

PUBLICATIONS OFFICE

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The full-time staff of the Publications Office consisted of Thomas G. Urban and Leslie Schramer. After six years of extremely careful and attentive work, Senior Editorial Assistant Katie L. Johnson resigned. New to the team this year are Sabahat Adil, Aliya Bagewadi, and Felicia Whitcomb.

The Publications Office continues to assist the Membership and Development Offices with the publication of *News & Notes*, *Annual Report*, and miscellaneous postcards, brochures, and posters. While the print publication of this year's *Annual Report* is once again in black and white, we have posted a full-color PDF version online. View it at the Oriental Institute Web site: <http://oi.uchicago.edu/research/pubs/ar/>. Also, this year saw the Publications Office increase its role in the postdoctoral seminar, now keeping and producing the seminar documentation. We very much enjoyed working with this year's Postdoctoral Fellow Amar Annus.

Sales

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Electronic Publications

As part of the Oriental Institute's Electronic Initiative, all new titles are simultaneously issued in print and as Adobe Acrobat PDF (Portable Document Format) files delivered through the Oriental Institute's Web site. Older titles are scanned, saved as .tif and .pdf files, with the latter being posted online, as time and funds permit. This year the Oriental Institute was very fortunate to receive generous support from Misty and Lewis Gruber that will allow every Egyptological title published by the Institute — 124 books — since its inception to be scanned and distributed on the Internet at no cost to the end user.

This year, due to the generous support of Misty and Lewis Gruber, the Publications Office oversaw the scanning of the following seventy older Egyptological titles: Oriental Institute Communications (OIC) 5, 7, 10, 12, 15, 18, 27, 28; Oriental Institute Nubian Expedition (OINE) 2, 6; Oriental Institute Publications (OIP) 3, 4, 10, 17, 18, 34, 41, 46, 49, 54, 64, 66, 67, 71, 73, 80, 81, 82, 86, 87, 94, 106, 113; Studies in Ancient Oriental Civilization (SAOC) 1, 8, 12, 16, 19, 26, 27, 28, 30, 33, 34, 35, 37, 39, 40, 47, 48, 52, 55, 56, 57, 58; and the following miscellaneous titles: *Early Hydraulic Civilization in Egypt: A Study in Cultural Ecology*, by Karl W. Butzer; *Egyptology at the Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago*, by Oriental Institute Egyptologists; *United with Eternity: A Concise Guide to the Monuments of Medinet Habu*, by William J. Murnane; *Letters from Egypt and Iraq, 1954*, by Margaret Bell Cameron; *Signs and Wonders upon Pharaoh: A History of American Egyptology*, by John A. Wilson; *The Burden of Egypt: An Interpretation of Ancient Egyptian Culture*, by John A. Wilson; *Quseir Al-Qadim 1978: Preliminary Report*, by D. S. Whitcomb and J. H. Johnson; *Quseir al-Qadim 1980: Preliminary Report*, by Donald S. Whitcomb and Janet H. Johnson; *Ancient Textiles from Nubia: Meroitic, X-Group, and Christian Fabrics from Ballana and Qustul*, by Christa C. Mayer Thurman and Bruce Williams; *Most Ancient Egypt*, by William C. Hayes; *When Egypt Ruled the East*, by George Steindorff and Keith C. Seele, revised by Keith C. Seele; *The Culture of Egypt*, by John A. Wilson; *Kingship and the Gods: A Study of Ancient Near Eastern Religion as the Integration of Society and Nature*, by Henri Frankfort; *Ancient Egyptian Paintings Selected, Copied, and Described. Volume 3: Descriptive Text*, by Nina M. Davies with the editorial assistance of Alan H. Gardiner; and *The Culture of Ancient Egypt: An Interpretation of Ancient Egyptian Culture*, by John A. Wilson. The URLs for these titles are listed in *Electronic Resources*, above. The final batch of fifty-six Egyptological titles have been scanned and are being prepared for distribution.

To do the book scanning, the Oriental Institute chose Northern MicroGraphics (NMT Corporation, <http://normicro.com>), located in La Crosse, Wisconsin.

The Electronic Initiative has already proved to be very successful. The posted PDFs are available wherever the Internet reaches, and our older titles, as well as new titles, are especially appreciated in countries that do not have our books on their library shelves. The following comment was received from a senior research associate at the Armenian Egyptology Centre:

“I just wanted to drop you a line to say how much I appreciate your and the Oriental Institute's continued uploads of the digital publications. They are a true goldmine of information and making these freely available for all is one of the most generous and useful feats of any Egyptological institution I've ever seen.”

Volumes Printed (In Print and Online)

1. Chogha Mish 2. *A Prehistoric Regional Center in Lowland Susiana, Southwestern Iran: Final Report on the Last Six Seasons of Excavations, 1972–1978*. Abbas Alizadeh. OIP 130.
2. *The Mechanics of Ancient Egyptian Magical Practice*. Robert K. Ritner. SAOC 54. Fourth printing.
3. *Performing Death: Social Analyses of Funerary Traditions in the Ancient Near East and Mediterranean*. Edited by Nicola Laneri. OIS 3. Second printing.
4. Kerkenes Special Studies 1. *Sculpture and Inscriptions from the Monumental Entrance to the Palatial Complex at Kerkenes, Turkey*. Catherine M. Draycott and Geoffrey D. Summers. OIP 135
5. *The Life of Meresamun: A Temple Singer in Ancient Egypt*. Edited by Emily Teeter and Janet H. Johnson. OIMP 29
6. *Nomads, Tribes, and the State in the Ancient Near East: Cross-disciplinary Perspectives*. Edited by Jeffrey Szuchman. OIS 5
7. The Archaeology and Geography of Ancient Transcaucasian Societies 1. *The Foundations of Research and Regional Survey in the Tsaghkahovit Plain, Armenia*. Adam T. Smith, Ruben S. Badalyan, and Pavel Avetisyan. OIP 134

Volumes in Preparation

1. *Baked Clay Figurines and Votive Beds from Medinet Habu*. Emily Teeter.
 2. *The Monumental Complex of King Ahmose at Abydos, Volume 1. The Pyramid Temple of Ahmose and Its Environs: Architecture and Decoration*. Stephen P. Harvey.
 3. *The 1996–1997 Survey Seasons at Bir Umm Fawakhir*. Carol A. Meyer.
 4. *Bismaya: Recovering the Lost City of Adab*. Karen L. Wilson.
 5. Hamoukar, Volume 1. *Urbanism and Cultural Landscapes in Northeastern Syria: The Tell Hamoukar Survey, 1999–2001*. Jason A. Ur.
 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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