

**RESEARCH****Erica Reiner**

In December 1996, **Erica Reiner** attended in London the conference on Concept of Disease in Ancient Babylonia organized by the Wellcome Institute for the History of Medicine in conjunction with the Institute of Jewish Studies, University College London. She gave the Keynote Lecture on Astral Influences on Diseases and Remedies. In London during December and on several trips through March she worked in the Department of Western Asiatic Antiquities of the British Museum collating texts pertaining to ominous phenomena of the planet Jupiter and studied a number of unpublished fragments with celestial omens.

**INDIVIDUAL RESEARCH**

During Hilary Term (January–March) 1997 she was Visiting Fellow at All Souls College, Oxford. She gave a lecture at the College and at the Oriental Institute of the University of Oxford and attended a number of lectures and seminars related to her interests in ancient history. In March at the University of Leiden, she attended the dissertation defense of N. J. C. Kouwenberg, for whose dissertation she and Gene Gragg of the Oriental Institute were the external readers. During her stay in Leiden she also lectured at the University's Institute for the Ancient Near East.

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