

PUBLICATIONS OFFICE

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The full-time staff of the Publications Office consisted of Thomas G. Urban and Leslie Schramer. Senior Editorial Assistant Katie L. Johnson continued to provide invaluable assistance.

The Publications Office continues to assist the Membership and Development Offices with the publication of *News & Notes*, *Annual Report*, and miscellaneous postcards, brochures, and posters.

Sales

The David Brown Book Company and Oxbow Books Ltd., U.K., continue to represent the Institute for its book distribution. Although a limited number of titles are available for in-house sales in the Suq shop, please note that all external orders for Institute publications should be addressed to: The David Brown Book Company, P.O. Box 511, Oakville, CT 06779; Telephone Toll Free: 1-800-791-9354; Fax: 1-860-945-9468; E-mail: david.brown.bk.co@snet.net; Web site: www.oxbowbooks.com.

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During the year two titles sold out before they reached two years in print: Seth Sanders' (ed.) *Margins of Writing* (OIS 2) and Nicola Laneri's (ed.) *Performing Death* (OIS 3); the first was reprinted, as the second will be. Titles in the Oriental Institute Seminars (OIS) series are proving to be very popular, and we have doubled their print run. Having said that, titles in the Oriental Institute Museum Publications (OIMP) series are also selling very well, with two having sold out (John Larson's *Lost Nubia* [OIMP 24] and Iman Saca's *Embroidering Identities* [OIMP 25])

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and others nearing so. Indeed, sales have increased for all our titles, and since advertising has not changed, we credit the increase to having the Institute's titles available online.

Electronic Publications

As part of the Oriental Institute's Electronic Initiative, all new titles are simultaneously issued in print and as .pdf files delivered through the Oriental Institute's Web site, while older titles are scanned, saved as .tif files and .pdfs, with the latter being posted online. To do the scanning, the Oriental Institute chose Northern MicroGraphics (NMT Corporation), located in La Crosse, Wisconsin. This year, the Publications Office oversaw the scanning of the following thirty-one older titles: Chicago Assyrian Dictionary (CAD) A/1, A/2, B, D, E, G, H, I/J, K, M/1, M/2, N/1, N/2, Q, S, Š/1, Š/2, Š/3, Z; Chicago Hittite Dictionary (CHD) L–N; Materials for the Assyrian Dictionary (MAD) 2, 3; Oriental Institute Publications (OIP) 14, 44, 59, 65, 68, 69, 70; Studies in Ancient Oriental Civilization (SAOC) 5; and Erich Schmidt's *Flights over Ancient Cities of Iran*.

The Electronic Initiative has already proved to be very successful. The posted .pdfs are available wherever the Internet reaches, and our older titles, as well as the new ones, are especially appreciated in countries that do not have our titles on their library shelves, as we are repeatedly told by those who access them. An unexpected benefit is that we can extract images from the .pdf files and use them wherever we need them, as we did for the cover of the 51st Rencontre volume (SAOC 62; see illustration).

We are privileged to play such a significant role in the distribution of knowledge, and the posting of so many titles online can only raise the profile of the Oriental Institute in the field of Near Eastern studies to the world. We encourage everyone to visit the Publications Office Web page and browse the list of titles available online, noting especially that the dates of these volumes range from the 1930s to the present: oi.uchicago.edu/research/pubs/catalog.

Volumes Printed (in Print and Online)

1. *The Assyrian Dictionary of the Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago*, Volume A, Part 2. Reprinted.



The outer portal of citadel Gate A, with the partially excavated central portal behind. Khorsabad, Part 2: The Citadel and the Town, by Gordon Loud and Charles B. Altman, pl. 7. Oriental Institute Publications 40. Chicago: The University of Chicago Press, 1938

2. *The Assyrian Dictionary of the Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago*, Volume K. Reprinted.
3. *The Assyrian Dictionary of the Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago*, Volume L. Reprinted.
4. *The Assyrian Dictionary of the Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago*, Volume N, Parts 1 and 2. Reprinted.
5. *Catastrophe! The Looting and Destruction of Iraq's Past*. Geoff Emberling and Katharyn Hanson, editors. OIMP 28.
6. *European Cartographers and the Ottoman World, 1500–1750: Maps from the Collection of O. J. Sopranos*. Ian Manners and M. Pınar Emiralioğlu. OIMP 27.
7. *Margins of Writing, Origins of Cultures*. Seth Sanders, editor. Second printing with minor corrections and postscripts. OIS 2.
8. *Religion and Power: Divine Kingship in the Ancient World and Beyond*. Nicole Brisch, editor. OIS 4.
9. *Proceedings of the 51st Rencontre Assyriologique Internationale Held at the Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago, July 18–22, 2005*. Robert D. Biggs, Jennie Myers, and Martha T. Roth, editors. SAOC 62.
10. *Studies in Semitic and Afroasiatic Linguistics in Honor of Gene B. Gragg*. Cynthia L. Miller, editor. SAOC 60.
11. *Studies Presented to Robert D. Biggs, June 4, 2004*. From the Workshop of the Chicago Assyrian Dictionary, Volume 2. Walter Farber, Martha T. Roth, and Matthew W. Stolper, editors. AS 27.

Volumes in Preparation

1. *The Archaeology and Geography of Ancient Transcaucasian Societies*, Volume 1. *The Foundations of Research and Regional Survey in the Tsaghkahovit Plain, Armenia*. Adam T. Smith, Ruben S. Badalyan, and Pavel Avetisyan.
2. *The Assyrian Dictionary of the Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago*, Volume U/W.
3. *Baked Clay Figurines and Votive Beds from Medinet Habu*. Emily Teeter.
4. *Chogha Mish, Volume 2. A Prehistoric Regional Center in Lowland Susiana, Southwestern Iran: Final Report on the Last Six Seasons of Excavations, 1972–1978*. Abbas Alizadeh. OIP 130. In press.
5. *Kerkenes Special Studies 1. Sculpture and Inscriptions from the Monumental Entrance to the Palatial Complex at Kerkenes, Turkey*. Catherine M. Draycott and Geoffrey D. Summers.
6. *The Mechanics of Ancient Egyptian Magical Practice*. Robert K. Ritner. SAOC 54. Fourth printing.
7. *The Monumental Complex of King Ahmose at Abydos, Volume 1. The Pyramid Temple of Ahmose and Its Environs: Architecture and Decoration*. Stephen P. Harvey.
8. *Performing Death: Social Analyses of Funerary Traditions in the Ancient Near East and Mediterranean*. Nicola Laneri, ed. OIS 3. Second printing.

Manuscripts in Backlog

1. *Bismaya: Recovering the Lost City of Adab*. Karen L. Wilson.
 2. *The 1996–1997 Survey Seasons at Bir Umm Fawakhir*. Carol A. Meyer.
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