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He continued to pursue his long-standing interest in evidence of clay sealings for institutional administration, working on a group of approximately fifty sealings from the Early
Dynastic I levels of the temple of Inanna, studying not only the sealed surfaces but reverses or what was sealed as well. The results of the study, combined with work done earlier on clay sealings from the Ur III levels of the same temple, should provide a dichronic view of administration of a single institution.