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Richard H. Beal spent his time updating, reference checking, and copy-editing articles for the third fascicle of the Š volume and the beginning of the T volume of the Hittite Dictionary. Outside of office time, his article “Hittite Anatolia: Political History” has appeared in the Oxford Handbook of Ancient Anatolia, edited by Sharon R. Steadman and Gregory McMahon, pp. 579–603 (New York: Oxford University Press, 2011). This massive volume was co-edited by Gregory McMahon, who like Richard was a student of the Oriental Institute’s own Professor Harry A. Hoffner. Gregory is now a professor at the University of New Hampshire. An article in the Reallexikon der Assyriologie on “Soldat (Hittite)” “soldiers among the Hittites” is now in print. Richard completed a review of a Festschrift for Silvin Košak, a predecessor of his as Research Associate on the Chicago Hititte Dictionary as well as a review of a Festschrift honoring British Hittitologist and leading expert on hieroglyphic Luwian, David Hawkins. Reviews of the book Rêves hittites by Alice Mouton, and the book Hittite Votive Texts by Jan de Roos, should be finished soon. With his wife, JoAnn Scurlock, he co-edited a book Creation and Chaos: A Reconsideration of Hermann Gunkel’s Chaos Kampf Hypothesis, which is currently awaiting publication at Eisenbrauns. Since the submission of this book, he has been busy most evenings and weekends aiding in the reference checking and copy-editing of Scurlock’s forthcoming Sourcebook for Mesopotamian Medicine, which will contain transliterations and translations of all types of Mesopotamian diagnostic and therapeutic texts. It will appear in the series Writings from the Ancient World, published by the Society of Biblical Literature.