

INDIVIDUAL RESEARCH

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Richard H. Beal spent his time updating, reference checking, and copyediting articles for the third fascicle of the Š volume of the Chicago Hittite Dictionary. Outside of office time, he wrote the article “Hittite Anatolia: Political History” for the *Oxford Handbook of Ancient Anatolia*. Articles in the *Reallexikon der Assyriologie* on “Ships and Boats” and “Plague” are now in print. The article “Soldat (Hittite)” (Soldiers among the Hittites) is undergoing editing. An article has now been submitted for the same work on the Hittite port city of Ura, which is to be located somewhere on the Cilician coast. Although the Hittites were supposedly uncomfortable at sea or as merchants, it is only our lack of documentation in these areas that leads to this common opinion. However, a document from the Syrian port city of Ugarit finds the king of Ugarit complaining to the Hittite king that Hittite merchants from Ura were buying up all the real estate in Ugarit; in other words, Hittite merchants were not only engaged in, but also getting rich in, the sea trade with the Levant. In addition, the year has seen the appearance of the book he edited, along with Steven Holloway and JoAnn Scurlock, entitled *In the Wake of Tikva Frymer-Kensky*. This collects essays given at the 2007 Society of Biblical Literature meetings in honor of the late Tikva Frymer-Kensky, Assyriologist and Professor of Hebrew Bible at the University of Chicago.
