

PUBLICATIONS OFFICE

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The full-time staff of the Publications Office remains Thomas G. Urban (managing editor) and Leslie Schramer (editor). Rebecca Cain (assistant editor) began her second year in February. Plamena Pehlivanova and Natalie Whiting have moved on, and we are very fortunate to have hired Jessen O'Brien and Zuhail Kuru as editorial assistants.

The Publications Office continues to provide research support to faculty, research associates, projects, and various Units. For example, we offer assistance to faculty and research associates who are having manuscripts published through outside vendors — we help with font issues, publisher jargon, image preparation, and what authors can reasonably expect from publishers. To Units, the Publications Office provides a range of support, from printing over-sized sheets and answering grammatical questions to, as with the Membership and Development Units, publication of *News & Notes*, *Annual Report*, *Visiting Committee Yearbook*, and miscellaneous postcards, brochures, and posters.

The passing of William Sumner stirs a remembrance: in the early 1990s, the printing schedules of the *Annual Report* and *News & Notes* were too difficult to maintain by the Membership Unit. One day, Sumner walked into the Publications Office with a box under his arm and asked whether the Publications Office could produce the *Annual Report*. I said “yes,” and he instructed the office to produce them “from now on.” One week later Sumner entered with another box and asked whether the office could produce *News & Notes*. Again, I answered in the affirmative, and Sumner instructed the Publications Office to produce them “from now on.” Since these brief conversations, the Publications Office has produced nineteen *Annual Reports* (you're reading the twentieth) and seventy-seven issues of *News & Notes*, and all have appeared on schedule. Looking back twenty years, one appreciates the wisdom Sumner expressed those two memorable days. First, editors trained in the production of ancient Near Eastern works are better suited to the task than business-oriented staff. Second, five deadlines a year has been a stabilizing factor in the Publications Office: we know years in advance when projects are due and are able to work in our many other tasks around them — note the eight new titles published this year.

A couple years ago, the Publications Office became the “storehouse” for materials used by the Post-Doc Scholar, which makes sense because we create the posters, programs, announcements — even the name tags for the seminar — and then produce a book with the seminar papers. We also maintain the manual that is to be updated yearly, making it available as needed. We very much enjoyed working with Natalie May this year.

The print publication of this year’s *Annual Report* is once again black and white, but we continue to post a color PDF version online. To view past *Annual Reports* and issues of *News & Notes*, visit the following URL on the Oriental Institute website: <http://oi.uchicago.edu/research/pubs>

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Electronic Publications

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The bulk of the older titles have been scanned by Northern MicroGraphics (NMT Corporation, <http://normicro.com>), located in La Crosse, Wisconsin. For the URLs of the sixteen older titles scanned and uploaded to the Internet this year, as well as the URLs for the new titles, see *Electronic Resources* (previous section, this volume).

This year, the Publications Office began collaboration with Elizabeth Stone of Stony Brook University, who is having several older titles scanned as part of Stony Brook’s Archive of Mesopotamian Archaeological Site Reports (AMAR) project. The scanning is being done by the Schoenberg Center for Electronic Text and Image at the University of Pennsylvania.

The scanning of the older titles is nearing completion. Thus far we have had about 230 older titles scanned and uploaded to the Internet. About 121 older titles remain to be scanned.

New Volumes Distributed in Print and Online

1. *The Assyrian Dictionary of the Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago*, Volume 20, Letters U and W. 2010. CAD U and W

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2. *Baked Clay Figurines and Votive Beds from Medinet Habu*. By Emily Teeter. 2010. OIP 133
3. *The Chicago House Bulletin*. Edited by W. Raymond Johnson. 2010. CHB 21
4. *The Oriental Institute 2009–2010 Annual Report*. Edited by Gil J. Stein. 2010. AR 2009–2010
5. Tell Hamoukar, Volume 1. *Urbanism and Cultural Landscapes in Northeastern Syria: The Tell Hamoukar Survey, 1999–2001*. By Jason Ur. 2010. OIP 137
6. *Visible Language: Inventions of Writing in the Ancient Middle East and Beyond*. Edited by Christopher Woods. 2010. OIMP 32
7. *Ankara Arkeoloji Müzesinde bulunan Boğazköy Tabletleri II / Boğazköy Tablets in the Archaeological Museum of Ankara II*. By Rukiye Akdoğan and Oğuz Soysal. 2011. CHDS 1
8. *Before the Pyramids: The Origins of Egyptian Civilization*. Edited by Emily Teeter. 2011. OIMP 33
9. *Slaves and Households in the Near East*. Edited by Laura Culbertson. 2011. OIS 7
- 10–13. *The Oriental Institute News & Notes*. Edited by Maeve Reed. Summer 2010–Spring 2011. NN 206–209

New Volumes Distributed Online

1. *The Demotic Dictionary of the Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago*, Letter P. Edited by Janet H. Johnson. CDD P
2. *The Demotic Dictionary of the Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago*, Letter M. Edited by Janet H. Johnson. CDD M
3. *The Demotic Dictionary of the Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago*, Letter ṖI. Edited by Janet H. Johnson. CDD ṖI

Digital Reprints of Scanned, Older Titles

1. *Persepolis 2. Contents of the Treasury and Other Discoveries*. By Erich F. Schmidt with contributions by Sydney P. Noe, Frederick R. Matson, Lawrence J. Howell, and Louisa Bellingier. Originally published in 1957. OIP 69
2. *The Egyptian Book of the Dead: Documents in the Oriental Institute Museum at the University of Chicago*. Edited by Thomas George Allen. Originally published in 1960. OIP 82

Older Titles Scanned and Uploaded to the Online Publications Catalog

1. *Annals of Sennacherib*. By Daniel David Luckenbill. Originally published in 1924. OIP 2
2. *The Babylonian Genesis: The Story of Creation*. By Alexander Heidel. Originally published in 1951. MISC Genesis
3. *Excavations in the Plain of Antioch 1: The Earlier Assemblages Phases A–J*. By Robert J. Braidwood and Linda S. Braidwood. Originally published in 1960. OIP 61
4. *The Excavation of Armageddon*. By Clarence S. Fisher. Originally published in 1929. OIC 4

5. *The Gilgamesh Epic and Old Testament Parallels*. By Alexander Heidel. Originally published in 1949. MISC Gilgamesh
6. *Islamic Bindings and Bookmaking: A Catalogue of an Exhibition in the Oriental Institute Museum, University of Chicago, May 18–August 18, 1981*. By Gulnar Bosch, John Carswell, and Guy Petherbridge. Originally published in 1981. MISC Bindings
7. *Material Remains of the Megiddo Cult*. By Herbert Gordon May. Originally published in 1935. OIP 26
8. *The Megiddo Ivories*. By Gordon Loud. Originally published in 1939. OIP 52
9. *Megiddo 2. Seasons of 1935–39: Text and Plates*. By Gordon Loud. Originally published in 1948. OIP 62
10. *Megiddo Tombs*. By P. L. O. Guy. Originally published in 1938. OIP 33
11. *The Megiddo Water System*. By Robert S. Lamon. Originally published in 1935. OIP 32
12. *New Light from Armageddon: Second Provisional Report (1927–29) on the Excavations at Megiddo in Palestine*. By P. L. O. Guy. Originally published in 1931. OIC 9
13. *Notes on the Megiddo Pottery of Strata VI–XX*. By Geoffrey M. Shipton. Originally published in 1939. SAOC 17
14. *The Proverbs of Solomon in Sahidic Coptic According to the Chicago Manuscript*. Edited by William H. Worrell. Originally published in 1931. OIP 12
15. *Studies in Honor of Benno Landsberger on His Seventy-fifth Birthday, April 21, 1963*. Edited by Hans G. Güterbock and Thorkild Jacobsen. Originally published in 1965. AS 16
16. *The Sumerian King List*. By Thorkild Jacobsen. Originally published in 1939. AS 11

Volumes in Preparation

1. *Ancient Israel: Cultural Crossroads of the Ancient Near East*. Gabrielle Novacek
2. *Bismaya: Recovering the Lost City of Adab*. Karen L. Wilson
3. *Grammatical Case in the Languages of the Middle East and Europe* (Acts of the International Colloquium Variations, Concurrence et Evolution des Cas dans divers Domaines Linguistiques, Paris, 2–4 April 2007). Edited by Michèle Fruyt, Dennis Pardee, and Michel Mazoyer
4. *The Monumental Complex of King Ahmose at Abydos, Volume 1: The Pyramid Temple of Ahmose and Its Environs: Architecture and Decoration*. Stephen P. Harvey
5. *Perspectives on Ptolemaic Thebes*. Edited by Peter F. Dorman and Betsy M. Bryan
6. *Pesher Naḥum: Texts and Studies in Jewish History and Literature from Antiquity through the Middle Ages Presented to Norman Golb*. Edited by Joel L. Kraemer and Michael G. Wechsler, with Fred Donner, Joshua Holo, and Dennis Pardee