

### David Testen

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Stems Owing Their Biconsonantality to Laryngeal Loss,” at the Twenty-seventh North American Conference on Afro-Asiatic Linguistics, and “Conjugating the ‘Prefixed Stative’ Verbs of Akkadian,” at the 209th Meeting of the American Oriental Society). He also presented “Traces of a Pre-Ossetian Nominal Suffix Preserved in Early Loanwords” at the first Chicago Conference on Caucasia, held at the University of Chicago.

Testen’s monograph *Parallels in Semitic Linguistics: The Development of Arabic la- and Related Semitic Particles* was published by E. J. Brill. Other publications that appeared over the course of the 1998/99 academic year are “Modern South Arabian ‘nine’” (*Bulletin of the School of Oriental and African Studies*), “Semitic Terms for ‘myrtle’: A Study in Covert Cognates” (*Journal of Near Eastern Studies*), “The Derivational Role of the Semitic N-Stem” (*Zeitschrift für Assyriologie*), “Morphological Observations on the Stems of the Semitic ‘nota accusativi’” (*Archiv für Orientforschung*), “The Phoenician Direct-Object Marker in the Inscription of Yhwmlk” (*Ugarit-Forschungen*), “Arabic Evidence for the Formation of the Verbal Noun of the Semitic Gt-Stem” (*Journal of Semitic Studies*), and “Literary Arabic and Early Hijazi: Contrasts in the Marking of Definiteness,” in *Perspectives on Arabic Linguistics XI*, edited by Elabbas Benmamoun, Mushira Eid, and Niloofar Haeri (John Benjamins). Articles are also forthcoming in *Perspectives on Arabic Linguistics XII*, the *Journal of Near Eastern Studies*, and the Celtic journal *Ériu*.

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