



## "The Encounter between Kush and Greece"

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The kingdom of Kush in the central Sudan was Egypt's principal rival in Africa for over a thousand years in the first millennium BC and the first millennium AD. Discoveries made during a series of major archaeological campaigns in the twentieth century have provided abundant evidence for the study of the culture of Kush. For most of the past century, historians viewed Kushite culture as a pale reflection of Egyptian culture. After the great UNESCO archaeological campaign of the 1960s to save the monuments of Nubia, however, scholars increasingly recognized that the Kushites had creatively adapted Egyptian models, mostly from the New Kingdom, to express Nubian realities instead of mechanically copying them. In this lecture Professor Burstein will use archaeological discoveries at the Kushite capital of Meroe to illustrate how the Kushites reacted to Greek artistic and architectural models they encountered in Egypt during the Ptolemaic and Roman periods.



Stanley M. Burstein is Professor Emeritus of History and former chair of the History Department at California State University, Los Angeles, where he taught from 1968 to 2004. He received his BA, MA, and Ph.D. from the University of California at Los Angeles, where he studied Egyptology with Miriam Lichtheim.

Professor Burstein's principal field of research, however, is Greek History with emphasis on relations between Greeks and non-Greeks, particularly in Egypt and Nubia in the Ptolemaic and Roman periods. He is past-president of the Association of Ancient Historians and has delivered papers at numerous conferences and universities in the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, France, Germany, Italy, and Greece.

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