

Theo van den Hout

The acting chairmanship of the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations took quite a bit of time away from the usual teaching and research but fortunately not all. **Theo van den Hout** was still able to teach some courses and continued his work on the Chicago Hittite Dictionary (CHD, see Project Reports). It was an exciting year, beginning with the search for an Assistant Professor of Hittite and in this position, Petra Goedegebuure will be a wonderful addition to the CHD team in the fall. It was a great honor to deliver early in summer 2005 one of the keynote lectures in the opening session of the fifty-first Rencontre Assyriologique Internationale held here in Chicago. Van den Hout also lectured at conferences in Rome, Würzburg, and Los Angeles. In April he traveled to Boğazköy, the modern Turkish site of the ancient Hittite capital, for interviews with BBC History. The BBC was on location shooting a documentary about the Hittites in collaboration with National Geographic and the German network ZDF. The program is scheduled to air this fall or winter.

Van den Hout submitted three articles, two book reviews, and an entry on the Hittites for *World Book*, a children's encyclopedia. Besides the new fascicle of the Chicago Hittite Diction-

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ary, a book edited by van den Hout came out this year: *The Life and Times of Hattušili III and Tuthaliya IV* (Proceedings of a Symposium Held in Honor of J. de Roos, 12–13 December 2003, Leiden), with the assistance of C. H. van Zoest (Uitgaven van het Nederlands Instituut voor het Nabije Oosten te Leiden CIII), pp. vi + 209 [Leiden, 2006]. To the latter he also contributed an article “Administration in the Reign of Tuthaliya IV and the Later Years of the Hittite Empire,” pp. 77–106. A further article “Institutions, Vernaculars, Publics: The Case of Second Millennium Anatolia” appeared in *Margins of Writing, Origins of Cultures*, edited by Seth L. Sanders, pp. 217–56 (OIS 2; Chicago: The Oriental Institute). In the *Reallexikon der Assyriologie* vol. 10 two entries were published on “Pirwa, Perwa” (pp. 575–76) and “Preise. In Anatolien” (pp. 614–16). A review of *Corpus of Hieroglyphic Luwian Inscriptions*, Vol. 1, 3 parts, by J. D. Hawkins, came out in *Bibliotheca Orientalis* 63 (2006) 133–38.
