

Nadine Moeller

As last year, **Nadine Moeller** directed the excavations at Tell Edfu in Upper Egypt during most of autumn quarter. The summary of results of this season are described in detail in the *Tell Edfu Project Report*. In August 2008 she was awarded a National Endowment for the Humanities Digital Startup Grant for a project entitled “Digital Documentation of a Provincial Town in Ancient Egypt,” with the aim to develop new digital image-capturing techniques that will enable researchers to process data from archaeological excavations more accurately and efficiently. Also involved in this project is Lec Maj, Assistant Director for Research Computing of the Humanities Division, who is providing the technology support. Furthermore, there is a new Web site being set up with the help of Maj for the Tell Edfu project at www.telledfu.org that shows some of the results.

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In June the Oriental Institute received the complete Mendes archives, which holds the documentation of several excavation seasons from the 1960s and 1970s directed by Donald P. Hansen, Karen Wilson, and Bernard Bothmer. The preparation of a final publication will be part of Moeller's research projects for the next three years. The material provides important information on early settlement remains dating to the First Intermediate Period as well as an underlying Old Kingdom cemetery. Since archaeological data of these periods are still pretty scarce, the publication will be an important contribution for the understanding of settlements in the Delta region and thus complement the records available from Upper Egyptian sites.

Additionally, Nadine has finished an article with the title "A New Royal Name Sealing from Tell Edfu," which has been accepted for publication by the *Zeitschrift für Ägyptische Sprache und Altertumskunde*. Moeller is currently preparing the manuscript for the first volume of the Tell Edfu Reports, which includes the results from the 2001–2004 survey of the site as well as various chapters dealing with the history of excavations, the objectives then and now, and the wall remains of the buildings above the silo area.

In March Moeller gave an Oriental Institute Members' Lecture in Washington, D.C., on the latest results of the 2008 season at Tell Edfu; the lecture was well received and the newly appointed Egyptian Ambassador and his wife were among the audience members.

She has also recently been invited to the Global Creative Workshop taking place in London, July 13–14, which has been organized by Lord Cultural Resources for the newly planned Museum of the March of Man at Abu Dhabi.
