

Brian Muhs

During the academic year 2012–2013, much of **Brian Muhs**' research related to his book project, "The Ancient Egyptian Economy," which explores how social and legal institutions shaped the development of modes of distribution in ancient Egypt. He gave two lectures relating to this research: on March 16, 2013, he participated in the conference *Heracleion in Context: The Maritime Economy of the Egyptian Late Period*, at The Queen's College, Oxford, where he presented a paper on "Money Taxes and Maritime Trade in Late Period Egypt"; and on April 3, 2013, he gave an Oriental Institute Members' Lecture, co-sponsored by the Archaeological Institute of America, Chicago, on "Death and Taxes in Ancient Egypt."

Muhs also conducted and fostered research involving Demotic sources for ancient Egyptian society and culture. He organized and secured funding for the seventh triennial Demotic Summer School, which was held at the Oriental Institute on August 27–28, 2012, as well as the Roundtable "Digital Demotic," held at the Franke Institute of the University of Chicago on August 29, 2012. The Summer School allowed Demotists to present difficult texts and to discuss them with each other before they were published. Muhs presented two "Loan Accounts from the Archive of Panas Son of Espemetis." The Roundtable discussed the Chicago Demotic Dictionary with many of its users at the Summer School, to determine how it might better serve them in the future. On April 17, 2013, Muhs presented a Brown-bag Lecture at the Oriental Institute, together with Greg Marouard and Robert Ritner, on "Reconstructing Houses and Households of the Late Pharaonic Era (6th–1st Cent. B.C.): Possibilities and Limits," in the Oriental Institute mini-series on Household Archaeology. He discussed how Demotic family archives from Ptolemaic Egypt illustrated household histories and lifecycles that illuminated contemporary archaeological evidence. On July 5, 2012, he gave a guest lec-

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ture on “Ptolemaic Demotic Texts and Bilingual Archives” for the annual Summer Institute of Papyrology, which was held at the Regenstein Library of the University of Chicago that year.

Muhs submitted three articles, including “More Papyri from the Archive of Panas Son of Espemetis” for the journal *Enchoria*, based on a paper he presented at Oxford the previous year; “Egyptian Legal Texts,” for *The Oxford Encyclopedia of the Bible and Law*; and “Eight Inscribed Stones, the First Chariot Driver of His Majesty, and Tell el-Muqdam in the Rameside Period,” for *Weseretskau “Mighty of Kas”: Papers in Memory of Cathleen A. Keller*, based on fieldwork in 1993. He also completed three reviews of books on topics related to his own book project. One of these reviews and two short articles appeared this year, namely “Demotic Orthography in B. H. Stricker’s Notebooks,” in *Aspects of Demotic Orthography. Acts of an International Colloquium held in Trier, 8 November 2010*, edited by S. P. Vleeming, pp. 63–68 (*Studia Demotica* 11. Leuven: Peeters, 2013); and “Robert Curzon and His Mummy Labels,” *Journal of Egyptian Archaeology* 98 [2012]: 285–91). Muhs also taught courses on Introductory Coptic, Old Egyptian, Egyptian literature and culture, and Second Intermediate Period and Ptolemaic Period history.
