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During a lengthy period of restricted physical activity following open-heart bypass surgery in June 2001, **John A. Brinkman** began compiling and typing a database for Middle Babylonian prosopography to study the names and careers of individuals living in Babylonia between 1600 and 1150 BC. This is based partially on published texts, but more on unedited archival materials that he has read in museums in the U.S., Canada, Europe, and Western Asia over the past thirty-five years. This task, which is less than half complete, already prints out as more than 375 single-spaced pages listing some 8,500 individuals and more than 21,000 references and is helping significantly to reconstruct archives, especially from Nippur and Dur-Kurigalzu. In December 2001 and again in May 2002, he was able to spend a week working in the tablet collection of the Babylonian Section of the University Museum, Philadelphia, reading additional unpublished texts and revising previous text editions on the basis of newly discovered parallels. After retiring at the beginning of October 2001, Brinkman has again been able to take up the task of editing Neo-Assyrian texts discovered by the Institute's expedition to Khorsabad almost seventy years ago. Articles finished for publication include a thorough revision — the first in twenty-five years — of the Mesopotamian royal chronology tables for

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the Spanish edition of A. Leo Oppenheim's *Ancient Mesopotamia*, a brief note about Middle Assyrian merchants, and a lengthy review of Monika Hölscher's book on Kassite personal names in published texts from Nippur; the latter will appear in *Archiv für Orientforschung*.

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