Thomas A. Holland

**Thomas A. Holland** is happy to report that the final volumes of the Tell es-Sweyhat excavations in Syria were computer formatted by the Publications Office at the end of 2006 and were published by the Oriental Institute in January 2007 (*Tell Es-Sweyhat, Syria, Vol. 2: Archaeology of the Bronze Age, Hellenistic, and Roman Remains at an Ancient Town on the Euphrates River* [two volumes, text and plates], Oriental Institute Publications 125 [Chicago: Oriental Institute, 2006]).

As reported in last year’s *The Oriental Institute 2005–2006 Annual Report*, pp. 99–101, Holland began to edit a new volume to mark the one hundredth anniversary of Oriental Institute publications, which is entitled *Publications of the Oriental Institute 1906–2006: Exploring and Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Investigations into the History and Civilizations of the Near East* (with an Introduction by Gil J. Stein, Director of the Oriental Institute), and will be published in the series Oriental Institute Communications, volume 30. This volume is intended to complement and serve as a guide to all Oriental Institute publications up to 2006 that will eventually be available online. Holland completed this volume towards the end of 2006 and it is now in press with the Publications Office.

At his pre-retirement celebration in December, Holland presented two in-house talks, illustrated with slides, concerning his travels in Africa and his archaeological field work in the Near East. Beginning in 1965, he worked with Peter J. Parr at Petra, Kathleen M. Kenyon at Jerusalem, and Crystal-M. Bennett at Tawilan, all in Jordan. During 1971, he worked on the first field season at Umm Dabaghiyah, Iraq, with Diana Helbaek. In 1972 he was a field supervisor on the first field season at Tell Abu Hureyra, a Neolithic site excavated by Andrew M. T. Moore beside the Euphrates River in northern Syria. From 1973 until 1975 he directed the first seasons of excavations at Tell es-Sweyhat, which was one of the sites on the east bank of the Euphrates Tabqa Dam rescue excavations that was sponsored by the Ashmolean Museum, the University of Oxford. During the years 1976, 1978, and 1980 he acted as Assistant Director of Excavations at Tell Brak, Syria, under the directorship of David Oates. Excavations were renewed at Tell es-Sweyhat under the sponsorship of the Oriental Institute and the University Museum of the University of Pennsylvania, which consisted of three field seasons conducted during 1989, 1991, and 1992.

Holland was honored at the conclusion of his talks by a splendid Oriental Institute party amidst the grand setting of the Director’s Office at which time he was presented with a very beautiful mahogany and onyx plaque decorated in gold lettering with the following inscription: *The Oriental Institute, University of Chicago, Presented to Tom Holland, In Recognition of 22 Outstanding Years of Service, 1984–2006.*
Holland wishes to thank all of the Oriental Institute and NELC faculty, staff, graduate students, and members who made his twenty-two years working in the Publications Office such a memorable experience.

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INDIVIDUAL RESEARCH

Janet H. Johnson

During the 2006/2007 academic year, Janet H. Johnson divided her efforts between the Demotic Dictionary Project (see separate report) and a series of lectures which she was invited to give for various venues. Here at the Oriental Institute, she gave a lecture entitled "Women in the Time of Tutankhamun" for the Museum Education Summer Seminar on "The World in the Time of Tutankhamun," an Oriental Institute Museum "docent training" lecture on "Post-New Kingdom Egypt," and the March Oriental Institute Members' Lecture entitled "Cleopatra as CEO: Bureau-cracy and Scandal in the Hostile Takeover of a First-Century (BCE) Multinational." She also gave a presentation on the Chicago Demotic Dictionary for a panel entitled "Online Dictionaries for Historic and Lesser Known Languages: An Update" at the 16th Annual Meeting of the Dictionary Society of North America, held here at the Oriental Institute in June.

Further afield, she presented a lecture on "(Women and) Sexuality in Ancient Egypt" in the Ancient Studies Colloquium "Women's Pleasure in Ancient Literature and Art" held at Johns Hopkins University in April in honor of Assyriologist Jerry Cooper on the occasion of his retirement. And in February she was in Würzburg, Germany, to present a lecture on "Gender and Marriage in Ancient Egypt" for the conference "Ehe als Ernstfall der Geschlechterdifferenz, Herausforderungen für Frau und Mann in kulturellen Symbolsystemen" sponsored by "Wahrnehmung des Geschlechterdifferenz in religiösen Symbolsystemen" of the Katholisch-Theologische Fakultät, Julius-Maximilians-Universität in Würzburg. She also attended the annual meeting of the American Research Center in Egypt, held this year in Toledo, where she represented the Oriental Institute at the meeting of the Board of Governors and accepted appointment as co-chairman of an ad hoc committee that will evaluate governance structures for the organization.

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W. Raymond Johnson

This year, W. Raymond Johnson completed his twenty-eighth year working for the Epigraphic Survey in Luxor, and his tenth season as Field Director. On May 20th, Ray inaugurated the Barbara W. Herman Memorial Lecture series at the Boston Museum of Fine Arts with a lecture entitled "Recent Discoveries in Luxor Lead to a Reassessment of Tutankhamun's Reign." He inaugurated the Oriental Institute's dinner-lecture series, "The Oriental Institute Presents..." on July 19th with a lecture highlighting material from Luxor Temple and its blockyards, shedding new light on Tutankhamun's building activities in Luxor and fragmentary wall reliefs — including battle scenes — which may offer clues about the young king's untimely death. He has contributed an article, co-written with J. Brett McClain, "A Fragmentary Scene of Ptolemy XII Worshipping the Goddess Mut and her Divine Entourage," to be published in the forthcoming volume, Servant of Mut: Studies in Honor of Richard A. Fazzini, Sue D'Aurea, editor.

This spring and summer, Ray helped coordinate a multinational salvage mapping and restoration expedition to the site of Amenhotep III's palace complex of Malkata and environs on the west bank of Luxor seriously threatened by agricultural expansion, population pressures, and...