## **Christopher Woods**

This year, Christopher Woods finished a book on grammatical voice in Sumerian, *The Grammar of Perspective: The Sumerian Conjugation Prefixes as a System of Grammatical Voice*. Brill is publishing the book as part of their Cuneiform Monograph series and it should be out by the time of the AOS meeting in Chicago next March. Some aspects of this work ("The Conjugation Prefixes, the Dative Case, and the Empathy Hierarchy in Sumerian") were presented at the 2007 AOS meeting in San Antonio in March, as well as at a conference on grammatical case, *Variations, concurrence et évolution des cas dans divers domaines linguistiques*, held in Paris this past April. Dr. Woods is the fortunate recipient of a Franke Institute Residential Fellowship for the 2007/2008 academic year. The fellowship provides a teaching and administrative reduction so that he may concentrate on his second book project, a study of Sumerian writing from typological and cognitive perspectives. This year, Woods became the editor-in-chief of the *Journal of Ancient Near Eastern Religions*. The journal will now be published bi-annually. The first volume under his direction, 2007/1, appeared as this annual report went to print.

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