

Alexandra O'Brien

Alexandra O'Brien spent her third year working for the Oriental Institute Research Archives cataloguing analytics and retrospectively cataloguing the journals *Bulletin de l'Institut Français d'Archéologie Orientale*, *Egitto e Vicino Oriente*, *Mizraim*, *Orientalia Suecana*, *Zeitschrift für ägyptische Sprache*, and *Recueil de Travaux* (in progress). She added over 30 new links to "Egypt and the Ancient Near East, Web Resources for Young People and Teachers" and continued to maintain other web resources (listed under "Research Archives" below) in addition to the "Directory of Institutions and Scholars Involved in Demotic Studies."

From November to December 1997 O'Brien was in Egypt working as Epigrapher to the Oriental Institute Bir Umm Fawakhir project (directed by Carol Meyer). Shortly after her return, O'Brien gave a talk at the annual meeting of the American Society of Papyrologists (a panel at the annual joint meeting of the American Institute of Archaeology and American Philological Society held in Chicago). The talk was a progress report on her dissertation research, the topic being "Egyptian Women in Ptolemaic and Roman Egypt: The Economic and Legal Activities of Women in Demotic Texts," a study of women's lives as represented in Egyptian language documents from the Ptolemaic and Roman periods. After that, she reviewed *A Companion to Demotic Studies* (Papyrologica Bruxellensia, 28), by Mark Depauw, for the *Bulletin of the American Society of Papyrologists* (forthcoming).

O'Brien continues to work towards timely completion of her dissertation. She has written one chapter and is currently working on another. At the same time, she

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is working on completion of two articles “Women as Theban Choachytes” and
“Physical Descriptions in Demotic Contracts.”
