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In addition to working for the Demotic Dictionary Project, editing the final text of the letters, **Joseph Manning**'s time this year was mainly devoted to finishing his dissertation, which was defended in May. This study, entitled *The Conveyance of Real Property in Upper Egypt During the Ptolemaic Period: A Study of the Hauswaldt Papyri and Other Related Instruments of Transfer*, sought to place the private legal records of land sales written in Demotic into the wider social and historical context of Ptolemaic Egypt. A paper was presented at the Workshop in Ancient Societies at the University of Chicago critiquing the anthropologist Jack Goody's new book *The Oriental, the Ancient and the Primitive: Systems of Marriage and the Family in the Pre-Industrial Societies of Eurasia* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1990). One of the chapters of this book, which is a comparative sociological approach to marriage and kinship structure in Europe, Asia, and the ancient Near East, discussed the unusual feature in Roman period Egypt of consanguineous brother-sister marriage. The critique involved the discussion of Demotic family

archival material from Ptolemaic Egypt which had been left out of Goody's and other scholar's analyses. In December, an expanded version of this paper was presented at the annual meeting of the American Philological Association meetings in Chicago. In June, Manning also attended the Second Conference of the Association International pour l'Étude du Droit de l'Égypte Ancienne held in Vogüé (Ardèche), France, where he presented a paper entitled "Irrigation Terminology in the Hauswaldt Papyri and Other Texts from Edfu during the Ptolemaic Period." Manning was appointed a Research Associate in the Oriental Institute on July 1, 1992.
