

Scott Branting

Scott Branting began the year by receiving the position of Research Assistant Professor. He also continues to serve as the director of the Center for Ancient Middle Eastern Landscapes (CAMEL), the co-director of the Kerkenes Dağ archaeological project in central Turkey, and a participant in the MASS project. All three of these projects can be found in their separate *Annual Report* sections. He concluded the year anxiously awaiting the imminent birth of his first son.

During 2007–2008 Branting presented papers at the annual meetings of the Archaeological Institute of America, the Society for American Archaeology, in the AGENT 2007: Complex Interaction and Social Emergence Conference, and in the Modeling Mesopotamia Symposium. He gave public lectures in the Oriental Institute Members' Lecture Series (co-sponsored by the Museum of Science and Industry), the Know Your Chicago Program (Graham School of General

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Studies), a series of lectures at the State University of New York at Buffalo (co-sponsored by the Geography and Anthropology Departments and the National Center for Geographic Information and Analysis), an Oriental Institute Museum Docent Lecture, and at the Oriental Institute sponsored by the Oriental Institute and the Chicago Turkish Consulate.

Various articles were also published during the year. These include: "Using an Urban Street Network to Analyze Ancient Activities" in *Computer Applications and Quantitative Methods in Archaeology 2006*; "Geospatial Data and Theory in Archaeology, a view from CAMEL" with J. Trampier in *Space – The Final Frontier? An Intercontinental Approach*; "Urban Studies" with G. Summers in *Kerkenes News 2007*; "Laetoli Pliocene Environments Revisited: Stratigraphic and Taphonomic Context" with C. Musiba, C. Magori, F. Ndunguru, S. Kilindo, D. Kamamba, and R. Tuttle, in *Hominin Environments in the East African Pliocene: An Assessment of the Faunal Evidence*; and "SHULGI: A Geospatial Tool for Modeling Human Movement and Interaction" with Y. Wu, R. Srikrishnan, and M. R. Altaweel in *Proceedings of the Agent 2007 Conference on Complex Interaction and Social Emergence*.
