

HRIPSIME HAROUTUNIAN

In 2000/2001 **Hripsime Haroutunian** was a Research Associate on the Chicago Hittite Dictionary Project. During this period she spent much of her time transliterating newly published cuneiform texts (about 140 fragments) in volume 31 of *Keilschrifttexte aus Boghazköi* (KBo), identifying them, matching them to similar fragments from the project files, finding duplicates, parallel fragments or joining pieces, and simultaneously keying them into the project computer. In addition, she checked her transliterations of the texts from KBo 38 and 39 against Theo van den Hout's own transliterations and made necessary additions to them. Haroutunian also incorporated the new joins published by D. Groddek in recent issues of *Altorientalische Forschungen* and *NABU* into the transliterations of texts from KBo 38, KBo 39, *Vorderasiatische Schriftdenkmäler der Staatlichen Museen zu Berlin* (VS) 28 (done by Theo van den Hout), and KBo 37 (done by Oğuz Soysal), and made those ready for parsing and filing.

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Haroutunian was also in charge of supervising the Hittitological students (Dennis Campbell, Kathleen Mineck, and Carl Thunem) in parsing and filing already “processed” (i.e., transliterated and checked) fragments of newly published cuneiform texts (KBo 39, VS 28).

Besides her involvement in the Hittite Dictionary project, Haroutunian was further engaged with compiling a bibliography on the most recently published articles and books in the field, being the sole editor and publisher of the *Newsletter for Anatolian Studies*. She has almost finished collecting data for the upcoming enlarged volume of the *Newsletter* that will be released end of September. This will be the last hard copy of the journal. Haroutunian is exploring the possibility of placing the *Newsletter* on the Internet and producing future issues electronically, which would allow her to publish the journal quarterly (more frequently than in hard copy) and also to make it more up-to-date and dynamic, as well as completely searchable.

Aside from this, in April she corrected and returned the proofs of her article, entitled, “Bearded or Beardless? Some Speculations on the Function of Beard among the Hittites.” This is an expanded version of her presentation at the 207th Annual Meeting of the American Oriental Society in Miami (March 1997), and it will finally appear end of this summer in H. G. Güterbock et al., eds., *Recent Developments in Hittite Archaeology and History* (Winona Lake, Indiana: Eisenbrauns).

Haroutunian was also busy with preparing for publication two other articles, “Some Thoughts on ^{LÚ}taḫiyala-/^{LÚ}taḫiyali- ‘Barber’, ‘Shearer’,” and “The Role of Prostitutes in Hittite Religion.” She was also working on entries “Religious Personnel,” “Organizational Forms: Religious Practices of the Individual and family” for the Anatolia section of the reference book *Religions of the Ancient World* (Harvard University Press).

Furthermore, she prepared an Oriental Institute Adult Education Course, “Meet the Hittites: The People of a Thousand Gods,” that she will teach during July–August 2001.
