

CV - Dr. Zahi Hawass

Education

- 1987: Ph.D in Egyptology
University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, U.S.A
- 1983: Master in Egyptology and Syrian Palestinian Issues
University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, U.S.A
- 1979: Diploma in Egyptology
University of Cairo, Cairo, Egypt
- 1967: B.A. in Greek and Roman Archeology
University of Alexandria, Alexandria, Egypt

Great Discoveries

1. The Cemetery of the Pyramid Builders, Giza
2. The Axis of Osiris, Giza
3. The Subsidiary of the pyramid near Khufu Pyramid, Giza
4. The two statues of Ramses II near Menekaure Pyramid, Giza
5. The Cemetery of the Old Kingdom near Gisir el-Mudir, Saqqara
6. The Pyramid of the 6th Dynasty, Saqqara
7. The Pyramid of Khuit (Lepsius 29), Saqqara
8. Greek and Roman Cemetery near the Temple of Taposiris Magna, Alexandria
9. The Valley of the Golden Mummies, Bahariya Oasis
10. The Cemetery of the 26th Dynasty near Sheikh Sob, Baharia Oasis
11. Temple of Ramses II near Ain Shams, Cairo
12. Flooding route in the Valley of the Kings, Luxor

Awards and Recognitions

- 2009: Honorary Doctorate, University of Bansomdejchaopraya Rajabhat, Thailand
- 2008: World Tourism Award, Herald Tribune
- 2008: Goodwill Ambassador to Japan by the Japanese and Egyptian Ministries of Foreign Affairs
- 2008: Commander, Order of Merit of the Republic of Italy
- 2007: Commander, Order of Arts and Letters of the Republic of France
- 2007: La Medaille D'Or, Government of Argelia
- 2006: Paestum Archaeology Award, presented by Salerno and Borsa Mediterranea Archaeological Tourism, Italy

Emmy Award by the American Academy of Television Arts and Sciences

Featured in an exhibition on Archaeology at the Children's Museum of Indianapolis, and in fourteen other museums in the United States as an explorer.
Named by Times Magazine as one of the 100 Most Influential People

2005: Along with 30 famous intellectuals, including Nobel Prize winners, was invited to lecture to 150 outstanding American high school students at Stanford University for the Adventures of the Mind Society

Honorary Doctorate, American University of Cairo

2002: His name was written in a CD for the Mars Exploration Rover 2003.

Was honored by the Spanish Egyptological Society as one of the five "Egyptian Pioneers," along with Naguib Mahfouz, Omar Sherif, Ahmed Zeail and Umm Kathloun.

2001: Honored by the University of Mansoura for his achievements and contributions to the Egyptian society and to the world's archaeological community. The honor was also presented to Umm Kathloun, Omar Sheriff, Ahmed Zaweil, and Naguib Mahfouz.

Was appointed by National Geographic as Explorer in Residence

2001: Silver Medal, Russian Academy of Natural Sciences

2000: Distinguished Scholar of the Year, Association of American-Egyptian Scholars

Golden Plate Award, American Academy of Achievement: one of thirty international individuals honored with this award, an honor given before to Nobel Prize winners, Chiefs of State and celebrities

Appointed Associate Professor of the University of California, Los Angeles

Doctorate, Mellon Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania

1998: First-Class Award in the Arts and Sciences, presented by President Mubarak, honoring Dr. Hawass's participation in the restoration of the Egyptian Sphinx

Pride of Egypt Award, presented by members of the foreign press in recognition of his achievements in archaeology.

1992: Mellon Foundation Fellowship, for his work at the University of Pennsylvania.

1989: English Travel Writer Award for his work in Giza

1980: Fulbright Fellowship

Brief Biography

Dr. Zahi Hawass

World-renowned archaeologist Zahi Hawass currently serves as Secretary General of the Supreme Council of Antiquities, and directs ongoing excavations at Giza, Saqqara, and in the Valley of the Kings. Dr. Hawass received his PhD in 1987 from the University of Pennsylvania, where he studied as a Fulbright Fellow. He has written numerous scholarly articles and books, and is highly respected as an Egyptologist. In addition, Dr. Hawass is known for his charisma and his ability to reach out to the public, raising awareness of archaeology and the preservation of Egypt's precious heritage.

Over the course of his long career, he has been presented with numerous awards and honors. In 1998, he received the First-Class Award in the Arts and Sciences from President Mubarak, along with the Pride of Egypt Award, by the members of foreign press in Egypt. In 2000, the Association of Egyptian American Studies named him Scholar of the Year, and was one of the 30 international personalities that received the Golden Plate Award from the American Academy of Achievement, in recognition of his achievements in archaeology.

In July 2001, National Geographic selected Dr. Hawass as one of the Explorers in Residence and was presented with a Silver Medal and membership in the Russian Academy of Natural Sciences. In November 2002, his name was inscribed in the famous CD of the 2003 Mars Exploration Rover Mission. In February 2005, Dr. Hawass received an Honorary Doctorate by the American University in Cairo. In 2006, Time Magazine chose him one of the 100 Most Influential People of 2005. In 2007 was named Officer of the French Order of Arts and Letters and in 2008 was awarded the rank of Commander in the Order of Merit of the Italian Republic. Also in 2008, el Dr. Hawass obtained the World Tourism Award from UNWTO and was appointed Goodwill Ambassador in Tokyo by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan.

In 2009, Dr. Hawass was decorated by the Spanish Ministry of Culture with the King Juan Carlos's Medal of the Spanish Order of Arts and Culture.

Dr. Hawass has made a number of major discoveries over the course of his career, including the Tombs of the Pyramid Builders at Giza and the Valley of the Golden Mummies at Bahariya Oasis. Dr. Hawass has discovered two previously unknown Old Kingdom pyramids, one near the Great Pyramid of Keops at Giza, and one belonging to a queen of King Teti at Saqqara.

Also at Saqqara, he has rediscovered the pyramid of the 6th Dynasty queen Khuit, along with another pyramid that he has determined belonged to a 5th Dynasty king. Dr. Hawass is currently involved in several important archaeological projects.

He is leading the search for the tomb of Cleopatra and Mark Antony on the premises of a Ptolemaic temple near Alexandria. He is also searching for the tomb of Ramses VIII and the tombs of the queens of the 18th Dynasty in the Valley of the Kings. Dr. Hawass plans to reveal the secrets of the hidden doors found inside the Great Pyramid, and he is supervising a search for missing obelisks and statues that disappeared in the waters of the Nile. One of Dr. Hawass's most significant research efforts is the Egyptian Mummy Project (EMP), in which he is using modern forensic techniques such as CT scanning and DNA analysis to answer questions about human remains from ancient Egypt. One of the most important discoveries that Dr. Hawass has made through the EMP is his identification of the mummy of Queen Hatshepsut. Currently, the project is focused on the search for the family of King Tutankhamen.

As an archaeologist deeply concerned about the conservation and protection of Egypt's monuments, Dr. Hawass has led major conservation projects for the Great Sphinx, along with the Serapeum and Step Pyramid at Saqqara. He has developed site management plans for a number of important historic areas, including the Unfinished Obelisk Quarry in Aswan and the temples of Kom Ombo, Edfu, and Dendera. Currently, he is overseeing the completion of site management plans for the West Bank of Luxor, Giza, and Saqqara. He has also initiated the construction of nineteen new museums throughout Egypt, including the Grand Egyptian Museum that will be built near the pyramids at Giza.

Dr. Hawass's dynamic personality and his extensive and wide knowledge have sparked global interest in ancient Egypt. He has brought the world of the pharaohs into the homes and hearts of people all over the world through his numerous television appearances and books for all audiences. In 2006, Dr. Hawass received an Emmy from the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences for a special on ancient Egypt produced by KCBS in Los Angeles.

Some of his most popular TV appearances have been *Mysteries of the Pyramids*, live from Cairo with Omar Sharif; *Good Morning America*, live from the Great Sphinx with Joan Lunden; and *The Today Show* with Matt Lauer. Dr. Hawass has also appeared in three live prime-time productions for Fox Television - the first, in March 1999, was with Maury Povich; and the second, in May 2000, was with actor Bill Pullman, and Hugh Downs as host. The third was a look behind the hidden doors inside the Great Pyramid using a robot equipped with a fiber optic camera.

Dr. Hawass has also appeared in many documentaries for the BBC, Discovery Channel, National Geographic, the History Channel, PBS, and The Learning Channel. He was chosen by the BBC for a profile representing Egypt in the New Millennium, and was featured by CNN in a short profile in 2008. National Geographic has produced a film on his life and work. Dr. Hawass is the spokesman for CNN on archaeological news in Egypt, and he has been featured on many

TV shows in Europe and Japan. He has been profiled in print in the Los Angeles Times, the New York Times, and the London Times.

Dr. Hawass has written many books about ancient Egypt for general audiences, including: *Silent Images: Women in Pharaonic Egypt*; *The Hidden Treasures of Ancient Egypt*; *Secrets from the Sand*; *Tutankhamen and the Golden Age of the Pharaohs*; *Tutankhamen: The Treasures of the Tomb*; *Royal Tombs of Egypt: The Art of Thebes Revealed*; *The Great Book of Ancient Egypt: In the Realm of the Pharaohs*; *Mountains of the Pharaohs: The Untold Story of the Pyramid Builders*. His book about his great discovery at Bahariya Oasis, *The Valley of the Golden Mummies*, became a bestseller and has been published in five languages. He has also written several books for children. He writes regular columns for *Al-Ahram Weekly* and *Horus* (the in-flight magazine of Egypt Air), and has contributed articles to *GEO*, along with many other popular magazines.

In addition, Dr. Hawass has been instrumental in sending exhibitions of the treasures of King Tutankhamen abroad for the first time in decades. One exhibition is touring eight American cities and London, while the second will visit seven cities in the U.S.

For more information on his life and work go to www.drhawass.com