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Of Masks and Mummies: The Discovery of a Saite-Persian Mummification Complex
with Ramadan Badry Hussein

The Saqqara Saite Tombs Project was launched in March 2016 as a second round of documentation and re-excavation of six Saite-Persian tombs located to the south and east of the pyramid of King Unas at Saqqara. Discovered between 1899-1903, their burial chambers are extensively inscribed with compositions of religious texts drawn from the Pyramid Texts, Coffin Texts, and Book of the Dead. These incredibly valuable text sources require study and preservation. The mission of the Saqqara Saite Tombs Project is one of conservation by documentation and employs a 3D digital technique that combines laser scanning and photogrammetry.

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