Emily continues to serve as the president of the American Research Center in Egypt. In October, she and other members of the Board traveled to Egypt to discuss operations. The organization had its annual meeting in Chicago in early April, with a record attendance of 430 people, many of whom came to the Oriental Institute for a tour of the Before the Pyramids and a reception in the Mesopotamian gallery. Independent travels included Beirut and Syria.

Theo van den Hout

This past year marked the last year of Theo van den Hout’s first term as chair of the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations (NELC) and he is looking forward to a sabbatical in 2011–2012. Besides his teaching and work on the Chicago Hittite Dictionary Theo submitted (with the welcome assistance from our Publications Office) in the beginning of the year the final manuscript of 245 Hittite fragments in hand copy with an introductory catalog detailing genres as well as indicating possible duplicates and joins with already known pieces. The resulting book came out in early April (see below). He also wrote three entries for the Reallexikon der Assyriologie. Currently he is working on additional and larger entries for the Reallexikon and a few short articles.


In September Theo was invited for a lecture at Leiden University, “Recente ideeën over datering van Hethitische teksten en geletterdheid bij de Hethieten” (“Recent Ideas on Hittite Text Dating and Literacy in Hittite Society”).