The full-time staff of the Publications Office remains Leslie Schramer (eleventh year) and Thomas G. Urban (twenty-seventh year). Part-time staff includes Assistant Editor Rebecca Cain (sixth year), Editorial Assistants Ariel Singer and Emily Smith, and Rowe-Clark Academy Summer Interns Jalissa A. Barnslater-Hauck and Le’Priya White.

This year we published fifteen new titles and reprinted five others. Also, a good amount of time was spent assisting the Chicago Demotic Dictionary (CDD). After the final letter of the CDD was uploaded, the Microsoft Word files were transferred to OCHRE (Sandra Schloen and Miller Prosser), where the many ASCII fonts were converted to Unicode fonts: Gentium, New Athena, and Aegyptus. However, Gentium does not have bold and bold-italic faces or styles. So, the Publications Office added Coptic, Egyptian hieroglyphs (courtesy Cleo Huggins), and Demotic script (created by Janet Johnson) to Gentium Plus and generated bold and bold-italic faces. We will upload the font to the Oriental Institute website and distribute it along with instructions on how to enter the special characters. The characters were added to Gentium Plus using the software FontForge. The Publications Office has been using an initial version of the modified Gentium Plus for several months and the font appears to be stable.

As soon as we move past the font problem, we need to remove the CDD files from Microsoft Word, which is very unstable, and place them into InDesign, which is very stable. With this transfer in mind, Ariel Singer was hired to work for Publications but in the CDD offices. The CDD files contain many thousands of scans of words from papyri written in Demotic. While the scans were easily inserted into the Word files, in InDesign the scans should be placed as individual image files — but, no individual image files were retained. So, Ariel Googled and discovered how to extract the image files from the Word documents; unfortunately, the image files were given bland names: image 001, image 002, image 003, etc. Thus, for summer 2015, Intern Le’Priya White has been renaming the image files so when we assemble the CDD in InDesign we’ll be able to place the image files in their proper places.

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