

Erica Reiner spent the Winter and Spring Quarters of 1990 at The Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, devoting her full time to research on Babylonian prayers and appeals to the stars for good health and good fortune. She lectured on this topic at Columbia University in April, and in Leiden (Netherlands) in February, where she and three other American scholars were awarded honorary degrees on the occasion of the 415th anniversary of the founding of Leiden University. She submitted an article to a planned festschrift and has several other articles in process. The topics for these articles emerged from her discussions with fellow members at The Institute for Advanced Study, especially classicists and historians, since it becomes increasingly evident that research on the ancient Near East can greatly profit from ongoing research in classical literature and religion. In April she returned to Chicago for a week to discuss matters pertaining to the Chicago Assyrian Dictionary, but in the main the editorial duties on the CAD were taken over in her absence by Martha Roth, so that only a minimal number of consultations — by phone or fax — were necessary.