

INDIVIDUAL RESEARCH

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Christopher E. Woods spent this year preparing his book on the Sumerian verbal prefixes and finalizing several articles: “On the Euphrates,” submitted to *Zeitschrift für Assyriologie*; “Akkadian and Eblaite” (with John Huehnergard) for the *Cambridge Encyclopedia of the World’s Ancient Languages*; and a revision and an expansion of an earlier paper, “The Sun-God Tablet Revisited,” which was submitted to the *Journal of Cuneiform Studies*. Two further articles are in progress, one concerned with the Warka Vase and its relationship to Sumerian literary themes and glyptic, and the other with the god Utu and conceptions of Mesopotamian cosmic geography. Both will be submitted this fall and will appear as festschrift articles. Additionally, Woods has begun work on the 18th and final volume of *Materials for the Sumerian Lexicon* (MSL). He has also collaborated with David Schloen, McGuire Gibson, and Tony Wilkinson on the Modeling Ancient Settlement Systems (MASS) project.

Woods presented a paper at the 213th meeting of the American Oriental Society entitled, “The element *-re* and the organization of Erim-huš.” This is part of a longer project on Sumerian demonstratives, which he hopes to finish this year. In October, Woods gave the inaugural address before the Oriental Institute’s Breasted Society, “Sumerian Writing: Some Problems Relating to Origins, Nature, and Development.”
