

Martha T. Roth

Martha T. Roth was on leave for part of the previous academic year and returned in the autumn of 1992 to resume her duties as Associate Editor for the Assyrian Dictionary (see separate report, pp. 72–73). In addition to her teaching and committee responsibilities, she devoted some energies to her own research interests. She was pleased to see the long-awaited publication of a major article, “Material Composition of the Neo-Babylonian Dowry,” which appeared in 1992 in *Archiv für Orientforschung* 36/37 (1989/90): 1–55. The article details the composition of the dowry in late first-millennium Babylonia, using information from the dowries of over one hundred and sixty women. Her social and legal investigations of the family were presented in September 1992, in the Purdue University Jewish Studies Lecture Series, in a paper titled “Neo-Babylonian Family and Household.” She was invited to present a lecture to the 40th Rencontre Assyriologique Internationale held in Leiden, the Netherlands, in July 1993, on “The Neo-Babylonian Widow’s Rights of Domiciliation,” a subject that is further explored in an article, “The Neo-Babylonian Widow,” to appear in the *Journal of Cuneiform Studies*. In a departure from her main focus on family history, Roth was invited to present “The Classifications of Knowledge in the Ancient Near East” at a plenary session of the 203rd Meeting of the American Oriental Society, at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, in April 1993. Finally, enabling her to return to the subject of much of her earlier investigations, in the spring Roth was notified that she would be a recipient of a 1993 National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipend, with the project title “Mesopotamian Law Collections.” For this project, she is preparing critical English translations of all the Sumerian and Akkadian collections of laws from Mesopotamia for publication in the series *Writings from the Ancient World*.
