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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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