

## Theo van den Hout

Besides his position as chair of the department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations (NELC) and his work for the Chicago Hittite Dictionary (CHD, see separate report), **Theo van den Hout** submitted an article for a memorial volume entitled “Zu einer Stratigraphie der hethitischen Totenrituale.” There he argues to distinguish several chronological layers in the numerous pieces that constitute the composition known as the Funerary Ritual for a Hittite King. Such an approach solves, he thinks, a number of problems in the traditional view that considers all fragments as reducible to a single unitary composition. Theo also contributed several longer entries to the *Reallexikon der Assyriologie* on “Tod” (Death), “Tuthalija IV.” (a king), “Vergöttlichung” (apotheosis), “Versammlung” (assembly), “Wagen, -modell” (wheeled vehicles and models thereof), and “Waskuwatassi” (a deity).

In October Theo gave a lecture (“Writing for the Illiterate: Writing and Literacy in Hittite Anatolia”) at the Institute for the Study of the Ancient World (New York University) in New York, where he is a Senior Fellow. He was invited to give a presentation in Istanbul (“The Art of Writing: Remarks on the When and How of Hittite Cuneiform and Hieroglyphic Writing Technologies”) in May at the Workshop marking the retirement of Jürgen Seeher, previously director of the German excavations at Boğazköy. At the Oriental Institute he participated with a talk (“Coping with the Death of an Idea: Putting the Hittite King to Rest”) in the public symposium In Remembrance of Me on May 4 in connection with the opening of the accompanying exhibit.

The following publications appeared in print in the past year: “Zwei weitere Beamten-siegel aus Boğazköy,” *Zeitschrift für Assyriologie* 103, pp. 43–44 (with Rukiye Akdoğan); “Hitit Krallığı ve Imperatorluğu’nun Kısa Tarihi/A Short History of the Hittite Kingdom and Empire” in M. Doğan-Alparslan and M. Alparslan (eds.), *Hititler. Bir Anadolu Imperatorluğu/Hittites: An Anatolian Empire* (Tüpraş-Yapı Kredi Yayınları, Istanbul), pp. 22–45 (Turkish and English); “Two Old Tablets’: Thinking, Recording, and Writing History in Hittite Society” in K. Raaflaub (ed.), *Thinking, Recording, and Writing History in the Ancient World* (Wiley Blackwell, Chichester), pp. 169–86; “Death Binds: On Some Rites Surrounding Death in Ancient Anatolia” and catalog entry “Cuneiform Tablet: Fragment of the Hittite Royal Funerary Ritual” in V. Rimmer Herrmann and J. David Schloen (eds.), *In Remembrance of Me: Feasting with the Dead in the Ancient Middle East* (Chicago: The Oriental Institute), pp. 75–80 and 132; “Tempel. A. II. Philologisch. In Anatolien” in *Reallexikon der Assyriologie* 13, pp. 527–30. The contribution “Greek and Carian” in G. K. Giannakis (ed.), *Encyclopedia of Ancient Greek Language and Linguistics* (Brill Online, 2014) came out online and should be published in print next year.