

CU Classics Department Presents:

# *Finding and Restoring Rameses II at Hermopolis Magna*

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In January 2024, the Egyptian-American archaeological project at Hermopolis Magna (200 miles south of Cairo) discovered the top half of a colossal statue of Pharaoh Ramses II that matched a base known as early as Napoleon's expedition to Egypt. Two years later, the statue has been joined.

Dr. Basem Gehad, archaeologist and co-director of the Hermopolis Magna project, discusses how to put an over three-thousand-year-old statue back together and explains how the statue and its pair had been reconstructed several times in antiquity.



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