

PUBLICATIONS

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This year, the primary goal of Publications was to reduce the large backlog of manuscripts awaiting production. Eight monographs were published between July 1, 2022, and June 30, 2023:

1. *“Like ‘Ilu Are You Wise’”: Studies in Northwest Semitic Languages and Literatures in Honor of Dennis G. Pardee*. Edited by H. H. Hardy II, Joseph Lam, and Eric D. Raymond. *Studies in Ancient Oriental Civilization* 73. Published August 2022.
2. *The Materiality of Greek and Roman Curse Tablets: Technological Advances*. Edited by Sofía Torallas Tovar and Raquel Martín Hernández. *Oriental Institute Miscellaneous Publications*. Published September 2022.
3. *Beads from Excavations at Qustul, Adindan, Serra East, Dorginarti, Ballana, and Kalabsba: A-Group, Post-A-Group, C-Group, N-Type, P-Type, Pan Grave, Kerma, Middle Kingdom, and New Kingdom*. By Joanna Then-Obluska. *Nubian Expedition* 11. Published October 2022.
4. *Excavations at the Palatial Complex: Kerkenes Final Reports 2*. By Geoffrey D. Summers, with contributions by Susanne Berndt, Ahmet Çinici, Yılmaz Selim Erdal, Evangelia Pişkin, Noël Siver, and Françoise Summers. *Oriental Institute Publications* 148. Published December 2022.
5. *Seen Not Heard: Composition, Iconicity, and the Classifier Systems of Logosyllabic Scripts*. Edited by Ilona Zsolnay. *ISAC Seminars* 14. Published May 2023.
6. *The Second Cataract Fortress of Dorginarti*. By Lisa A. Heidorn. *Nubian Expedition* 12. Published May 2023.
7. *Where Kingship Descended from Heaven: Studies on Ancient Kish*. Edited by Karen L. Wilson and Deborah Bekken. *Studies in Ancient Cultures* 1. Published May 2023.
8. *Mural Decoration in the Theban Necropolis*. Edited by Betsy M. Bryan and Peter F. Dorman. *Studies in Ancient Cultures* 2. Published June 2023.

The year could not have been so productive without the help and expertise of several staff and independent contractors, whose contributions I gratefully acknowledge here. Former ISAC Publications managing editor Charissa Johnson handled the entire production of *Excavations at the Palatial Complex*, including the cover design and typesetting. Part-time editorial assistant Becca Cain incorporated the contributors’ proof corrections for *Where Kingship Descended from Heaven*. Freelance editor Connie Gundry Tappy copyedited or proofread all but one of the books published this year. Besides the title typeset by Charissa Johnson, one title had previously been typeset by former Publications staff, and typesetters Kristin Goble and Susanne Wilhelm laid out six titles. Graphic designer James Slate produced seven of the cover designs.

In addition to publishing eight books, Publications produced the annual report and three issues (including one double issue) of the ISAC member magazine *News & Notes* (largely the work of editorial assistant Becca Cain); copyedited and proofread the wall text and labels for two special exhibitions; developed a new design for ISAC Museum publications, such as gallery guides and special exhibition catalogs; and made significant progress on the production of several titles in the backlog that will be published next year. One book, *The Mechanics of Ancient Egyptian Magical Practice* by Robert K. Ritner, was reprinted.

The Institute’s name change in April 2023 necessitated that the names of many of its publication series also change, since they included either the name “Oriental Institute” or the word “Oriental” (table 1).

Table 1. Old and new series names

Old series name	New series name
Assyriological Studies (AS)	<i>No change</i>
The Assyrian Dictionary of the Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago (CAD)	<i>No change (dictionary was completed in 2010)</i>
The Demotic Dictionary of the Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago (CDD)	The Demotic Dictionary of the Institute for the Study of Ancient Cultures of the University of Chicago (CDD)
The Hittite Dictionary of the Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago (CHD)	The Hittite Dictionary of the Institute for the Study of Ancient Cultures of the University of Chicago (CHD)
Chicago Hittite Dictionary Supplements (CHDS)	<i>No change</i>
Late Antique and Medieval Islamic Near East (LAMINE)	<i>No change</i>
Oriental Institute Communications (OIC)	ISAC Communications (ISACC)
Oriental Institute Digital Archives (OIDA)	ISAC Digital Archives (ISACDA)
Oriental Institute Museum Publications (OIMP)	ISAC Museum Publications (ISACMP)
Oriental Institute Nubian Expedition (OINE)	Nubian Expedition (NE)
Oriental Institute Publications (OIP)	ISAC Publications (ISACP)
Oriental Institute Seminars (OIS)	ISAC Seminars (ISACS)
Studies in Ancient Oriental Civilization (SAOC)	Studies in Ancient Cultures (SAC)
Miscellaneous Publications	<i>No change</i>

Publications and other staff met in January with two librarians from the University of Chicago's Regenstein Library—classics and ancient Near East bibliographer Catherine Mardikes and head of serials management services Renee Martonik—to discuss the need for new ISSNs (international standard serial numbers) and whether volume numbering should be continuous or start anew. The decision was made to continue the numbering for Nubian Expedition publications (because of the planned organization of volumes) and for postdoctoral seminar proceedings (to avoid possible confusion in the sequence of seminars). But other series whose names changed significantly will start their numbering anew with volume 1. It is important to note that although the names of many publication series changed, their formats and scopes did not.

This year, five submitted book manuscripts were accepted for publication. Another submission was rejected, and yet another was returned to the authors following peer review for substantial revision and possible resubmission. Four additional manuscripts were out for peer review at the close of the report year.

As of June 30, 2023, the following fifteen manuscripts comprised the backlog of monographs awaiting publication, including the five manuscripts accepted this year. The first eleven titles were at various stages of production, with many of them fully copyedited and one of them fully typeset. The manuscripts for the last four titles were still being finalized by the authors or volume editors at the close of the report year.

1. *Nippur VI: The Inanna Temple*. By Richard L. Zettler and Karen L. Wilson, with contributions by Jean M. Evans, Robert D. Biggs, Richard C. Haines, Donald P. Hansen, McGuire Gibson, James Knudstad, and John C. Sanders. ISAC Publications.

2. *Center and Periphery: The Archaeology of Politics at Ešnunna from the Ur III Period to the Old Babylonian Period*. By Clemens Reichel. Studies in Ancient Cultures.
3. *Excavations at Serra East, Part 8*. By Bruce Williams et al. Nubian Expedition 13.
4. *Excavations at Serra East, Part 9*. By Bruce Williams et al. Nubian Expedition 14.
5. *Lowland Susiana in the Fourth Millennium*. By Abbas Alizadeh. ISAC Publications.
6. *Iraqi Excavations in the Diyala Region: New Excavations at Tell Asmar (Ancient Ešnunna), 2001–2002, and Excavations at Tell Muqdadiya, 1980*. By Hussein Ali Hamza and Salah Rmaydh, with contributions by Daniel Mahoney, Alexandra Witsel, and Hervé Reculeau. Translated and initially edited by Mark Altaweel. Finally edited, with additional notes, by McGuire Gibson. ISAC Miscellaneous Publications.
7. *Insights into Islamic Archaeology and Material Culture: A Conference in Jerusalem*. Edited by Katia Cytryn-Silverman, Kristoffer Damgaard, and Donald Whitcomb. Studies in Ancient Cultures.
8. *Ancient Iran in the ISAC Museum: From the Prehistoric to the Achaemenid Period*. By Abbas Alizadeh. ISAC Museum Publications.
9. *Pomp, Circumstance, and the Performance of Politics: Acting Politically Correct in the Ancient World*. Edited by Kathryn R. Morgan. ISAC Seminars 15.
10. *An Armenian Futūḥ Narrative: Lewond's Eighth-Century History of the Caliphate*. By Sergio La Porta and Alison M. Vacca. Late Antique and Medieval Islamic Near East 4.
11. *Back to School in Babylonia*. Edited by Susanne Paulus. ISAC Museum Publications 1.
12. *A Master of Secrets in the Chamber of Darkness: Egyptological Studies in Honor of Robert K. Ritner*. Edited by Foy D. Scalf and Brian P. Muhs. Studies in Ancient Cultures.
13. *The Capture of Jerusalem by Strategius of Mar Saba: An Account of the Sasanid Conquest of Jerusalem in 614 AD*. By Sean Anthony and Stephen Shoemaker. Late Antique and Medieval Islamic Near East 5.
14. *Outward Appearance versus Inward Significance: Addressing Identities through Attire in the Ancient World*. Edited by Aleksandra Hallmann. ISAC Seminars 14.
15. *Hattannaš: A Festschrift in Honor of Theo van den Hout on the Occasion of His 65th Birthday*. Edited by Petra Goedegebuure and Joost Hazenbos, with the assistance of Emily Smith. Studies in Ancient Cultures.

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Pardee, edited by H. H. Hardy II, Joseph Lam, and Eric D. Raymond (published 2022); 57 copies of *Between Heaven and Earth: Birds in Ancient Egypt*, edited by Rozenn Bailleul-LeSuer (published 2012); and 48 copies of *Irrigation in Early States: New Directions*, edited by Stephanie Rost (published 2022).

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