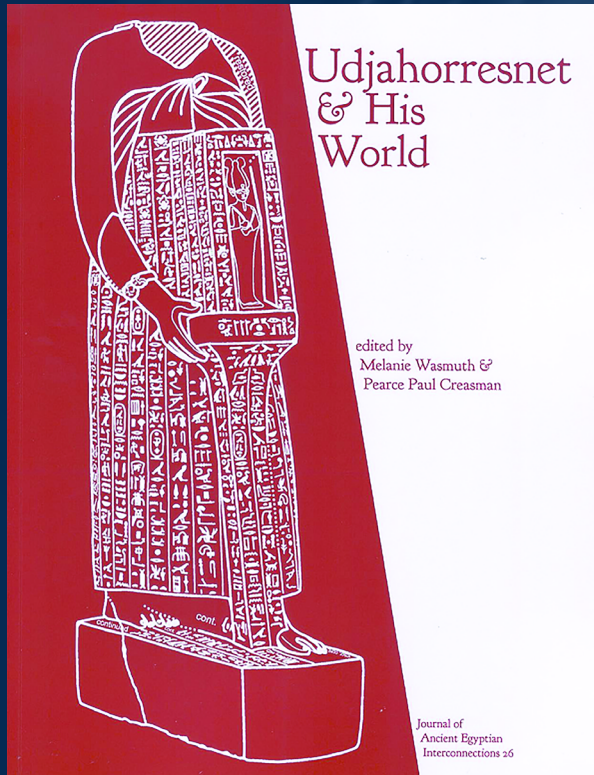


◆ Udjahorresnet's Egypt ◆

The Crossroads of Conquest and Identity under Achaemenid Rule

Friday, May 7, 2021 | 10:00am–1:00pm Pacific Time

Zoom Registration: <https://pourdavoud.ucla.edu/event/pourdavoud-center-workshop-udjahorresnets-egypt/>



The concept for this workshop was inspired by the 2020 open access volume, [Udjahorresnet and his World \(Journal of Ancient Egyptian Interconnections, Volume 26\)](#), which contextualizes the life of Udjahorresnet, an elite politician and chief physician of Egypt's 26th and 27th Dynasties in the 6th century BCE. His career spanned the end of the Egyptian Saite period and the beginning of Achaemenid Persian dominion in Egypt, and his (auto)biographical inscriptions suggest he played a key role in establishing the authority of the Persian kings on the Egyptian throne. His social background, professional functions, and political agency within the Saite and Achaemenid courts in Egypt and abroad are the topics of intense scholarly discussion and debate. By looking through Udjahorresnet's eyes to study the world he witnessed, this workshop aims to address the current research on the culturally diverse Achaemenid world, the associated intricate cross-regional diplomacy, and the social and political techniques for empire consolidation used by the Persians.

Panelists

Annalisa Azzoni, Vanderbilt University

Negotiating Identity in Egypt under Achaemenid Rule: The Aramaic Evidence

Ladislav Bareš, Charles University

The Shaft Tomb of Udjahorresnet at Abusir

Alexander Schütze, Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich

Udjahorresnet and the 26th Dynasty

Květa Smoláriková, Charles University

The Shaft Tomb of Udjahorresnet at Abusir

Uzume Z. Wijnsma, Leiden University

The Question of Elite Participation in the 522/21 BC Egyptian Revolt

Melanie Wasmuth, University of Helsinki

Udjahorresnet and his World: The Current State of Research

Convened by



Marissa Stevens, University of California, Los Angeles

Marissa Stevens is the Assistant Director of the Pourdavoud Center for the Study of the Iranian World. Trained as an Egyptologist who studies the materiality, social history, and texts of the Third Intermediate Period and Late Period, she completed her Ph.D. at the University of California, Los Angeles in the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures in 2018. Combining art historical and linguistic approaches, her academic interests focus on how objects can solidify, maintain, and perpetuate social identity, especially in times of crisis and conflict when more traditional means of self-identification are absent. She is a contributing author to [Udjahorresnet and his World \(JAEI 26\)](#).



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