

Miguel Civil

Miguel Civil's book *The Lexical Texts in the Schøyen Collection* (CDL Press), his third book since retirement, was finally published in August 2010. It is an edition of 186 lexical tablets with the most varied contents, ranging from a Middle Babylonian tablet with the full text of the seventh tablet of HAR-ra, all the way back to a new group of Early Dynastic word lists. His edition of the Laws of Ur-Namma, king of Ur (2112–2095 BC), based on a new source almost contemporary with the promulgation of the laws, has just been published in a book edited by A. R. George, *Cuneiform Royal Inscriptions and Related Texts in the Schøyen Collection* (CDL Press). It is a philological edition, with special emphasis on lexical and grammatical aspects, to make the text of the laws accessible to legal historians. Miguel's minor publications of last year include "Sumerian Compound Verbs: Class II," a paper presented in the 53th Rencontre Assyriologique Internationale in Moscow, and printed in *Language in the Ancient Near East*, volume 1, part 2, edited by L. Kogan (Eisenbrauns). "Ur III as a Linguistic Watershed," a communication presented in the Meeting about Ur III studies (Madrid, July–August 2010), is in press. Miguel's paper in the April 2010 Oriental Institute Workshop on Linguistic Method and Theory, and several minor articles, are ready to go to press. He is working on several projects centered on Sumerian grammar and literary texts, such as an explanation (with the help of the Bible and Hellenistic Greek papyri) of Inanna's "watering with her foot" a sapling in Gilgameš and Enkidu, or an analysis of the verbal forms seen as a combination of a lexical verb with several auxiliaries/preverbs, rather than formed by a root and a string of affixes.
