

GENE GRAGG is preparing to follow up his recently published *Oromo Dictionary* with investigations in Afroasiatic on two fronts. On the one hand he is gathering material relevant to the dialect geography of Oromo in order to study the degree of dialect differentiation in this language (a topic of special interest because of the relatively firm and recent date of the dispersal of this now-wide-spread Ethiopian language from a small nucleus). On the other hand he is preparing a computer-based etymological file in order to help establish relationships within the Cushitic language family (to which Oromo belongs), and the relationship between Cushitic and the rest of the Afroasiatic super-family (including Semitic, Egyptian, and Berber).