

## INDIVIDUAL RESEARCH

### **Robert Biggs**

**Robert Biggs** has continued his research and writing in the field of Babylonian medicine. His contribution, "Medicine and Public Health in Ancient Mesopotamia," has

appeared in the four-volume work, *Civilizations of the Ancient Near East*, edited by Jack Sasson and published by Scribner's. Another paper, "The Human Body and Sexuality in the Babylonian Medical Texts," is scheduled to appear in a volume on the human body in the ancient Near East being edited by Charles E. Jones and Terry Wilfong. In May 1995 he had the privilege of presenting the William Foxwell Albright Memorial Lecture at Johns Hopkins University, his topic being "From Conception to Old Age in Babylonian Medicine." Biggs was especially pleased at this opportunity since it was Albright's fame as a scholar of the ancient Near East that led him to do his graduate work at Johns Hopkins. He has been invited by a major publisher of scholarly books to prepare a volume on Babylonian medicine. Moving to a different area of research, he also contributed an article on nudity in ancient Mesopotamia to the *Reallexikon der Assyriologie*.

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