

## PUBLICATIONS OFFICE

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In my report on the status of publications during the 1985–1986 fiscal year, I began by listing the two newly published volumes which had become available: OIP 107, *Reliefs and Inscriptions at Karnak IV*:  
 ● ● *The Battle Reliefs of King Sety I*, by the Epigraphic Survey, and AS 23, *Kaniššumar—A Tribute to Hans G. Güterbock on His Seventy-Fifth Birthday, May 27, 1983*, edited by H. A. Hoffner, Jr. and G. M. Beckman. This year it is a pleasure to announce that three additional volumes were produced in 1986, bringing the total number of titles now available to forty-eight. The new books are:

1. Rudolph H. Dornemann,  
*A Neolithic Village at Tell El Kowm in the Syrian Desert*  
 (SAOC 43)
2. Bruce B. Williams,  
*The A-Group Royal Cemetery at Qustul: Cemetery L*  
 (OINE III)
3. Janet H. Johnson,  
*Thus Wrote 'Onchsheshonqy: An Introductory Grammar of Demotic*  
 (SAOC 45)

Concerning the other seven manuscripts in various stages of production last year, four were sent to the printer and work continued on the remaining three volumes. The titles of the four new books for publication in the fall of 1987 are:

1. Robert M. Whiting,  
*Old Babylonian Letters from Tell Asmar*  
 (AS 23)

2. Elizabeth C. Stone,  
*Nippur Neighborhoods*  
(SAOC 44)
3. McGuire Gibson and Robert D. Biggs, eds.,  
*The Organization of Power: Aspects of Bureaucracy in the Ancient Near East*  
(SAOC 46)  
[Note that this title was revised after the publication of last year's *Annual Report*]
4. Lawrence E. Stager and Anita M. Walker, eds.,  
*The American Expedition to Idalion, Cyprus: Second Preliminary Report*  
(OIC 24)

With regard to the publication staff, I have to report that our editorial and production assistant, John S. Palmer, resigned his position at the end of May so that he could continue full time with his academic studies in Massachusetts. On behalf of both the Publication's Office staff and other Oriental Institute colleagues, I wish to thank John for his invaluable assistance and to wish him much success in his future career. Fortunately, we were able to find another excellent person, Joan Hives, to take the position of editorial and production assistant. Joan has worked in other divisions of the University of Chicago for over twenty years and is well versed in the art of academic book publishing. I heartily welcome Joan to our publication's department and wish her happiness in this very demanding job. Kerry Bedford, who was in charge of publication sales, also announced her resignation so that she could return to Australia with her husband, Peter, an Oriental Institute Ph.D. candidate. I am happy to welcome Kerry's replacement, Thomas G. Urban, who will be working part-time in our sales division and continuing with his Ph.D. research as an Oriental Institute student. Again this year we had to rely upon the following part-time production people for various specialized services for which we are much appreciative: David Baird (computer typesetting and laser printing of camera-ready volumes), Rainer Mack (proofreading and opaquing line illustrations and photographs), and volunteer Sally Zimmerman (editing and proofreading).

The sales figures listed below vividly illustrate the growing importance of our publications to both the academic community and to the general public at large.

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Table of Sales

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AS (Assyriological Studies)	258
CAD (Chicago Assyrian Dictionary)	338
CHD (Chicago Hittite Dictionary)	411
MSKH (Materials and Studies for Kassite History)	15
OIC (Oriental Institute Communications)	12
OINE (Oriental Institute Nubian Expedition)	113
OIP (Oriental Institute Publications)	329
SAOC (Studies in Ancient Oriental Civilization)	578
MISC* (Miscellaneous volumes)	63
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Total	2,117

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\*The miscellaneous volumes which are not published by the Oriental Institute are:

- 1) *Ancient Textiles from Nubia: Meroitic, X-Group, and Christian Fabrics from Ballana and Qustul* by Christa C. Mayer Thurman and Bruce Williams, et al.
- 2) *Quseir Al-Qadim 1978: Preliminary Report* by Donald S. Whitcomb and Janet H. Johnson
- 3) *The Joint Istanbul-Chicago Universities' Prehistoric Research in Southeastern Anatolia* by Halet Çambel and Robert J. Braidwood, et al.
- 4) *Uch Tepe I: Tell Razuk, Tell Ahmed Al-Mughir, Tell Ajamat* edited by McGuire Gibson