

Janet Johnson

Janet Johnson worked with Emily Teeter and a talented group of graduate students on the Oriental Institute Museum Special Exhibit *The Life of Meresamun: A Temple Singer in Ancient Egypt* (see separate report) and co-edited the exhibit catalog of the same name with Emily, writing especially on “The Social, Economic, and Legal Status of Women in Ancient Egypt.” She also gave a number of public lectures during the year, including, in February, “Gender Distinctions, Legal Similarities” for “A Mummy Comes to Life,” the Oriental Institute symposium associated with the Meresamun exhibit (repeated for Oriental Institute Museum Docents in May); in April, “Sex, and Other Social Behavior, in Ptolemaic Egypt: How Do We Find out How a Bi-cultural Person Acted When Cultural Expectations Clashed?” as a “brown-bag” lunch discussion for faculty, staff, and students of the Oriental Institute; and during summer 2008, lectures on the Chicago Demotic Dictionary (see separate report) for the summer intensive Egyptology program for high-school students, for the summer Seminar in (Greek and Demotic) Papyrology held at Stanford University; and, in June 2009, for Egyptology students at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. She prepared for publication, in conjunction with François Gaudard, an article entitled “Six Stone Mummy Labels in the Oriental Institute Museum,” which will appear in the festschrift for a European colleague; she vetted papers for publication in the proceedings of the International Congress of Papyrology held in Ann Arbor, Michigan, in summer 2007; and she continued to act as associate editor of the *Journal of Near Eastern Studies*, published by the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations of the University of Chicago. She served as one member of the review committee for the M.A. and Ph.D. programs in (ancient, medieval, and modern) Near Eastern studies in the Department of Near and Middle Eastern Civilizations at the University of Toronto, as a member of the Scientific Committee of HiéroLexique (Association pour la promotion du dictionnaire hiéroglyphique de Dimitri Meeks), as co-chairman of the ad hoc committee appointed to oversee implementation of revised governing structures for the American Research Center in Egypt and as chairman of its nominating committee, and as a member of the Executive Committee of the Program for the Ancient Mediterranean World within the Classics Department and faculty sponsor of the Ancient Societies Workshop within the Division of the Humanities of the University of Chicago. She was also pleased to sponsor two young Swiss scholars, Julie

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Stauder-Porchet and Andréas Stauder, who received Swiss National Science Foundation scholarships to pursue postdoctoral research on ancient Egyptian language at the University.
