In 1990, as a new faculty member, I tagged along on a study abroad trip to Egypt led by the director of the school of art, Professor Earl Ertman. Ertman’s art history courses were legendary, owing to his encyclopedic knowledge. Students said the lectures were compelling, memorable, and brought to life with amusing personal stories. The trip turned out to be an amazing experience and brought an unexpected glimpse into faculty being fully immersed in their research. Fast forward to 2006: Emeritus Professor Ertman and the late Otto Schaden’s team were digging in Egypt when they uncovered KV63, the first tomb discovered in the Valley of the Kings since Tutankhamun’s tomb was found in 1922. My experiences on the trip were the first of many that allowed me to call Professor Ertman a teacher and mentor.