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Clemens Reichel

Following his graduation in June 2001, **Clemens Reichel** thoroughly enjoyed his first year of life as a grown-up, working as a Research Associate and Project Coordinator for the Diyala Project (see separate report) at the Oriental Institute. Between September and November 2001 he participated in the Hamoukar excavations in Syria (see separate report) as Assistant Director and site architect. In winter quarter 2002 he co-taught the class “Ancient Near Eastern History 2: Mesopotamia and Iran” with Matthew Stolper.

In 2001/2002, Reichel presented the following papers at national and international conferences or universities: “Textarchaeology and Sealing Practices at the Palace of the Rulers at Tell Asmar: A Functional Analysis of a Mesopotamian Palace” at the Annual Meeting of the American School of Oriental Studies in Boulder, Colorado (November 2001); “Administrative

Complexity at Hamoukar during the Fourth Millennium BC: A View from Seals and Sealings” at the Third International Conference on the Archaeology of the Ancient Near East in Paris (April 2002); “Political Changes versus Cultural Continuity? The Case of Eshnunna between Ur III and Isin/Larsa,” read in New York in the Ancient Near Eastern Seminar at Columbia University and at the Harvard Semitic Museum (February 2002); and “Eshnunna’s ‘Birth as a State’: From Ur III Province to Independence,” read at the History Department of University College London (May 2002).

In June 2002 he submitted his article “Administrative Complexity in Syria during the Fourth Millennium B.C.: the Seals and Sealings from Tell Hamoukar,” to the journal *Akkadica*, together with articles by McGuire Gibson, Tony J. Wilkinson, and Jason Ur. Reichel is revising his dissertation for publication and still hopes to send it off this year.

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