

NETWORKING AND MORE NETWORKING

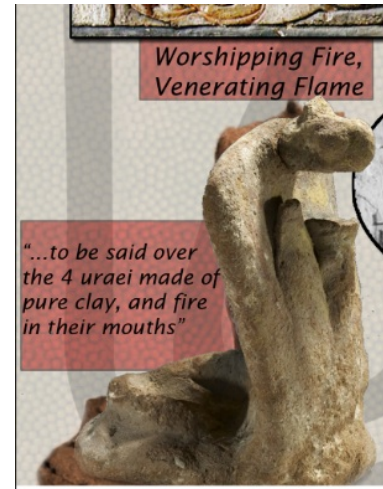
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I find that much of my time is spent writing emails, networking, and well, more emails. Today, I have had to write emails regarding an upcoming trip to Egypt to do GPR work with a colleague in glaciology. The emails had already gone out, but the relevant person is on holiday, so now have to be resent. Aaargh. I've also had to write to a potter with whom I will be working. She is going to make replicas of the cobra figurines I am working on (let's see if I can figure out how to attach an image— this one from a poster I made. I can't figure out how to place it, so it's somewhere below). She is going to make 40 of them and then colleagues from engineering will perform fracture experiments. These figurines have been said to have been 'ritually' broken. We'll see if we can tell! Anyway, tight communication is required to make sure we are on the same page!

One of my students also dropped by to get advice from me. This is why I use my office to do admin and teaching related activities — research I save for when I am home, away from the inevitable interruptions and knocks on the door from people saying 'can I see you for a minute?'.

I've also had the opportunity to 'hang-out' with three other archaeologists using Google-hangout. This was after taking a break to go to a retirement party for some colleagues. Toasting with wine is also part of the job *grins*. Anyway, it's a great tool to see what other people are up to, share ideas, debate, etc. Ironically, I ended up chatting to someone who is also in the same town I am in, and I know his partner very well. Small world indeed!

Right back to the tedious grant proposal...



Clay cobra figurine (BM55594), British Museum, London. Worshipper relief from

Clay Cobra figurine originally from Amarna Egypt, now in the British Museum