

DAVID TESTEN

David Testen spent the academic year 2000/2001 as a Visiting Scholar at the Oriental Institute working on a research project entitled “Stem Opacity and the Development of Semitic Roots.” The aim of the project, which was supported by a fellowship provided by the American Council of Learned Societies, was to underscore the importance of contextually conditioned sound changes in the phonological development of the languages of the Semitic family. Some of the results of this project were presented at meetings of an informal weekly workshop on Near Eastern languages and linguistics, which Testen organized during the Spring and Summer Quarters to give students and faculty at the Oriental Institute a venue to present discussions of their work.

At the Toronto meeting of the American Oriental Society, in a joint session with the North American Conference on Afro-Asiatic Linguistics, Testen presented a paper on “Arabic Correlates to the Akkadian Stem-Type *purussā-*.” He also submitted an article (“Cognates to the Akkadian Preposition *ana* in Ethiopia and South Arabia”) for a memorial volume dedicated to I. M. Diakonoff and has reviews forthcoming in the *Journal of Near Eastern Studies*, *Israel Oriental Studies*, and *Diachronica*.
