

Janet H. Johnson

Janet H. Johnson spent much of her time this year working on the Demotic Dictionary (see separate report). She completed several articles, one on Demotic grammar, one presenting a variant interpretation of a Twenty-first Dynasty private letter, one on the range of personal property envisioned in Demotic “annuity contracts” (legal documents given by a man to his wife guaranteeing to support her and guaranteeing that their children would be his heirs), and one case study of women as property owner based on an archive from the Persian period. She also gave a number of lectures on women in ancient Egypt, one for the high

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school intensive Egyptian history/culture class held every summer, one on gender studies with emphasis on ancient Egypt for the MA orientation class in the fall, one on Egyptian materials in the Oriental Institute Museum for the new training class for Museum docents, one for the Museum's gallery talks series discussing the cultural implications of the Oriental Institute's Demotic annuity contract, and one on the Library of Alexandria for the Annual Hegeler Carus Seminar. She also served as a panelist in the day-long workshop "Taking the Next Step 2013–2014"; this workshop is organized annually by the College Programming Office to provide mid-range undergraduate students an opportunity to hear about different options available to them when they graduate. She also did Skype interviews about Egyptian history, language, etc., with two classes of fifth graders at the Science and Art Academy in Des Plaines and with an advanced placement history class at Carl Sandberg High School. She enjoyed attending the annual meeting of the American Research Center in Egypt, held this year in Portland, Oregon. She taught two new, for her, classes this year, on Ramesside historical inscriptions and less commonly read Old Kingdom autobiographical texts. She was delighted that three Egyptology students completed and defended their dissertations this year and is learning much about a wide range of Egyptological topics by reading chapters from students working for their degrees, several here at the University of Chicago (NELC and Anthropology) and one at the University of Warsaw.
