Institute for Archaeological Research in Cambridge.

He participated in and directed fieldwork and epigraphic missions for the Egypt Exploration Society at Buhen, Saqqara, and Amarna. He was also Field Director on the Cambridge Expedition to the Valley of the Kings. He was most well-known for his discoveries of the tomb of Maya, Tutankhamun's treasurer, and the private tomb of Horemheb. Geoffrey was the author of numerous monographs, mostly concerning results of archaeological fieldwork, epigraphy and sigillography, and papers on Egyptological themes.

Following his retirement, Geoffrey continued to publish and in 2017 republished [‘Tutankhamun's Regent: Scenes and Texts from the Memphite Tomb of Horemheb’](#) for the Egypt Exploration Society, a mammoth volume recording the discovery of this important tomb at Saqqara.

Geoffrey and his work will continue to have a long and lasting legacy in Egyptology.

Thinking of a Bequest?

Message from Dr Karin Sowada, ACE Director

Recently my family did some estate planning and I decided to leave a Bequest to the Australian Centre for Egyptology. It was easier than I thought to organise. Will you join me in providing for the future of Egyptology at Macquarie? For information, [click here](#).

If you would like a confidential discussion about a bequest, please contact Dr Karin Sowada karin.sowada@mq.edu.au or Andrew Graves at MQ Philanthropy andrew.graves@mq.edu.au.

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Banner image Tomb of Mereruka, Saqqara, Dyn. 6. Photo: Photo: Australian Centre for Egyptology

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