

FRANCESCA ROCHBERG-HALTON presented two papers to the American Oriental Society, one on stellar distances in early Babylonian astronomy (Boston, March 1981), and one on celestial divination and its historical context (Midwest branch meeting, Evanston, February 1982). She attended the Rencontre Assyriologique Internationale in Vienna in July 1981, reading a paper on "Fate and Divination in Ancient Mesopotamia." Her dissertation, on the treatment of lunar eclipses in Babylonian celestial omina, with a critical edition of the lunar eclipse texts Enūma Anu Enlil tablets 15-22 is forthcoming in *Texts from Cuneiform Sources* (Augustin publisher). In July 1981 she spent some time collating tablets at the British Museum for a critical edition of the lunar texts of Enūma Anu Enlil (tablets 1-14), on which she is currently working. An article on stellar distances and

early Babylonian astronomy will appear in a forthcoming volume of the *Journal of Near Eastern Studies*. In July 1982 she received notification of her selection as a MacArthur Prize Fellow, a no-strings-attached award of the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation that will allow her essentially complete latitude in the pursuit of her research interests for a five-year period.