

## VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

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The Volunteer Program is a vibrant and integral part of the Oriental Institute. We continue to attract intellectuals who are passionate about ancient history and committed to devoting time and energy to the Oriental Institute as either docents or in other volunteer capacities, or both.

#### *A New Chapter*

The most significant event during the past year was the October retirement of long-time volunteer manager Terry Friedman. Terry has been at the Oriental Institute for over forty years, the first twenty years as a volunteer and the last twenty as the volunteer manager, a position she shared with Cathy Dueñas. Terry and Cathy have devoted themselves to the service of the Oriental Institute and have managed and treated all volunteers with the upmost care, respect, and appreciation for the various talents each volunteer brings to the OI.

#### *Book Club*

We started something new this year, an informal, social book discussion group, a.k.a “Book Club.” Books are chosen by the members. Two books were recent publications and the authors were pleased to learn their books had been chosen for discussion and were happy to provide discussion questions. Several book club members were able to meet the authors when they came to the OI.



*Figure 19. Denise Browning, Carole Krucoff, Janet Helman, and Terry Friedman at Terry's retirement party*



*Figure 20. Eric Cline (center), author of “1177 BC,” poses with OI book club members*



*Figure 21. Adina Hoffman and Peter Cole (at left), authors of the book “Sacred Trash,” pose with OI book club members*

### ***Field Trip***

In April the volunteers were treated to a tour of the Fossil Lab, led by paleontologist and renowned University of Chicago professor Paul Sereno. Over thirty volunteers were able to see many amazing fossils.



*Figure 22. Volunteers enjoy a tour of the Fossil Lab with University of Chicago paleontologist Paul Sereno (seated)*



*Figure 23. Volunteer Gaby Cohen gets a kiss from a fossil croc in Paul Sereno's Fossil Lab*

## ***Docent Training***

In June we began New Docent Training 2015, which can be summed up by phrase “it takes a village” in that so many people have helped with this training program. Volunteer Manager Emeritus Janet Helman “came back to work” to aid in developing the format and content as well as arranging the faculty and speaker line-up, which consisted of: John Larson, Brian Muhs, Robert Ritner, McGuire Gibson, Tony Brinkman, Theo van den Hout, Abbas Alizadeh, Jack Green, and Emily Teeter. Volunteers Jean Nye and Marilyn Murray helped with candidate screening, interviewing, and selection. Volunteer manager Carlotta Maher aided in recruitment. Ralph Klein and Deloris Sanders gave the new trainees sample tours. Peer coaching and review has been a big part of this training program, and the following volunteers have served as coaches and mentors to the new trainees: Roberta Buchanan, Gaby Cohen, Deloris Sanders, Jean Nye, Margaret Schmid, Peg Romm, Nancy Baum, Stephen Ritzel, Larry Lissak, and Toni Smith. We had the aid of two graduate students, Joey Cross and Sam Harris, who also conducted teaching sessions in the galleries. Foy Scalf and Helen McDonald introduced their areas. Tom Urban and Leslie Schramer assembled the pre-reading packets each week. Kiersten Neumann also contributed to the reading selections. Ted Good provided AV and tech support. The Education Department staff — Carol Ng-He, Moriah Grooms-Garcia, and Catherine Kenyon — were great sounding-boards and collaborators, pitching in many ways at many times. Terry Friedman provided hours of advice and counsel. This training program has been a collaboration and has benefited from the guidance and wisdom of former volunteer managers Cathy Dueñas, Terry Friedman, Janet Helman, and Carlotta Maher, who have been training outstanding docents for many years.

Volunteers also have helped in several other areas. The Suq has benefited from the help of Judy Bell Qualls, Ray Broms, Jane Meloy, and Norma van der Muelen. Muse-



*Figure 24. Volunteer managers past and present. Left to right: Cathy Dueñas, Carlotta Maher, Janet Helman, Sue Geshwender, Terry Friedman*



*Figure 25. New Docent trainees, class of 2015: Barren Vilmin, Brian Porrett, Francey Smith, Luella Adan, Roberto Cepeda, Yishu Deng, Lauren Friesen, Joe Barabe*

um Registration has been aided by Terry Friedman, Kierra Foley, Anna Moss, Daila Shefner, Toni Smith, Jim Sopranos, and interns Danielle Zwang and Angela Spidalette. Foy Scalf has quietly managed an army of volunteers who are primarily working on the Integrated Database, including Joe Barabe, Ray Broms, Betty Bush, Gaby Cohen, Kym Crawford, Gabriele Correa da Silva, Yishu Deng, Irene Glasner, David Henson, Su Hyeon Kang, Seth Kohrman, Mark Mandle, Michael McCarthy, Marge Nichols, Ken Petchenik, Dylan Peterson, Brian Porrett, Andres Premovich, LaQueisha Robinson, Roberta Schaffner, Margaret Schmid, Scott Vokes, Sierra Wilson, and David Zhao. These are just a few of the different areas where volunteers help out.

The volunteer program has a long history and continues to grow and enrich the lives of volunteers while adding value to faculty, staff, researchers and the visiting public at the Oriental Institute.

### Photo Gallery





## In Memoriam

The Volunteer Program lost four loyal friends and supporters this past year: Janet Calkins, Charlotte Collier, Joe Diamond, and Patricia Hume.

These individuals exemplified the true spirit of volunteerism by devoting their passion, intellect, and support to help further the goals and mission of the Oriental Institute. We are so honored to have known and worked with them over the years and it is our good fortune that they chose to spend a portion of their lives with us.

## Volunteer Recognition

In December we held our annual recognition ceremony and holiday luncheon. This year, eleven people celebrated a milestone year in their volunteer service to the Oriental Institute.

### 5 Years

Stuart Kleven  
Panagiotis Koutsouris  
Craig Tews

### 15 Years

Gabriele DaSilva  
Bill Gillespie  
Terry Gillespie  
Shel Newman  
Agnes Zellner

### 30 Years

Rebecca Binkley-Albright  
Cathy Dueñas

### 10 Years

Mary O'Shea

### 40 Years

Terry Friedman

## Museum Docents

*\* Denotes active docents who are also project or event volunteers*

John Aldrin	David Figiel*	Laurence Lissak*
Nancy Baum	Margaret Foorman	Paul Mallory
Susan Bazargan	Barbara Heller Friedell	Sherry McGuire
Craig Bean	Terry Friedman*	Don McVicker
Rebecca Binkley-Albright*	Dario Giacconmoni	Marilyn Murray
Daniel Bloom	Wahied Girgis	Jean Nye
Margaret Bolton	Michael Goodyear*	Nancy Patterson
Roberta Buchanan	Valerie Grabski	Semra Prescott
Ginny Clark	Lee Herbst	Stephen Ritzel
Gabriella Cohen*	Shirlee Hoffman*	Peg Romm
Kim Crawford*	Dennis Kelley	Deloris Sanders
Gabriele DaSilva	Ralph Klein	Hilda Schlatter
John DeWerd	Stuart Kleven	Margaret Schmid*
Cathy Dueñas*	Panagiotis Koutsouris	Joy Schochet
Fred Eskra*	Alfia Lambert	Stephen Scott*

Mary Shea  
Toni Smith\*

Dee Speich  
Craig Tews

Ron Wideman  
Carole Yoshida\*

### ***Volunteers***

Laura Alagna  
Jacqueline Angulo  
Rvd. Dennis Bailey  
Doug Baldwin  
Joseph Barabe  
Christel Betz  
Ray Broms  
Myllicent Buchanan  
Elizabeth Bush  
Angela Candadai  
Kathleen Cescon  
Niki Chen  
Yishu Deng  
Andrea Dudek  
Mariola Dudzicka  
Mary Finn  
Kierra Foley  
Bill Gillespie  
Terry Gillespie

Irene Glasner  
Debby Halpern  
Janet Helman  
David Henson  
Mark Hirsch  
Barbara Jillson  
Su Hyeon Kang  
Seth Kohrman  
Mathis Kreitzscheck  
Lauren Ledin  
Katherine R. Lieber  
Carlotta Maher  
Leila Makdisi  
Mark Mandle  
Aesho Matti  
Michael McCarthy  
Sara Mohr  
Anna Moss  
Marge Nichols  
Brandy Norton

Mary O'Shea  
Ken Petchenik  
Dylan Peterson  
Brian Porrett  
Andrew Premovich  
Kriti Ramakrishnan  
Karen Righeimer  
LaQueisha Robinson  
Shalene Sanker  
Roberta Schaffner  
Dalia Shefner  
Mae Simon  
O. J. Sopranos  
George Sundell  
Scott Vokes  
Sierra Wilson  
Steve Wolfgang  
Agnes Zellner  
David Zhao

### ***Suq Volunteers***

Judy Bell-Qualls  
Ray Broms

Louise Despres  
Jane Meloy

Alice Mulberry  
Norma van der Meulen