After being closed for ten months, the publications office was reopened on June 11, 1984 for my admission into the Oriental Institute to fill the newly created position of Publications Coordinator.

Since the last appearance of the Publications Office report in the 1981-82 Annual Report, three books have been published and work has progressed on a number of new titles. In 1983, the definitive archaeological reports on the Prehistoric Project's excavations at the sites of Karim Shahir and Jarmo, and on the soundings at Banahilk, Gird Ali Agha, el-Kahn and M'lefaat, appeared as the most recent of the Oriental Institute Publications, OIP 105, entitled Prehistoric Archeology Along the Zagros Flanks, edited by L. S. Braidwood, R. J. Braidwood, B. Howe, C. A. Reed and P. J. Watson.

The early part of 1984 saw the publication of the latest volume of the Oriental Institute Nubian Expedition...
In July, the Festschrift honoring Professor Robert J. Braidwood was published in the Studies in Ancient Oriental Civilization series (SAOC 36) under the title The Hilly Flanks and Beyond, Essays on the Prehistory of Southwestern Asia. The book was edited by T. Cuyler Young, Jr., Philip E. L. Smith, and Peder Mortensen. This volume contains a variety of essays by twenty-two contributors on subjects associated with the appearance of a food-producing village-farming community way of life in southwestern Asia some 10,000 years ago.

The latest volume in the Studies in Ancient Oriental Civilization series, number 41, is now in press. This book is Paul E. Zimansky’s doctoral dissertation on Urartian political and economic history entitled Ecology and Empire: The Structure of the Urartian State.

Forthcoming Epigraphic Survey publications planned for 1985 include one OIP volume entitled The Battle Reliefs of King Sety I at Karnak and one SAOC volume, The Road to Kadesh, which is an historical commentary on the Sety Battle Reliefs.