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I take great pleasure in reporting that the Chicago Assyrian Dictionary Project has come to a successful conclusion (please see separate report). I began working at the Oriental Institute as a post-doctoral researcher on the project in 1979, and the CAD has dominated my schol-

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arly energies for the last thirty-two years. A guide and history, “How We Wrote the Chicago Assyrian Dictionary,” appeared this year in the *Journal of Near Eastern Studies* 69 (2010): 1–21.

Meanwhile, I have served as dean of the Division of the Humanities since 2007 and have continued to do research and publish in the area of ancient Mesopotamian legal history. Three articles reassessing categories of personal status were submitted to press in 2010–11: “A Note on *mār awīlim* in the Old Babylonian Law Collections” will appear in the conference volume *Dināt mīšarim: Studien zur Setzung und Legitimation des Rechts im Kodex Hammurapi und im Alten Testament*, a special issue of BZAR; “On Persons in the Old Babylonian Law Collections: The Case of *mār awīlim* in Bodily Injury Provisions” will appear in a volume in honor of our colleague Matthew Stolper; and “Errant Oxen, or: The Goring Ox Redux” will appear in a Festschrift for a dear colleague who (I hope) still is not aware of the volume.

In May 2011, I attended a planning session at the University of Cambridge for the launch of a new comparative ancient law series, for which I will be responsible for the Mesopotamian material. This project will occupy more than a dozen scholars of ancient Greek, Roman, Indian, Chinese, Mesopotamian, and Egyptian legal history for several years to come. I look forward to working with colleagues on this new collaborative project.

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