

John Wee

John Wee is a Provost's Postdoctoral Scholar and Lecturer in the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations (NELC). He organized an international and interdisciplinary symposium on Body and Metaphor in Ancient Medicine (1–3 May 2014) at the Oriental Institute, papers from which are under contract (pending peer review) to be published in Brill's Studies in Ancient Medicine (SAM) series. Besides serving as editor for this symposium volume, he will write its introduction and a chapter on "Invisible Bubbles and Air Streams: Sacred Disease Rhetoric and the Physiology of Intelligence in the Hippocratics."

John's book on *Knowledge and Rhetoric in Medical Commentary: Mesopotamian Commentaries on the Diagnostic Series Sa-gig* will appear in Brill's Culture and History of the Ancient Near East (CHANE) series by early 2015. His articles and essays published in 2014 include "Lugalbanda Under the Night Sky: Scenes of Celestial Healing in Ancient Mesopotamia" (*Journal of Near Eastern Studies*); "Grieving with the Moon: Pantheon and Politics in the Lunar Eclipse" (*Journal of Ancient Near Eastern Religions*); "Case History as Minority Report in the Hippocratic Epidemics I" (Studies in Ancient Medicine series, Brill); and "Phenomena in Writing: Creating and Interpreting Variants of the Diagnostic Series Sa-gig" (Science, Technology, and Medicine in Ancient Cultures series, de Gruyter).

Others awaiting publication in 2015 include "Discovery of the Zodiac Man in Cuneiform" (accepted by *Journal of Cuneiform Studies*); "Babylonian Drawings of Planetary Exaltations (Hypsomata)" (under review); and "The Zodiac Man Gazes on a Virtual Moon: Babylonian Calendar Texts and the Making of Medical Zodiology" (accepted in Time, Astronomy, and Calendars series, Brill). John is also invited to contribute to a volume on *Divination: Science Masked by Religion?* (ed. J. Fincke) and an *ARAM Periodical* issue on astrology, in addition to his essay on "Prognosis and Physician Reputation in Mesopotamian, Egyptian, and Hippocratic Medicine" (Science, Technology, and Medicine in Ancient Cultures series, de Gruyter) for the 2015 volume of the Babmed Project (Freie Universität Berlin).

In the past year, John presented the following conference papers: "Measurements in Babylonian Drawings of Planets and Star Constellations" (24th International Congress of History of Science, Technology and Medicine, Manchester, 22–28 July 2013); "Late Babylonian and Greco-Roman Medical Astrology" (Conference on the Circulation of Astronomical Knowledge in the Ancient World, Brown University, 12–13 April 2014); "Stranger Beasts in the Zodiac: Kalendartexte and the Astrological Table in BM 56605" (39th International Conference on Astrology in the Near East, University of Oxford, 23–24 April 2014); and "Air and the Physiology of Intelligence in the Hippocratics" (Symposium on Body and Metaphor in Ancient Medicine, Chicago, 1–3 May 2014). He gave a public lecture on "Astronomy and Medicine in Ancient Mesopotamia" for the program Adler After Dark: Terra Firma at the Adler Planetarium (Chicago, 15 May 2014). John is preparing to give a lecture on "The Pragmatics of Moon-Sign Charts in Antiquity and the Middle Ages" for a seminar on General Mathematical Practices in the Astral Sciences and Their Relation to / Contrast with Mathematical Sources by the Mathematical Sciences in the Ancient World (SAW) Project at the Université Paris

Diderot (17 October 2014). For these conferences, he received grant assistance from Brown University and the European Research Council.

John continues to work with Prof. Eckart Frahm from Yale University on a digital project that aims to publish searchable cuneiform editions and translations of commentaries online. He is responsible for commentaries on the Diagnostic Series Sa-gig, as well as the astrological omen series Enūma Anu Enlil.
