

Martha T. Roth

Martha T. Roth continues to devote most of her scholarly energies to the Chicago Assyrian Dictionary (CAD) project (see separate report). During the 2001/2002 academic year, she also taught two quarters of the elementary Akkadian course, and two quarters on Alalakh texts to advanced students. She delivered a lecture at a conference on “Prostitution in the Ancient World” in Madison, Wisconsin, in April; the proceedings of that conference will appear in a volume published by Routledge Press.

Among the articles which appeared were two in festschrifts for CAD collaborators: “The Because Clause: Punishment Rationalization in Mesopotamian Laws,” in *Veenhof Anniversary Volume: Studies Presented to Klaas R. Veenhof on the Occasion of His Sixty-Fifth Birthday*, edited by W. H. van Soldt, pp. 407–12 (Leiden: Nederlands Instituut voor het Nabije Oosten, 2001); and “^fTašmētu-damqat and Daughters,” in *Assyriologica et Semitica: Festschrift für Joachim Oelsner*, pp. 387–400 (*Alter Orient und Altes Testament* 252; Münster: Ugarit-Verlag, 2000). Another article, “Reading Mesopotamian Law Cases — PBS 5 100: A Question of Filiation,” *Journal of the Economic and Social History of the Orient* 44 (2001): 243–92, serves as an introduction to Roth’s volume in preparation, *Mesopotamian Law Cases*, to appear in the *Writings from the Ancient World* series.

Several articles in press will appear in festschrifts in the next year. Also in press is “Hammurabi’s Wronged Man,” in the *Journal of the American Oriental Society*, a revision of a paper presented at that society’s annual meeting in 2001.

In the autumn, Roth finished collecting publication information on and cataloging the cuneiform tablets in the Smith College Library, Northampton, Massachusetts, thanks to the generous access to the collection provided by Mr. Martin Antonetti, Curator of Rare Books, and Ms. Karen Kukil, Associate Curator of Rare Books. The cuneiform tablet collection had been transferred some years ago from the Religion Department to the Mortimer Rare Book Room, where the tablets are now properly conserved and stored; in the transition, however, documentation was lost and there was no possibility of keeping publication records up-to-date. With the cooperation of colleagues at Yale University, Professor W. W. Hallo and Ms. Ulla Kasten, Associate Curator of the Yale Babylonian Collection, Smith College now has accurate and current information on its tablet holdings.

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