



"The Pharaohs of Anubis-Mountain: Recent Investigations in a Royal Necropolis at Abydos"

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The sacred peak of Anubis Mountain in southern Egypt rises above the rocky plains of Abydos. The Royal Necropolis in its shadow was established ca. 1850 BCE by Pharaoh Senwosret III of Egypt's 12th Dynasty. But archaeologists now think its mounds and wadis may boast previously undiscovered tombs.

A recently identified forgotten dynasty of minor kings dating ca. 1650-1600 BCE who may have been involved in the conflicts of Egypt's Hyksos Period has been unearthed. This previously unknown burial site may include several pharaohs of the 13th Dynasty. Dr. Joseph Wegner of the University of Pennsylvania will give us a peak into the many mysteries of Senwosret III's huge underground tomb as well as the tombs of king Sobekhotep IV, Senebkay and the recently identified area devoted to boat burials connected with royal funerary ceremonies at South Abydos.



Joseph Wegner is Associate Professor of Egyptian Archaeology in the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations at the University of Pennsylvania and Associate Curator in the Egyptian Section of the Penn Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology. He received his BA in 1989 and his Ph.D. (University of Pennsylvania) in 1996 on the topic of the development of the Osiris cult at Abydos during the Middle Kingdom. As a specialist in the archaeology of Egypt's Middle Kingdom (ca. 2050-1650 BCE), he has directed excavations at the mortuary complex and settlement site dedicated to pharaoh Senwosret III at South Abydos. He has authored numerous

books and articles on The Mortuary Temple of Senwosret III at Abydos.

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