An archaeological excavation in Pompeii. 

Digging Up Pompeii

Project director Steven Ellis spent his summer doing research in the ancient city.

Classics Assistant Professor Steven Ellis, one of two archaeologists who joined the department in 2008, had a big summer. He returned to the famed site in Greece, where as the youngest archaeologist ever to be appointed a professor at the institute, he led one of the largest operations in the world.

In 2009, Ellis and four of his research associates excavated a Pompeii area that turned out to be a restaurant near the Forum area in Pompeii. It turns out that in 79 A.D., what Pompeii was noted for in volcanic ash, some interesting things were going on in the city.

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ps: we recently redesigned http://classics.uc.edu. check it out!

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