INTRODUCTION

This seven yeer I have your servant be;  
Now have I yow, and also have ye me, 
My dere herte...!”
This lady smyleth at his stedfastnesse,  
And at his hertly wordes, and his chere,...

From: The Legend of Good Women: The Legend of Ariadne
Incipit Legenda Adriane de Athenes by Geoffrey Chaucer
Published at the Berkeley Digital Library (Online Medieval and Classical Library Release #25)
http://sunsite.berkeley.edu/OMACL/GoodWomen/ariadne.html

It has now been seven years since the Oriental Institute’s web presence was launched in the spring of 1994. Like Theseus pulling Ariadne’s thread through the Labyrinth, we have been seeking to build a map of an unknown space while escaping the clutches of the monsters inhabiting it. Unlike Theseus, we do not expect to be able to escape entirely. Monsters of various sorts always seem to be nipping at our heels, and the entrance to the Labyrinth has yet to materialize around the next bend. For most of the time we have been developing the website we have presented each year a summary of the new developments here in the Annual Report. While the data we present in these reports often recapitulates discussions presented in the reports of projects and individuals found elsewhere in each volume, it is our intention to gather references to all such new and developing online publications in a single location. We trust this information is a useful summary and convenient point of entry to the Labyrinth. Previous reports are available online in the context of the electronic Annual Reports of the Oriental Institute.

http://www-oi.uchicago.edu/OI/AR/99-00/99-00_Elec_Resources.html
http://www-oi.uchicago.edu/OI/AR/97-98/97-98_Elec_Resources.html
http://www-oi.uchicago.edu/OI/AR/96-97/96-97_Elec_Resources.html
http://www-oi.uchicago.edu/OI/AR/95-96/95-96_Elec_Resources.html
http://www-oi.uchicago.edu/OI/AR/94-95/94-95_Elec_Resources.html

SOME INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT THE ORIENTAL INSTITUTE WEBSITE

Over the last year the site has logged an average of about 15,000 user sessions per week from users in ninety-nine countries. These users look at between 10,000 and 20,000 individual documents and images on our server.

The main homepage is the post popular point of entry to our website:
http://www-oi.uchicago.edu/OI/default.html

Closely followed by the homepage of Abzu:
http://www-oi.uchicago.edu/OI/DEPT/RA/ABZU/ABZU.HTML
Aside from these two primary portals and their immediate subsidiary pages, the ten most popular resources available on our website are (in order of descending popularity).

1. WHO WAS WHO AMONG THE ROYAL MUMMIES, by Edward F. Wente  
   http://www-oi.uchicago.edu/OI/IS/WENTE/NN_Win95/NN_Win95.html

2. THE ORIENTAL INSTITUTE MUSEUM HOMEPAGE  
   http://www-oi.uchicago.edu/OI/MUS/OI_Museum.html

   http://www-oi.uchicago.edu/OI/DEPT/COMP/GIZ/MODEL/Giza_Model.html

4. DEATH IN ANCIENT EGYPT, by Alexandra A. O’Brien  
   http://www-oi.uchicago.edu/OI/DEPT/RA/ABZU/DEATH.HTML

5. EGYPT AND THE ANCIENT NEAR EAST: WEB RESOURCES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AND TEACHERS, by Alexandra A. O’Brien  
   http://www-oi.uchicago.edu/OI/DEPT/RA/ABZU/YOUTH_RESOURCES.HTML

6. ORIENTAL INSTITUTE MAP SERIES  
   http://www-oi.uchicago.edu/OI/INFO/MAP/ANE_Maps.html

7. THE ORIENTAL INSTITUTE MUSEUM: THE VIRTUAL MUSEUM  
   http://www-oi.uchicago.edu/OI/MUS/QTVR96/QTVR96_Tours.html

8. ORIENTAL INSTITUTE RESEARCH ARCHIVES HOMEPAGE  
   http://www-oi.uchicago.edu/OI/DEPT/RA/Research_Arch.html

9. NIPPUR — SACRED CITY OF ENLIL: SUPREME GOD OF SUMER AND AKKAD, by McGuire Gibson  
   http://www-oi.uchicago.edu/OI/PROJ/NIP/PUB93/NSC/NSC.html

10. NUBIA — “ITS GLORY AND ITS PEOPLE” — 1987 EXHIBITION: BROCHURE, by Bruce B. Williams  
    http://www-oi.uchicago.edu/OI/PROJ/NUB/NUBX/NUBX_brochure.html

INTERNET GATEWAYS

Ancient Near East (ANE) Mailing List

To subscribe to the ANE mailing list, send an electronic mail (email) message to:
   majordomo@oi.uchicago.edu

In the body of your email message, include one of the following lines in the body of the message:
   subscribe ane
   subscribe anenews
   subscribe ane-digest
   subscribe anenews-digest
You will receive a return email immediately confirming your subscription. This lists offers four options for different levels of discussion on topics relating to the ancient Near East. We welcome either active or passive participation. Membership remains steady, as it has over the past few years, at between 1,400 and 1,500 subscribers. Full information on the list, and a complete archive of all traffic can be found at:

http://www-oi.uchicago.edu/OI/ANE/OI_ANE.html

Research Archives Recent Acquisitions (RABooks) Mailing List
To subscribe to the RABooks mailing list, send an electronic mail (email) message to:

majordomo@oi.uchicago.edu

In the body of your email message, include the following line in the body of the message:

subscribe RABooks

You will receive a return email immediately confirming your subscription. This new list offers monthly postings of lists of acquisitions in the Research Archives. There is no discussion on this list. We welcome your membership. As of mid-July 2001, membership stands at 408 subscribers.

The Computer Laboratory and the Research Archives collaborate in the running of the Oriental Institute mailing lists. John Sanders oversees the Majordomo computer program which automates the routine administration of Internet mailing lists, and Charles E. Jones administers the membership and content of the lists.

NEW AND DEVELOPING RESOURCES IN 2000/2001

Oriental Institute World Wide Web Database
Several Oriental Institute units and projects either updated existing pages or became a new presence on the Institute’s website during the past year. (NOTE: all web addresses below are case-sensitive)

Several hundred new references have been added this year.

http://www-oi.uchicago.edu/OI/DEPT/RA/ABZU/ABZU.HTML

ANNUAL REPORTS
1999/2000 Annual Report

http://www-oi.uchicago.edu/OI/AR/99-00/99-00_AR_TOC.html

1998/99 Annual Report


1997/98 Annual Report

http://www-oi.uchicago.edu/OI/AR/97-98/97-98_AR_TOC.html

1996/97 Annual Report

http://www-oi.uchicago.edu/OI/AR/96-97/96-97_AR_TOC.html

2000–2001 ANNUAL REPORT
RESEARCH

ARCHAEOLOGY

Amuq Project
Progress report covering the summer 2000 field season
http://www-oi.uchicago.edu/OI/PROJ/AMU/Amuq.html
http://www-oi.uchicago.edu/OI/PROJ/AMU/Atchana.html

Bir Umm Fawakhir Project
Progress report covering the fifth field season, March 1999
http://www-oi.uchicago.edu/OI/PROJ/FAW/Fawakhir.html

Center for the Archaeology of Middle East Landscapes (CAMEL)
Umbrella organization for several of the Institute’s archaeological landscape projects
http://www-oi.uchicago.edu/OI/PROJ/CAMEL/Main.html

Qinnasrin Project, Syria
New Oriental Institute archaeological project homepage
http://www-oi.uchicago.edu/OI/PROJ/QIN/Qinnasrin.html

MUSEUM

Persian Gallery of the Oriental Institute Museum
Opened to the public on 9 September 2000

Photographic Archives
1,055 photographs from the Oriental Institute text/microfiche publication entitled The 1905–1907 Breasted Expeditions to Egypt and the Sudan: A Photographic Study
http://www-oi.uchicago.edu/OI/MUS/PA/EGYPT/BEES/BEES.html

Treasures from the Royal Tombs of Ur
Traveling exhibition organized by the University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology: 21 October 2000 through 21 January 2001
http://www-oi.uchicago.edu/OI/UR/Ur_home.html

PUBLICATIONS OFFICE

First Online Title
http://www-oi.uchicago.edu/OI/DEPT/PUB/SRC/SAOC/45/SAOC45.html
RESEARCH ARCHIVES

Research Archives Catalog Online

Web version of the Research Archives Catalog. For more information on the development of this tool, see the Research Archives section in this Annual Report.

http://oilib.uchicago.edu/oilibcat.html

Acquisitions Lists of the Research Archives

January–February 2001


November–December 2000


October 2000


August–September 2000


July 2000


June 2000


May 2000


April 2000


March 2000


February 2000


Dissertation Proposal

By Hratch Papazian, presented to the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, University of Chicago, and approved in October 1999, entitled “The ‘Per Shena’: From Palace Estate to Sacred Storehouse. The Structure and Evolution of an Ancient Egyptian Economic Institution”

http://www-oi.uchicago.edu/OI/DEPT/RA/DISPROP/papazian_diss.html