

INDIVIDUAL RESEARCH

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Richard H. Beal spent much of the past year reference checking, copy editing, and entering corrections for the third fascicle of the Š volume of the Chicago Hittite Dictionary. He also worked on a number of first drafts of dictionary articles. These included three commonly occurring and complicated words with partially overlapping forms: *da-* “to take,” *dai-* “to put, place,” and *tiya-* “to step, take a position.”

His article “Making, Preserving, and Breaking the Peace with the Hittite State” came out in the volume *War and Peace in the Ancient World*, edited by Kurt Raaflaub. In the summer he attended the 52nd Rencontre Assyriologique Internationale in Münster, whose topic, “Krieg und Frieden im Alten Vorderasien,” was in memory of the peace of Westphalia, signed in Münster in 1648, which ended the Thirty Years War. At the meeting he gave a lecture “Hittite Reluctance to Go to War,” which laid out the many examples of the Hittites trying to solve an international problem through diplomacy and only resorting to war when that failed.

After the meetings, he and his wife, alumna JoAnn Scurlock, went to London for several weeks to read mostly unpublished Akkadian cuneiform tablets related to her project to study ancient Mesopotamian medical treatments.
