

Janet H. Johnson

Janet H. Johnson participated in several symposia during the year. She was invited to a conference in Berlin in September commemorating the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the commission to produce the *Wörterbuch der ägyptischen Sprache*. She gave a presentation on "The Chicago Demotic Dictionary Project," explaining the integration of computer technology with Demotic studies. In March she participated in the Oriental Institute Membership/Museum Education Open House "From Clay Tablets to CD-ROMs: Behind the Scenes at the OI Dictionary Projects," discussing the background and purpose of the Demotic Dictionary and demonstrating the use of scanning and other computer technology. (For a report on the Dictionary, see the separate entry.) She helped organize and served as discussant for two symposia in The Chicago-Stanford Seminar on Hellenistic Egypt, one in November entitled "Priests, Magicians and Incantations in Hellenistic Egypt" and one in April entitled "Narrative Strategies in Greek and Egyptian Prose of the Hellenistic Period." In October, she gave a presentation to the docents on "The Legal Status of Women in Ancient Egypt." Her proposal for the development of an annotated

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electronic reading book for Middle Egyptian, included in a multi-project, multi-university proposal for the incorporation of computer technology in the teaching of less-commonly taught languages, was approved by the Mellon Foundation in January; she looks forward to working with colleagues here and at Michigan (including Terry Wilfong, who received his Ph.D. from the University of Chicago in 1994) on this project. She continued to serve on the Board of Governors of the American Research Center in Egypt and as Chairman of the Committee for the *Annual Egyptological Bibliography*.
