

Nadine Moeller

The fall season at Tell Edfu was unfortunately cancelled due to the political problems over the summer months but this allowed for some work on the excavation material here in Chicago. In November, the finished manuscript of Moeller's book, entitled *The Archaeology of Urbanism in Ancient Egypt - The Settlements from the Predynastic Period to the end of the Middle Kingdom*, was accepted for publication by Cambridge University Press. The book is now in the editing stages with the publisher.

During the month of January, Moeller taught a civilization course on ancient Egypt in Paris at the University of Chicago Paris Center for the Cairo Study Abroad program which had been moved there due to the insecure situation in Egypt. The students were nevertheless able to get some first-hand experience with the ancient culture through several museum trips to the Louvre and the British Museum.

In February, Moeller was invited to give three lectures on the excavations at Tell Edfu in California, to the Orange County and Berkeley ARCE chapters and the Egypt Exploration Organization of Southern California. She also participated in the Tenth Annual Oriental Institute Postdoctoral Seminar, presenting a paper on "The Early/Middle Bronze Age Transition in View of Evidence from Egypt during the Old Kingdom and First Intermediate Period." In

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March, the article co-authored with Robert Ritner on the eruption of Thera and the Ahmose stela was published in the *Journal of Near Eastern Studies*, which has gained much scholarly interest. It discusses this unusual Egyptian text in relation to its possible link to the aftermath of the volcanic eruption.

Furthermore, Moeller presented a paper at the ARCE Annual Meeting, which was held in Portland, Oregon, this year. The title of the paper was “The state-founded settlement at Lahun: A Re-evaluation of the Role Town Planning in the Middle Kingdom.” In May, she gave a short lecture about how the Egyptian revolution has impacted archaeological fieldwork in Egypt as part of the one-day conference *Surveying the Field: Conducting Archaeology in the Middle East Today*, which had been organized by students of the Interdisciplinary Archaeology Workshop. Moeller has recently also started to work on the preparation of a Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) for the University of Chicago on Ancient Egypt and the Dynamics of Early Civilizations, which is planned to run some time early in 2015.
