

PUBLICATIONS OFFICE

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The full-time staff of the Publications Office remains Leslie Schramer (tenth year) and Thomas G. Urban (twenty-sixth year). Part-time staff includes Assistant Editor Rebecca Cain (fifth year), Editorial Assistant Brian Keenan (May 2013–June 2014), Rowe-Clark Academy Summer Interns Muhammad Bah and Jalissa Barnslater-Hauck, and volunteer Ken Petchenik.

Production was brisk, and fifteen titles were published and five are in editing. Sales of volumes in the Oriental Institute Seminar series are steady, despite being among the most downloaded PDFs offered by the Institute. The Chicago Demotic Dictionary completed the upload of all its initial letter files and work has begun to create the final files for both a printed book and interactive online database, much like OCHRE is making for the *eCHD*.

Sales

Casemate Academic and Oxbow Books handle the bulk of book distribution for the Oriental Institute. Although a limited number of titles are available for in-house sales in the Suq museum gift shop, please note that all external orders for Institute publications should be addressed to: Casemate Academic, P.O. Box 511 (20 Main Street), Oakville, CT 06779; telephone toll free: 1-800-791-9354; fax: 1-860-945-9468; e-mail: info@casemateacademic.com; website: www.oxbowbooks.com/dbbc

Information related to the sales and distribution of Oriental Institute titles may be obtained via e-mail: oi-publications@uchicago.edu

The series Oriental Institute Seminars (OIS) continues to be the most popular seller of Oriental Institute titles: Since 2004, 4,770 copies have been sold and the titles are consistently the most downloaded from the Oriental Institute website. The first printruns of OIS 2–4 sold out so quickly these volumes were reprinted.

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Lifetime OIS Sales (2004–2014)

OIS 1	<i>Changing Social Identity with the Spread of Islam</i> . Donald Whitcomb, ed. 2004	357
OIS 2	<i>Margins of Writing, Origins of Cultures</i> . Seth Sanders, ed. 2006	642
OIS 3	<i>Performing Death</i> . Nicola Laneri, ed. 2007	684
OIS 4	<i>Religion and Power</i> . Nicole Brisch, ed. 2008	725
OIS 5	<i>Nomads, Tribes, and the State in the Ancient Near East</i> . Jeffrey Szuchman, ed. 2009	759
OIS 6	<i>Divination and Interpretation of Signs in the Ancient World</i> . Amar Annus, ed. 2010	709
OIS 7	<i>Slaves and Households in the Near East</i> . Laura Culbertson, ed. 2011	514
OIS 8	<i>Iconoclasm and Text Destruction in the Ancient Near East</i> . Natalie May, ed. 2012	200
OIS 9	<i>Heaven on Earth</i> . Deena Ragavan, ed. 2013	<u>150</u>
		Total 4,740

Electronic Publications

In October 2013, nine years after the digital initiative was established, the scanning of older titles was completed — all titles published by the Oriental Institute since its inception have been uploaded to the Oriental Institute website as PDF files. In April 2014, we transferred 768 titles, in 130,990 files, totaling 646.08 gigabytes of data to the University of Chicago Library Digital Repository for safe storage. Our intent is to transfer new materials to the Repository on a quarterly basis. In addition to Library storage, we keep two copies of the data in the Publications Office and one copy on a secure off-site server.

Most of the older titles were scanned by Northern MicroGraphics (NMT Corporation, <http://normicro.com>), located in LaCrosse, Wisconsin.

To access the complete catalog of Oriental Institute titles, which includes *Annual Reports*, *News & Notes*, and *Chicago House Bulletins*, please visit:

<http://oi.uchicago.edu/research/oriental-institute-publications-office>

The homepage of the Chicago Demotic Dictionary (CDD) was visited 106,495 times since 2004, and during these visits, 154,200 copies of the thirty CDD letter PDFs have been downloaded:

Prologue	14,946	N	6,899	K	5,904
ʒ	14,403	R	5,593	G	6,278
ʾI	2,976	L	5,499	T	1,167
ʿ	7,617	H	5,126	Ṭ	4,691
Y	5,864	Ḥ	4,439	Ḍ	6,863
W	4,275	Ḫ	4,383	Problems	7,319
B	6,904	Ḫ	5,195	Problems 2	3,692
P	3,389	S	388	Days	154
F	5,391	Š	3,875	Months	134
M	4,457	Q	6,233	<u>Numbers</u>	<u>146</u>
				Total	154,200

Volumes Published (In Print and Online)

- 1–4. *The Demotic Dictionary of the Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago*, Volumes S, Days, Months, and Numbers. Edited by Janet H. Johnson. CDD S, CDD Days, CDD Months, and CDD Numbers (online only)

5. *Early Megiddo on the East Slope (The “Megiddo Stages”): A Report on the Early Occupation of the East Slope of Megiddo; Results of the Oriental Institute’s Excavations, 1925–1933*. Eliot Braun, with contributions by David Ilan, Ofer Marder, Yael Braun, and Sariel Shalev. OIP 139
6. *The Oriental Institute Annual Report 2012–2013*. Edited by Gil J. Stein. AR 2012–2013
7. *Chicago House Bulletin 24*. Edited by W. Raymond Johnson. CHB 24
8. *Publications of the Oriental Institute, 1906–2014: Exploring the History and Civilizations of the Near East*. Edited by Thomas G. Urban and Leslie Schramer. Compiled by Zuhal Kuru Sharp. Second revised edition. OIC 26
9. *In Remembrance of Me: Feasting with the Dead in the Ancient Middle East*. Edited by Virginia Rimmer Herrmann and J. David Schloen. OIMP 37
10. *Extraction and Control: Studies in Honor of Matthew W. Stolper*. Edited by Michael Kozuh, Wouter Henkelman, Charles E. Jones, and Christopher Woods. SAOC 68
11. *Barda Balka*. Bruce Howe†, with contribution by Yorke Rowan. OIC 31
- 12–15. *Oriental Institute News & Notes*. Edited by Amy Weber. NN 219–222

Volumes in Preparation

1. *Ancient Settlement Patterns and Cultures in the Ram Hormuz Plain, Southwestern Iran: Excavations at Tall-e Geser and Regional Survey in the Ram Hormuz Area*. Abbas Alizadeh, with contributions by Loghman Ahmadzadeh and Mehdi Omidfar and appendices by John R. Alden, Leah Minc, Jacques Connan, John Zumberge, and Kendra Imbus. OIP 140
2. *Great Hypostyle Hall in the Temple of Amun at Karnak, Volume 2. Translation and Commentary*. Peter J. Brand and William J. Murnane†
3. *Bir Umm Fawakhir 3: Excavations 1999–2001*. Carol Meyer, with contributions by Lisa Heidorn, Salima Ikram, Richard Jaeschke, Thomas Roby, and Wendy Smith. OIP 141
4. *Theban Symposium: Creativity and Innovation in the Reign of Hatshepsut*. Edited by José M. Galán, Betsy M. Bryan, and Peter F. Dorman. SAOC 69
5. *Nimrud: A City of Golden Treasures: The Queens’ Tombs*. Muzahim Mahmoud Hussein, translated by Mark Altawheel, edited by McGuire Gibson. OIP 142

Volumes in Backlog

1. *Where Kingship Descended from Heaven: New Light on Ancient Kish*. Karen L. Wilson
2. *Ancient Mesopotamia: Highlights from the Collections of the Oriental Institute*. Karen L. Wilson
3. *The Monumental Complex of King Ahmose at Abydos, Volume 1: The Pyramid Temple of Ahmose and Its Environs: Architecture and Decoration*. Stephen P. Harvey