

Janet H. Johnson

During the 2006/2007 academic year, **Janet H. Johnson** divided her efforts between the Demotic Dictionary Project (see separate report) and a series of lectures which she was invited to give for various venues. Here at the Oriental Institute, she gave a lecture entitled “Women in the Time of Tutankhamun” for the Museum Education Summer Seminar on “The World in the Time of Tutankhamun,” an Oriental Institute Museum “docent training” lecture on “Post-New Kingdom Egypt,” and the March Oriental Institute Members’ Lecture entitled “Cleopatra as CEO: Bureaucracy and Scandal in the Hostile Takeover of a First-Century (BCE) Multinational.” She also gave a presentation on the Chicago Demotic Dictionary for a panel entitled “Online Dictionaries for Historic and Lesser Known Languages: An Update” at the 16th Annual Meeting of the Dictionary Society of North America, held here at the Oriental Institute in June.

Further a field, she presented a lecture on “(Women and) Sexuality in Ancient Egypt” in the Ancient Studies Colloquium “Women’s Pleasure in Ancient Literature and Art” held at Johns Hopkins University in April in honor of Assyriologist Jerry Cooper on the occasion of his retirement. And in February she was in Würzburg, Germany, to present a lecture on “Gender and Marriage in Ancient Egypt” for the conference “Ehe als Ernstfall der Geschlechterdifferenz, Herausforderungen für Frau und Mann in kulturellen Symbolsystemen” sponsored by “Wahrnehmung des Geschlechterdifferenz in religiösen Symbolsystemen” of the Katholisch-Theologische Fakultät, Julius-Maximilians-Universität in Würzburg. She also attended the annual meeting of the American Research Center in Egypt, held this year in Toledo, where she represented the Oriental Institute at the meeting of the Board of Governors and accepted appointment as co-chairman of an ad hoc committee that will evaluate governance structures for the organization.
