

Hratch Papazian

Hratch Papazian continued his participation in the activities of the Oriental Institute's South Edfu Pyramid Project with Research Associate Gregory Marouard. He has been involved in that endeavor since its inception in 2010, as part of Tell Edfu Project led by Nadine Moeller. The results of the first survey season of this Old Kingdom provincial pyramid were presented jointly with Marouard at the Sixty-second Annual Meeting of the American Research Center in Egypt, held in Chicago in April 2011, and the findings of the first two seasons were published in the spring issue of the Institute's *News & Notes* (#213, pp. 3–9, 2012).

The study of the Edfu pyramid, as well as similar ones at other sites, falls within Papazian's overall research interests into the social and economic features of the earlier phases of Egyptian history. As an extension and expansion of that research, he will begin investigating the step pyramid in South Abydos in fall 2012, in collaboration with Marouard. Thus, the comparative data gained from the Edfu and Abydos structures, which represent two out of the seven such pyramids in the archaeological record, should allow for new insights to be offered regarding the purpose and function of those monuments.

Earlier this year saw the publication of Papazian's monograph *Domain of Pharaoh: The Structure and Components of the Economy of Old Kingdom Egypt* as volume 52 in the Hildesheimer Ägyptologische Beiträge (HÄB) series. He was also invited to contribute, and has already submitted, an extensive chapter on the management of resources in the Old Kingdom for the forthcoming volume on ancient Egyptian administration to be published in Brill's *Handbuch der Orientalistik* series. Papazian presented a paper entitled "Egypt in the Eighth Dynasty" at the conference "Towards a New History for the Egyptian Old Kingdom: Perspectives on the Pyramid Age," held at Harvard University in April 2012; an article with the same title will be published in the 2012 issue of the *Journal of Egyptian History*. Additionally, his study on Thebes in the Old Kingdom, which he presented to the Danish Egyptological Society in Copenhagen in November 2011, is forthcoming as an article.

His current research is focused on preparing his next monograph, which will consist of the study of a set of Old Kingdom administrative and accounting documents from Upper Egypt.
