

### Foy Scalf

Yet again, **Foy Scalf** found himself relentlessly busy throughout the 2008–2009 academic year. The Research Archives and his dissertation occupied much of his time, but he still managed to present several lectures and publish a number of articles. On August 29, Foy presented a paper entitled “Oriental Institute Demotic Ostraca Online (O.I.D.O.O.)” at the 10th International Congress of Demotic Studies in Leuven, Belgium. On December 6, he gave a talk for the Chicago Chapter of the American Research Center in Egypt on “Repelling the Enemies of Osiris: The Use of Magical Bricks in Ancient Egypt.” Foy’s article on the magical bricks from the Oriental

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Institute collection is scheduled to appear in the pages of the journal *Studien zur altägyptische Kultur* in 2009.

Foy continued to collaborate with recent NELC graduate Dr. Jackie Jay, now at Eastern Kentucky University, on the Oriental Institute Demotic ostraca, co-authoring a short article for the *Oriental Institute News & Notes* 200 (Winter) entitled “Accounting for Life in Ptolemaic and Roman Thebes: Online Access to Ancient Archives.” They co-authored and submitted a manuscript entitled “Oriental Institute Demotic Ostraca Online (O.I.D.O.O.): Merging Text Publication and Research Tools” for publication in the proceedings of the 10th International Congress of Demotic Studies, to be published by Peeters in the series *Studia Demotica*. After being submitted to several colleagues for review, the O.I.D.O.O. database of Oriental Institute Demotic ostraca is set for an official launch in late summer. For updates, check the Web site <http://oi.uchicago.edu/research/projects/oidoo/>.

During the year, several articles which had been in press appeared. March saw the appearance of Foy’s article “Rereading the 7th Count of Sneferu in the Palermo Stone” in *Göttinger Miszellen* 220 (2009), pp. 89–93. In June, his article “Statements of Identity and the *m* of Predication” appeared in *Lingua Aegyptia* 16 (2009), pp. 135–51. Another article, “Is That a Rhetorical Question? Shipwrecked Sailor (pHermitage 1115), 150 Reconsidered,” was accepted for publication in *Zeitschrift für ägyptische Sprache und Altertumskunde* 136/2 (2009), concerning the interpretation of a passage in the well-known Middle Egyptian literary work known as the Tale of the Shipwrecked Sailor.

Foy is currently working on several articles. “The Gods Piercing of Gaze” concerns an ogdoad of deities charged with caring for Osiris featured in Ptolemaic temple scenes, the First Book of Breathing, the *Studenwachen*, Late Period coffins, the Book of the Dead, and the Coffin Texts. “An Enthographic Parallel for Egyptian Oracular Practice and the Maintenance of Cosmic Order” details a divinatory practice still held in a modern Indian village that very closely parallels the methods and motivations of traditional Egyptian oracles involving divine barks. Foy continued work editing several texts as mentioned in last year’s *Annual Report*, including Papyrus Rylands Hieratic 6 for his article “A Manuscript Containing the First and Second Books of Breathing in the John Rylands Library: Papyrus John Rylands Hieratic 6” and Notre Dame Hieratic Fragments 1–2 for his article “Two Hieratic Book of the Dead Texts on Linen from the Hesburgh Library of the University of Notre Dame.” Foy has also been invited to contribute an article to the 10th anniversary volume of *Cahiers Caribéens d’Égyptologie* 13–14.