



ANCIENT EGYPT'S VALLEY OF THE KINGS: FIELDWORK IN KV 49, AN ENIGMATIC TOMB

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In 1906, an expedition led by American multi-millionaire Theodore M Davis explored a rocky spur in the Valley of the Kings, adjacent to the royal tomb of Amenhotep II. During this work, six tombs were uncovered, including KV 49, an undecorated, unfinished and seemingly unremarkable tomb.

In 2018 and 2019, the Pacific Lutheran University Valley of the Kings Project led by Donald P Ryan, re-excavated this curious and obscure tomb, revealing some dramatic surprises and interesting possibilities.



**Wednesday, October 23, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.
2nd Floor Gallery, Urban Center Building, 506 SW Mill St
(between 5th and 6th Avenue), Portland State University
Free admission; Open to the public**

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A veteran of many expeditions, he has written numerous scientific and popular articles and many books on archaeological subjects. His newest book, published in 2018, is *Twenty-Four Hours in Ancient Egypt—A Day in the Life of the People Who Lived There*. His 2010 book, *Beneath the Sands of Egypt—Adventures of an Unconventional Archaeologist*, describes his life, his intriguing explorations, and the remarkable rediscovery of a lost tomb in the Valley of the Kings.

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