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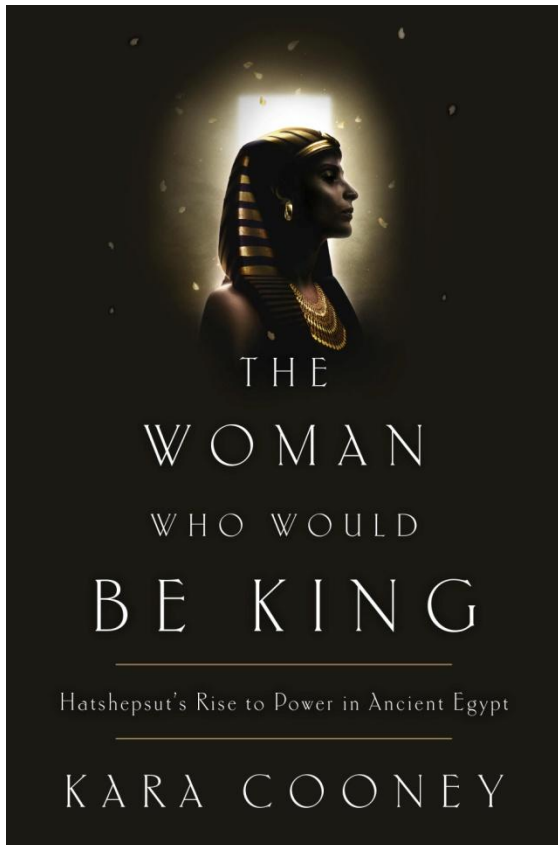
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EGYPTOLOGIST TO DISCUSS NEW RESEARCH ABOUT WOMEN AND POWER IN THE ANCIENT WORLD

Sunday, November 16 at 2PM

ALBANY, NEW YORK- The Albany Institute of History & Art is excited to host internationally known Egyptologist and author Kara Cooney for a special lecture about Hatshepsut, the longest reigning female pharaoh in Ancient Egypt. Kara Cooney is Associate Professor at the Cotsen Institute of Archaeology at UCLA. Her new book *The Woman Who Would Be King: Hatshepsut's Rise to Power in Ancient Egypt*, draws from the latest field research to fill in the gaps of what we know about the famous pharaoh and explore the obstacles that faced women who sought power and prestige in a society that equated authority with masculinity. Cooney will be available to sign copies of the book, which will be available for purchase. This lecture and book signing will take place on Sunday, November 16 at 2PM. It is open to the public and free with museum admission.

Dr. Cooney is a well-known Egyptologist and the Assistant Professor of Egyptian Art and Architecture at UCLA. She received her PhD for Near Eastern Studies in 2002 from Johns Hopkins University. Some of her excavation experience includes projects in Deir el Medina in Egypt, Dahshur, and several tombs at Thebes. In 2005, she was a curator for *Tutankhamun and the Golden Age of the Pharaohs* at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art. Cooney has also been on Discovery Channel documentaries including: *Out of Egypt* and *Egypt's Lost Queen*.



The Albany Institute of History & Art is located at 125 Washington Avenue in Albany, New York. There is limited parking available in the museums lot, located at the corner of Dove and Elk Streets in Albany (just behind the museum). There is also on street parking available. The Albany Institute is open Wednesday-Saturday 10AM-5PM, Thursday until 8PM*, and Sunday Noon-5PM. On Tuesdays, the museum is open to registered groups only. The museum is closed on Mondays and some holidays. Admission is FREE for Albany Institute members; \$10/adults; \$8/seniors and students with ID; \$6/children 6-12; FREE/children under 6. The museum is now offering free admission on Thursdays from 5PM-8PM. For more information, visit www.albanyinstitute.org or call (518) 463-4478.

Founded in 1791, the Albany Institute of History & Art is New York's oldest museum. Its collections document the Hudson Valley as a crossroads of culture, influencing the art and history of the region, the state, and the nation. With more than 35,000 objects and one million documents in the library, it is an important resource for the region, giving our community a sense of the part the Hudson Valley played in the American story, and our own place in history. Permanent and temporary exhibitions are open year-round and create a sense of place, allowing visitors to meet the people who helped shape this region. Over 25,000 people visit the Albany Institute of History & Art every year, enjoying the collections, workshops, school programs, and lectures, helping to build an understanding of the history and culture of our region. Among the museum's best-known and most-loved collections are the 19th century Hudson River School landscape paintings by artists like Thomas Cole and Frederic Church, the 19th century sculpture collections, and, of course, the famous Albany Mummies that came to the museum in 1909 and have been on view ever since. For more information, please visit www.albanyinstitute.org and be sure to follow us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/albanyinstitute) and Twitter (@AlbanyInstitute).

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