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### W. Raymond Johnson

**W. Raymond Johnson** completed his twenty-sixth year working for the Epigraphic Survey in Luxor, and his eighth season as Field Director. On September 18, 2004, Ray gave a paper entitled “Piecing Together and Preserving Egypt’s Magnificent Past” at the joint Smithsonian Institute/Oriental Institute Symposium, Ancient Egypt Unwrapped, which covered the work of the Oriental Institute in Egypt and was held at the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C. The other speakers were Mark Lehner, Robert Ritner, and Steven Harvey. This symposium was repeated at the Oriental Institute on May 21, 2005, with the same cast of characters, and updated reports.

On July 1, 2005 Ray was appointed Research Associate (Associate Professor) in the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations. In June he was invited to join the editorial/advisory board for the monograph series *Biblioteca del Próximo Oriente Antiguo* of the Publishing Department of the Spanish Supreme Council for Scientific Research in Madrid. Johnson continues to work on his epigraphy essay for the *Oxford Handbook of Egyptology*, an article for the *Bill Murnane Denkschrift*, various other festschrift articles and catalog entries, and a revised and expanded version of his dissertation for publication.

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