

RESEARCH

**Martha T. Roth**

**Martha T. Roth** continues to devote most of her scholarly energies to the Assyrian Dictionary project (see separate report). During the 2003/04 academic year she chaired sessions at the “Rencontre Assyriologique Internationale” in London in July, and the American Oriental Society Meetings in San Diego in March. In February, 2004, she lectured at University of California at Berkeley on “Prostitution in Babylonia,” and at Stanford University on “Rules and Standards: Approaches to Near Eastern Law.” In the spring, she was co-organizer with Cynthia Miller of the University of Wisconsin, of a symposium on comparative Semitics in honor of our colleague Gene B. Gragg, which will be published by the Oriental Institute. With Walter Farber and Matthew Stolper, and with the editorial expertise of Paula von Bechtolsheim and Linda McLarnan, she will be coediting a volume of papers from Chicago Assyrian Dictionary (CAD) colleagues to honor Robert Biggs, who has been an invaluable member of the CAD team for over forty years; the editors presented Bob with the table of contents at a lovely reception in May. Several articles remain in press, and Roth continues working on a volume of *Law Cases in Mesopotamia* for the Society of Biblical Literature series Writings from the Ancient World (WAW).

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