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6. Medinet Habu, Volume IX. *The Eighteenth Dynasty Temple, Part 1: The Inner Sanctuaries. The Epigraphic Survey*.
7. *Megiddo: Cultural Crossroads of the Ancient Near East*. Gabrielle Novacek.
8. *The Assyrian Dictionary of the Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago, Volume U/W*.

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### Introduction

The collection of the Research Archives today is approaching 50,000 volumes. To date, we have processed 330,000 records into our online catalog. It's hard to believe that forty years ago, prior to the 1970 consolidation of University library materials into the Joseph Regenstein library, the Oriental Institute library had approximately 50,000 volumes in its collection and 400,000 index cards in its card catalog. It has taken nearly forty years to rebuild the collection. After the 1972–73 foundation of the Research Archives under the directorship of John A. Brinkman, the greatest library transformation came in the form of electronic library catalogs and the launching of the Research Archives online catalog in 1990 (<http://oilib.uchicago.edu>). From 1990 until 2004, 130,00 records were cataloged. In only the past five years, however, we have more than doubled that number.

Our online catalog has always been a leader in the field of ancient Near Eastern studies. Not only is it a book-finding tool for the library, it also serves as an interface to bibliographic research, indexing the ever-increasing volume of publications appearing in our fields of study. Fortunately, my predecessors in the Research Archives have been quite forward-thinking and made this catalog accessible to the public as well as to the scholarly community. While the collection of the Research Archives is not publicly accessible, being open only to members, students, staff, and faculty of the Oriental Institute, our public face remains the Oriental Institute Web site and our online catalog. This relationship is becoming more important as information quickly turns digital, allowing for instant publication and distribution across the globe.

Contemplating our user base, it is immediately apparent that the number of our internal patrons is rather limited to the “regulars”: long-time faculty, Ph.D. students, and project staff. However, our public presence on the Web has a potentially limitless pool of researchers, restricted only by the size of the fields of ancient Near Eastern studies and the public's interest. When it comes to making our work available, the Oriental Institute is truly leading the field. Through generous help from our supporters, the Oriental Institute has begun offering digital copies of its publications for free over the Internet. This means that scholars and the general public alike can conduct research through Oriental Institute publications anytime and anywhere an Internet connection is available.

As the head of the premier research library for the ancient Near East in the Western Hemisphere, I believe open access to our research materials is a crucial step toward increasing public awareness of our science as well as leveling the playing field for scholars who may not have access to collections such as the Research Archives. In that vein, the Research Archives has begun scanning out of copyright material and making it available for download through our online catalog. Within the last year, we have scanned over 100 volumes which are now freely accessible. Through these efforts, we hope not only to advance knowledge within our fields, but also to make it possible for anyone with the desire to share in our passion for all things ancient Near East.

### Acquisitions

Our acquisitioning efforts were strong again in 2008–2009 and we saw a 15 percent increase over last year in the number of volumes acquired. However, this number fluctuates depending upon the increasing cost of books and shipping as well as the number of books published in any given

year. The increase is mostly the result of the sale of our duplicate material to Dove Book Publishers, providing us with additional purchasing revenue; acquisition of de-accessioned Regenstein material; processing of volumes long held in storage; and an increase in donations, which also constituted an important portion of our acquisitions this year. The following numbers reflect our monthly acquisitions over the past twelve months:

|                | <i>Monographs, Series,<br/>Pamphlets</i> | <i>Journals</i> | <i>Total</i> |
|----------------|--|-----------------|--------------|
| July 2008      | 122                                      | 66              | 188          |
| August 2008    | 154                                      | 38              | 192          |
| September 2008 | 92                                       | 25              | 117          |
| October 2008   | 111                                      | 36              | 147          |
| November 2008  | 33                                       | 32              | 65           |
| December 2008  | 20                                       | 34              | 54           |
| January 2009   | 46                                       | 26              | 72           |
| February 2009  | 28                                       | 39              | 67           |
| March 2009     | 42                                       | 20              | 62           |
| April 2009     | 47                                       | 18              | 65           |
| May 2009       | 41                                       | 23              | 64           |
| June 2009      | 126                                      | 31              | 157          |
| <b>Totals</b>  | <b>862</b>                               | <b>388</b>      | <b>1,250</b> |

## Online Catalog

As described briefly in the introduction above, the online catalog of the Research Archives continues to be an indispensable tool for bibliographic information concerning ancient Near Eastern studies. In the past year, we have added approximately 35,000 new records to the catalog, bringing the total number of records in the catalog to 330,000. All new material acquired by the Research Archives has been cataloged and we are currently working our way through the retrospective cataloging. The monographs are now finally nearing completion, with only twenty shelves or three columns from Pa to Pr to go. By the time you read this report, we should be completely finished cataloging the monographs, bringing us one step closer to complete coverage of the Oriental Institute's library collection.

Only the pamphlets and the journals remain in our retrospective cataloging project. Perhaps 40 percent of the journals have been cataloged and less than 20 percent of the pamphlets, leaving a massive job ahead that will easily take five to seven years to complete at our current pace. Only a sudden influx of funds or volunteers will reduce this estimate. However, we have been very successful at incorporating links to online material into our catalog. We now have approximately 65,000 links to online publications. The majority of these links connect to journal articles, a list of which you will find below. This allows researchers the incredible convenience of going straight to an article or book from our catalog from any Internet connection in the world. Twenty percent of our catalog records already link to online files and as we continue to compile such links, more

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and more patron searches of our catalog will not only result in bibliographic information, but the item itself! In the near future, we will be adding the 581 links to articles from *Studien zur ägyptischen Kultur*, the many thousands of links to reviews from *Orientalistische Literaturzeitung*, and the large collection of articles from *Biblica*.

| Call Number | Journal Title  | Links  | Access     |
|-------------|--|--------|------------|
| JAOS        | <i>Journal of the American Oriental Society</i>                        | 14,303 | JSTOR      |
| AJA         | <i>American Journal of Archaeology</i>                                 | 10,690 | JSTOR/AJA  |
| Syria       | <i>Syria</i>   | 5,351  | JSTOR      |
| JNES        | <i>Journal of Near Eastern Studies</i>                                 | 4,854  | JSTOR/JNES |
| JEA         | <i>Journal of Egyptian Archaeology</i>                                 | 3,950  | JSTOR      |
| BASOR       | <i>Bulletin of the American School of Oriental Research</i>            | 3,646  | JSTOR      |
| ZDMG        | <i>Zeitschrift der Deutschen Morgenländischen Gesellschaft</i>         | 2,835  | Open       |
| BIAR        | <i>Near Eastern Archaeology (formerly Biblical Archaeologist)</i>      | 2,006  | JSTOR      |
| ZA          | <i>Zeitschrift für Assyriologie</i>                                    | 1,476  | Open       |
| JESHO       | <i>Journal of the Economic and Social History of the Orient</i>        | 1,444  | JSTOR      |
| CRAIBL      | <i>Académie des inscriptions et belles-lettres. Comptes rendus</i>     | 1,168  | Open       |
| BIFAO       | <i>Bulletin de l'Institut Français d'Archéologie Orientale</i>         | 1,133  | Open       |
| JCS         | <i>Journal of Cuneiform Studies</i>                                    | 1,132  | JSTOR      |
| JARCE       | <i>Journal of the American Research Center in Egypt</i>                | 1,053  | JSTOR      |
| RBL         | <i>Review of Biblical Literature</i>                                   | 925    | Open       |
| IRQ         | <i>Iraq</i>  | 876    | JSTOR      |
| ANS         | <i>Anatolian Studies</i>   | 683    | JSTOR      |
| FUB         | <i>Forschungen und Berichte</i>  | 673    | JSTOR      |
| IRN         | <i>Iran</i>  | 601    | JSTOR      |
| JANES       | <i>Journal of the Ancient Near Eastern Society</i>                     | 322    | Open       |
| Orj         | <i>Orient: Report of the Society for Near Eastern Studies in Japan</i> | 299    | Open       |
| ARO         | <i>Ars Orientalis</i>  | 206    | JSTOR      |
| BSEG        | <i>Bulletin: Société d'Égyptologie Genève</i>                          | 135    | Open       |
| LingAeg     | <i>Lingua Aegyptia</i>   | 46     | Open       |

| <i>Call Number</i> | <i>Journal Title</i>                                | <i>Links</i>  | <i>Access</i> |
|--------------------|---|---------------|---------------|
| StOr               | <i>Studia Orontica</i>                              | 32            | Open          |
| ARTA               | <i>Achaemenid Research on Texts and Archaeology</i> | 29            | Open          |
| CDLJ               | <i>Cuneiform Digital Library Journal</i>            | 21            | Open          |
| CDLB               | <i>Cuneiform Digital Library Bulletin</i>           | 17            | Open          |
| ENiM               | <i>Égypte Nilotique et Méditerranéenne</i>          | 6             | Open          |
| CDLN               | <i>Cuneiform Digital Library Notes</i>              | 4             | Open          |
| <b>Total</b>       |   | <b>59,916</b> |               |

## Resources on the Web

In addition to the online catalog, the Research Archives maintains a series of open access online resources.

### *Dissertations*

With the permission of the authors, we make available dissertations completed in the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations of the University of Chicago (<http://oi.uchicago.edu/research/library/dissertation/>). In the past year we added the following:

Sociolinguistics of the Luvian Language: A Dissertation Submitted to the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations by Ilya Yakubovich. The Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, The University of Chicago, June 2008.

<http://oi.uchicago.edu/research/library/dissertation/yakubovich.html>

The Sacrificial Economy: On the Management of Sacrificial Sheep and Goats at the Neo-Babylonian/Achaemenid Eanna Temple of Uruk (c. 625–520 B.C.): A Dissertation Submitted to the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations by Michael Kozuh. The Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, The University of Chicago, March 2006.

<http://oi.uchicago.edu/research/library/dissertation/kozuh.html>

### *Acquisitions Lists*

The acquisitions reports of the Research Archives are distributed in .pdf format on a monthly basis. This process has been active and continuative since September 2007.

<http://oi.uchicago.edu/research/library/acquisitions.html>

### *Annual Reports*

Annual Reports for the Research Archives are available from 1991–2008.

<http://oi.uchicago.edu/research/library/annualreports.html>

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**Monographs**

Our biggest addition to online resources this year has been the collection of books available through links in the online catalog. The following books are now available:

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## Visitors

The Research Archives is a popular place for visiting scholars and we have had the pleasure to accommodate the research trips of many individuals, including (in alphabetical order): Tzvi Absuch, Jeff Blakley, Roman Gundacher, Hiroshi Hirayama, Chuck Jones, Isaac Kalimi, Jake Lauinger, Michel al-Maqdissi, John Nielsen, Luigi Prada, Seth Sanders, Andreas Schachner, Andreas Stauder, Julie Stauder, Sami Uljas, Steve Vinson, Avi Winitzer.

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