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Guidelines for Authors

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Double quote marks (“ ”) should be used for most translations and the titles of articles and book chapters. All quote marks are in the modern straight-up style and not the older European style (e.g., “b”, not „b“).

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Numbers

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Example: *JARCE* 38 (2001), 9–20, not *JARCE* XXXVIII (2001), 9–20.

LÄ 7, not *LÄ* VII.

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Tom Logan, "The *Jmyt-pr* Document: Form, Function, and Significance," *JARCE* 37 (2000), 56.

Or using first initial only: T. Logan, "The *Jmyt-pr* Document: Form, Function, and Significance," *JARCE* 37 (2000), 56.

Subsequent citation: Logan, "*Jmyt-pr* Document," 67.

Monographs:

Bezalel Porten, *Archives from Elephantine: The Life of an Ancient Jewish Military Colony* (Berkeley, 1968), 45.

Subsequent citation: Porten, *Archives from Elephantine*, 79–82.

Article or chapter in a multi-author book:

Lilly Kahil, "Cults in Hellenistic Alexandria," in *Alexandria and Alexandrianism: Papers Delivered at a Symposium Organized by The J. Paul Getty Museum and the Getty Center for the History of Art and the Humanities and Held at the Museum April 22–25, 1993* (Malibu, 1996), 75–84.

Subsequent citation: Kahil, "Cults in Hellenistic Alexandria," 76–77.

Paul Nicholson with Edgar Peltenberg, "Egyptian Faience," in Paul Nicholson and Ian Shaw (eds.), *Ancient Egyptian Materials and Technology* (Cambridge, 2000), 180–94.

Subsequent citation: Nicholson and Peltenberg, "Egyptian Faience," 189–92.

Article or chapter in multi-volume work:

William Murnane, “Kadesh,” in D. Redford (ed.), *Oxford Encyclopedia of Ancient Egypt*, vol. 2 (Oxford, 2001), 219–21.

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Chapter not previously cited in a previously cited edited work:

Lorna Lee and Stephen Quirke, “Painting Materials,” in Nicholson and Shaw, *Ancient Egyptian Materials*, 105–20.

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Exhibition catalogues:

Sue D’Auria, Peter Lacovara, and Catharine H. Roehrig, *Mummies and Magic: The Funerary Arts of Ancient Egypt* (Boston, 1988).

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Greek and Latin: H. G. Liddell and R. Scott’s *Greek English Lexicon* (rev. ed. by H. S. Jones) and the *Oxford Latin Dictionary*

Coptic and Byzantine: *Oxford Dictionary of Byzantium*

Islamic: *Index Islamicus*

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A. Hesse, “Introduction géophysiques et notes techniques,” in J. Vercoeur (ed.), *Mirgissa*, (Paris, 1970), 51–121.



T. Herbich, "Archaeological Geophysics in Egypt: The Polish Contribution," *Archaeologia Polona* 41 (2003), 13–55.

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