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Individual Research Activities

JOHN BRINKMAN John Brinkman was named the Charles H. Swift Distinguished Service Professor in June 1984. He spent the past academic year, as a Guggenheim Fellow, in England and the U.S. doing research on the tribal populations of Babylonia. His book, *Prelude to Empire: Babylonian Society and Politics, 747–626 B.C.*, was published in April by the University Museum (Philadelphia). He gave lectures in Leningrad on the Eastern Arameans, in London on Babylonian demography, and in Ann Arbor on Babylonia's relationship to the Arameans. He submitted several articles for publication, including a discussion of the Middle Assyrian laws and an analysis of an atypical land sale at Nippur during the Dark Ages (late eleventh century B.C.).