

Hripsime Haroutunian

In September 2001 **Hripsime Haroutunian** joined the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations faculty to teach Elementary Modern Armenian, while continuing her work on the Chicago Hittite Dictionary Project on a part-time basis. She launched the new Armenian program at the University of Chicago and taught a three-quarter sequence for the 2001/2002 academic year. She also organized four Armenian Circles: two movie presentations, a book talk, and an informal Armenian cuisine afternoon. Next year she will teach two three-quarter-sequence courses: Elementary Modern Armenian and Intermediate Modern Armenian. Thus she will have to leave the part-time job on the Hittite Dictionary project.

In July/August 2001 she also taught an Oriental Institute Adult Education Course, entitled, "Meet the Hittites: The People of a Thousand Gods."

Aside from her involvement in teaching and extra-curricular activities she spent part of her time transliterating newly published cuneiform texts published in KBo 31 and KBo 41, identifying them, matching them to similar fragments from the project files, finding duplicates, parallel fragments, or joining pieces, and simultaneously keying them into the Hittite Dictionary server. She also proofread the whole Š/1 fascicle of the Chicago Hittite Dictionary.

Besides, Haroutunian was further engaged with compiling bibliography on the most recently published articles and books in the field for the *Newsletter for Anatolian Studies*. With the support of the Oriental Institute this year she tried to place the *Newsletter* on the Internet in order to be able to disseminate future issues electronically.

She was also busy preparing three entries for the Anatolia section of the reference book on *Religions of the Ancient World* (Harvard University Press) for publication: "Religious Personnel," "Organizational Forms," and "Religious Practices of the Individual and Family." In early 2002 her article, "Bearded or Beardless? Some Speculations on the Function of the Beard among the Hittites," was published in *Recent Developments in Hittite Archaeology and History: Papers in Memory of Hans G. Güterbock*, edited by K. A. Yener and H. A. Hoffner, Jr., (Winona Lake: Eisenbrauns, 2002).
