

Theo van den Hout

This was a busy teaching year for **Theo van den Hout**, with Elementary Hittite taught over three quarters, an undergraduate course on Hittite Literature in translation, a class centered on the re-installation of the Anatolian part of the East Gallery of the Oriental Institute Museum with Aslihan Yener, and the Anatolian history class. Beside the usual work on the Chicago Hittite Dictionary (see separate report), much time was spent on the Anatolian section of the Oriental Institute Museum for which van den Hout acts as faculty curator together with Aslihan Yener. He lectured in Chicago at the yearly Humanities Open House “West of Babel” on the languages and scripts of ancient Anatolia and in Los Angeles at the California Museum of Ancient Art on “How to Become a God: the Hittites and their Thousand Gods.” In December, he read a paper on “Administration in the Reign of Tuthaliya IV and the Later Years of the Hittite Empire” at the Leiden symposium “The Life and Times of Ḫattušili III and Tuthaliya IV” in honor of Prof. Johan de Roos.

Volume 3 of the *Journal of Ancient Near Eastern Religions* (JANER 3), of which van den Hout is managing editor, appeared. Of his research, the following works were published in the past year: “Maenien und Maddunnašša: Zur Frühgeschichte des Lydischen,” in *Licia e Lidia prima dell’ellenizzazione* (Atti del Convegno internazionale Roma, 11–12 ottobre 1999), edited by M. Giorgieri, M. Salvini, and M.-C. Trémouille, pp. 301–10 (Rome, 2003); “Studies in the Hittite Phraseological Construction I: Its Syntactic and Semantic Properties,” in *Hittite Studies in Honor of Harry A. Hoffner Jr.*, edited by G. Beckman, R. Beal, and G. McMahon, pp. 177–203 (Winona Lake, 2003); and the Hittite entries of “Omina,” “Orakel,” and “Ordal” in the *Reallexikon der Assyriologie* 10: 88–90, 118–24, and 129–30. For the children’s journal *Caliope: Exploring World History* 14.9, he wrote on “Luwians and Their Script.” His “Review of Hittite Etymological Dictionary, Volumes 4 and 5 [covering letters K and L], by J. Puhvel,” appeared in *Bibliotheca Orientalis* 60 (2003): 174–77. “Miles of Clay: Information Management in the Ancient Near Eastern Hittite Empire” was electronically published at http://www.fathom.com/story/story.jhtml?story_id=190247.

Finally, he submitted the entry “Pirwa” for the *Reallexikon der Assyriologie*, the text of his paper at the Leiden Symposium just mentioned; a contribution entitled “Some Thoughts on the Composition Known as Muršili’s Aphasia (CTH 486)” to the festschrift of a colleague, as well as a review of *Archaismus und Ausgliederung: Studien zur sprachlichen Stellung des Hethitischen*, by Susanne Zeilfelder, to the journal *Kratylos*.