

Janet Johnson

Janet Johnson gave an Oriental Institute Members' Lecture in April entitled "Women's Rights in Ancient Egypt." She also submitted a paper discussing the range of personal property owned by ancient Egyptians as revealed by Demotic documents pertaining to marriage; this

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article will appear in a Festschrift honoring a Demoticist colleague. She enjoyed the annual meeting of the American Research Center in Egypt held this year in Providence, Rhode Island; while there, she attended the Board of Governors meeting. She also visited Providence earlier in the spring as a member of the outside review committee for the Department of Egyptology and Ancient Western Asian Studies at Brown University. During the summer she attended the Seventh International Congress of Demotists, held this year in Oxford, England. It was an excellent chance to meet old colleagues as well as several young scholars. Following this meeting, she joined Don Whitcomb in Copenhagen, where he was serving as “outside evaluator” for a dissertation defense, and she gave a talk at the Carsten Niebuhr Institute on legal status of women in Egypt. She was pleased to continue serving as sponsor for Julie Stauder-Porchet and Andréas Stauder, two visiting Swiss Egyptologists with Swiss National Science Foundation (NSF) funding, Julie working on the development of the autobiographical text in the Old Kingdom and Andréas on the transition from Middle Egyptian to Late Egyptian. She served as an outside reader for the tenure review of a colleague in California and enjoyed reading dissertation chapters from several students in NELC, Classics, and the University of Warsaw.
