**John Baines**

**Position:**

Professor Emeritus, Egyptology; Fellow of The Queen's College

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**Research Interests:**

My research ranges over several areas in Egyptology, in part because much of it is stimulated by teaching on diverse subjects. I often participate in interdisciplinary symposia and publications. My principal areas of interest are Egyptian art, literature, religion, self-presentation, the position of writing in Egyptian society, and modelling social forms. In working on these themes, I make use of texts, images, archaeological data, and various theoretical approaches. I am currently working on elite uses of the wider environment, particularly in forms and practices, such as hunting, that must be approached indirectly because they leave little physical trace.

**Current Projects:**

* Synthesis of studies on Egyptian kingship
* Egyptian biography

**Recent Publications:**

* Presenting and discussing deities in New Kingdom and Third Intermediate period Egypt. In Beate Pongratz-Leisten (ed.), *Reconsidering the concept of revolutionary monotheism*, 41–89. Winona Lake IN: Eisenbrauns 2011.
* Scripts, high culture, and administration in Middle Kingdom Egypt. In Stephen Houston (ed.), *The shape of script: how and why writing systems change*, 25–63. Advanced Seminar Series. Santa Fe: School of Advanced Research Press 2012.
* Sources of Egyptian temple cosmology: divine image, king, and ritual performer. In Deena Ragavan (ed.), *Heaven on earth: temples, ritual, and cosmic symbolism in the ancient world*, 395–424. Oriental Institute Seminar 9. Chicago: Oriental Institute, University of Chicago 2013.
* *High culture and experience in ancient Egypt*. Studies in Egyptology and Ancient Near East. xx + 326 pp., 63 figs. Sheffield: Equinox 2013.

[Full Publications](http://www.orinst.ox.ac.uk/sites/default/files/staff-full-pubs/Baines_John_Publications.pdf)

**Further Info:**

* Series editor of Griffith Egyptological Publications
* Series editor of Equinox studies in Egyptology and the Ancient Near East
* Coordinator for Online Egyptological Bibliography: <http://oeb.griffith.ox.ac.uk/>
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