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Janet H. Johnson spent much of her time during the past year working on the Demotic Dictionary Project (see separate report) and on the annotated Middle Egyptian Text Editions for Online Research project (see separate report). She continued to serve on the Board of Governors and the Editorial Board for the American Research Center in Egypt. Johnson has recently been appointed a member of the Fulbright-Hays National Screening Committee for Egypt for the years 2003–2005. In the University, she served as a member of the Council of the University Senate and as chairman of the Technology Oversight Committee of the Division of the Humanities, through which she keeps the Oriental Institute informed of technological changes in the most closely related part of the University.

Johnson also collaborated with Thomas Dousa and François Gaudard, senior graduate students in the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations and staff of the Demotic Dictionary Project, on the publication of a Demotic temple inventory, including an analysis of the items included in the inventory. This publication will include the parallels to such an inventory, and the potential functions such an inventory served. The text was written in the town of Soknopaiu Nesos (also known as Dime) in the Fayum near the end of the first century or the beginning of the second century of the modern era, when Egypt was part of the Roman Empire. It is now housed in the collections of the Berlin Museum. The article will appear in a festschrift for a European colleague.