

# Julien Cooper

## Education

---

- 2016 Ph.D. Ancient History (Egyptology), Macquarie University  
2011 B.A Hons (Honours class I), Macquarie University  
2010 B.A (Ancient History), Macquarie University

## Research & Publications

---

### Monographs

- J. Cooper (2020), *Toponymy on the periphery: Placenames of the Eastern Desert, Red Sea, and South Sinai in Egyptian Documents from the Early Dynastic till the end of the New Kingdom*, Brill: Probleme der Ägyptologie 39.

### Articles (peer-reviewed)

- J. Cooper (2021) 'Mines, towns, and cemeteries: The 2018 Season of the Atbai Survey Project', *Sudan & Nubia* 25, 121-134.
- J. Cooper (2021), 'Between the Nile and the Red Sea: Medjay Desert Polities in the Third to First Millennium BCE', *Old World: Journal of Ancient Eurasia and Africa* 1, 1-22.
- J. Cooper (2020), 'A Nomadic State? The 'Blemmyean-Beja' polity of the ancient Eastern Desert', *Journal of African History* 61, 383-407.
- J. Cooper & D. Vanhulle (2019), 'Boats and routes: new rock art in the Atbai desert', *Sudan & Nubia* 23, 3-13.
- J. Cooper & A.-L. Mourad (2019), 'Further observations on Ugarit and Egypt', *Göttinger Miszellen* 259, 63-75.
- J. Cooper (2019) 'Punt in the "Northern" Topographical Lists', *Journal of Egyptian Archaeology* 104, 93-98.
- J. Cooper (2018) 'Kushites Expressing 'Egyptian' Kingship: Nubian Dynasties in Hieroglyphic Texts and a Phantom Kushite King', *Ägypten & Levante* 28, 143-168.
- J. Cooper (2017) 'Some observations on language contact between Egyptian and the languages of

Darfur and Chad', *Der Antike Sudan: Mitteilungen der Sudanarchäologischen Gesellschaft zu Berlin* 28, 81-86.

J. Cooper & H. Barnard (2017) 'New Insights on the Inscription on a Painted Pan-Grave Bucranium from Grave 3252 at Cemetery 3100/3200 in Mostagedda (Middle Egypt)', *African Archaeological Review* 34, 363-376.

J. Cooper (2017) 'Toponymic Strata in Ancient Nubia until the Common Era', *Dotawo: A Journal of Nubian Studies* 4, 197-212.

J. Cooper (2015) 'A record of a Red Sea sojourn at Beni Hassan: The journeys of Ameny/Amenemhat and 'Relative-Placenames'', *Bulletin of the Australian Centre for Egyptology* 24, 31-50.

J. Cooper & L. Evans (2015) 'Transforming into a swallow: Coffin Text Spell 294 and avian behaviour', *Zeitschrift für Ägyptische Sprache* 142, 12-24.

J. Cooper (2012) 'Reconsidering the location of Yam', *Journal of the American Research Centre in Egypt* 48, 1-22.

J. Cooper (2011) 'The Geographic and Cosmographic Expression Ta-netjer', *The Bulletin of the Australian Centre of Egyptology* 22, 47-66.

## **Chapters & Encyclopaedia Entries (peer-reviewed)**

J. Cooper (in press) 'Children of the Desert: The indigenous peoples of the Eastern Desert in the Pharaonic Period', in H. Cuvigny (ed.) *Blemmyes: New Documents and New Perspectives* (Institut français d'archéologie orientale)

J. Cooper (2020) 'Egyptian among neighboring African Languages', *UCLA Encyclopaedia of Egyptology*.

J. Cooper (2018) 'The African Topographical lists of the New Kingdom and the Historical Geography of Nubia in the Second Millennium BCE' in M. Honegger (ed.) *Nubian Archaeology in the XXIst Century: Proceedings of the Thirteenth International Conference for Nubian Studies, Neuchâtel, 1st-6th September 2014* (Peeters, Leuven), 669-680.

J. Cooper (2017) 'Funerary Texts' in Y. Tristant, E. M. Ryan (eds), *Death is Only the Beginning: Funerary Beliefs at Macquarie's Museum of Ancient Cultures* (Australian Centre for Egyptology, Sydney), 110-120.

J. Cooper (2017) 'Between this world and the Duat: The Land of Wetenet and Egyptian Cosmography of the Red Sea', in C. Di Biase-Dyson & L. Donovan (eds), *The Cultural Manifestations of Religious Experience: Studies in honour of Boyo G. Ockinga* (Ägypten und Altes Testament, Münster), 383-394.

## Employment

---

**(2020-),** Assistant Professor, BNU-HKBU United International College (Zhuhai), Joint Research Centre for History and Culture

**(2018-2020) Postdoctoral Research Associate & Lecturer,** Yale University, Department of Near Eastern Languages & Civilizations

**(2016-2018) Postdoctoral Research Fellow,** Oxford University, Faculty of History. ERC Nomadic Empires Project.

**(2013-2015) Lecturer,** Macquarie Ancient Languages Summer & Winter schools, Middle Egyptian and hieratic.

**(2011-2016) PhD Student,** Department of Ancient History, Macquarie University  
Supervisor: Associate Professor Boyo Ockinga

## Teaching

---

### Subjects convened

- *Egyptian Hieroglyphs* (Middle Egyptian, beginners & advanced) – Yale and Macquarie University Summer School
- *Hieratic* (Egyptian cursive) – Macquarie University Summer School
- *Lapidary Hieratic* (Egyptian cursive on rock) – Macquarie University Summer School
- *Ancient African Empires: Aksum and Kush* – Yale University
- *Worlds of the Ancient Red Sea* – Yale University
- *World Religions: Ancient Traditions* – United International College
- *Migrations in World History* – United International College
- *Civilizations of the Nile: Egypt and Nubia* – United International College

## Research Grants, Awards, & Prizes

---

**(2021) United International College (Zhuhai), Startup Grant**

Funds for publishing the Douglas Newbold Archives in the Griffith Institute, Oxford University

**(2019) Yale University, Simpson Egyptology Grant:**

Awarded for the Atbai Survey Project, Sudan

**(2018) Wainwright Fieldwork Grant:**

Awarded for the Atbai Survey Project, Sudan.

**(2018) Egyptian Exploration Society Fieldwork and Research Grant:**

Awarded for the fieldwork project in Sudan: *Gold, deserts, and nomads: an exploration and reconnaissance of threatened archaeological sites in the Eastern Desert of Sudan*

**(2016) British East Africa Institute Award**

*Nomads between Empires: The Atbai in Museo Castiglioni*. Funding Award (£1200) to investigate materials relating to the Eastern Desert of Sudan in Museo Castiglioni, Italy.

**(2016) Vice-Chancellor's Commendation, Macquarie University**

**(2015) McLean Egyptology Scholarship:**

**(2013) Postgraduate Research Fund, Macquarie University:**

**(2011-2014) Australian Postgraduate Award (APA)**

**(2011) Honours Thesis Prize:**

## Fieldwork

---

**2018-2019:** Oxford-Yale Atbai Survey, *Gold, deserts, and nomads: an exploration and reconnaissance of threatened archaeological sites in the Eastern Desert of Sudan* (2 seasons)

<https://www.ees.ac.uk/gold-deserts-and-nomads>

<https://news.yale.edu/2019/05/10/archaeology-trip-yields-ancient-artifacts-rock-art-and-collegiality>

Director: Julien Cooper

**2015-2018:** Sudan Archaeological Research Society Epigraphic Project (4 seasons)

Epigrapher

(Kurgus, Gebel Dosha, Batn el-Hajar, Sudan)

Director: Prof. Vivian Davies

**2008-2009:** Macquarie University Theban Tombs Project, Dra Abu el-Naga, Egypt.

Epigrapher

Director: Prof. Boyo Ockinga

## Outreach and Media

---

**2021 Blog: *Papyrus Stories***, ‘Nomads, Mercenaries, and Goldmines: Desert Politics in the Ramesside Period’ <https://papyrus-stories.com/2021/10/08/nomads-mercenaries-and-goldmines/>

**2019 Yale News interview** and article relating to Fieldwork:  
<https://news.yale.edu/2019/05/10/archaeology-trip-yields-ancient-artifacts-rock-art-and-collegiality>