

## >>LECTURE

### **"Young Friends Program: Sex and the (Ancient) City"**

*Tues., Feb. 7, 6:30pm. \$5  
(members free). University of  
Pennsylvania Museum of  
Archaeology and Anthropology,  
3260 South St. 215.898.5093. [www.museum.upenn.edu](http://www.museum.upenn.edu)*



*Oh dear god..are you serious?*

No matter the millennium, sex sells. "A lot of people think ancient cultures are dry and musty, but actually they're quite lusty," says Dr. Jennifer Wegner, one of the speakers at the Valentine's Day-themed lecture "Sex and the (Ancient) City." She'll cover the role sex played in Egyptian culture and art, from sex scenes on tombs and temple walls to literary texts that describe different sexual encounters. "I think people will be a little surprised," says Wegner, Egyptian section research scientist at the University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology. "There's a lot of material that's quite explicit." Other lecturers include Dr. Harold Dibble, curator of European archaeology, on "Caveman Courtship," and Dr. Jean Turfa, Mediterranean section research associate, on "Desperate Etruscan Housewives." Wegner hopes the talk will allow folks to open their minds and look at members of these bygone societies as everyday people, not just dusty boldface names from the history books. "They really enjoyed the same things we do today," she says. To help people get into the spirit, a cash bar will be available. *(Mike Bederka)*