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THE FUTURE OF EGYPT'S PAST: PROTECTING ANCIENT THEBES

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In 1978, the Theban Mapping Project (TMP) was an ambitious plan to record, photograph and map every temple and tomb in the Theban Necropolis (modern Luxor, Egypt) within a few years. However, it took nearly two decades before the enormous task was realized and the *Atlas of the Valley of the Kings* was published.

Dr Weeks has guided the TMP on a sometimes surprising journey. In 1995, an effort to pinpoint where early explorers had noted an "insignificant" tomb led to the re-discovery of KV5. Recognized now as the tomb for sons of Ramesses II, it is the most important find since the discovery of Tutankhamen's tomb.



Once primarily aimed at treasure, gold, jewels and mummies, today archaeology in the Valley of the Kings targets information, accessibility and protection. The TMP remains relevant, developing an online Egyptian Archaeological Database, a newly upgraded TMP website, and a program of local public education to encourage archaeological awareness, site conservation and site management, as well as continuing work in KV5.



Tuesday, May 7, 2019 at 7:30
Empirical Theater at
Oregon Museum of Science & Industry
1945 SE Water Ave., Portland

Free admission, free parking and open to the public.

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