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announces the

Ranieri Colloquium on Ancient Studies

Telling Mesopotamian History:

Bringing to Life the Stories of Cuneiform Writing

In Honor of Jack M. Sasson

October 22-23, 2015

Hemmerdinger Hall, Silver Center for Arts and Science, Room 102
32 Waverly Place or 31 Washington Place (wheelchair access)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2015

5:00 P.M.

WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

MATTHEW S. SANTIROCCO, *Senior Vice Provost, Professor of Classics, and Angelo J. Ranieri Director of Ancient Studies, NYU*

DANIEL FLEMING, *Edelman Professor of Hebrew and Judaic Studies, Skirball Department of Hebrew and Judaic Studies, NYU*

5:15 P.M.

KEYNOTE SESSION

Telling Mari History

JEAN-MARIE DURAND, *Académie des Inscriptions et Belles Lettres, Paris; former Chair of Assyriology, Collège de France*

DOMINIQUE CHARPIN, *Chair of Mesopotamian Civilization, Collège de France*

NELE ZIEGLER, *Research Director, Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique*

7:30 P.M.

PUBLIC RECEPTION

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2015

SESSION 1: TELLING THE NEAR EAST

[Chair: Mark Smith, *Skirball Professor of Bible and Ancient Near Eastern Studies, Skirball Department of Hebrew and Judaic Studies, NYU*]

10:00 A.M.

The Kingdom of Ur and Unprovenanced Texts

DAVID OWEN, *Bernard and Jane Schapiro Professor of Ancient Near Eastern and Judaic Studies (emeritus), Cornell University*

10:45 A.M.

International Relations in the Mari Period

BEATE PONGRATZ-LEISTEN, *Professor of Ancient Near Eastern Studies, NYU-ISAW*

11:30 A.M.

Assyriology and the Hebrew Bible: Early Efforts

PETER MACHINIST, *Hancock Professor of Hebrew and Other Oriental Languages, Harvard University*

12:15 P.M.

LUNCH BREAK

SESSION 2: TELLING THE NEAR EAST

[Chair: Lorenzo d'Alfonso, *Associate Professor of Western Asian Archaeology and History, NYU-ISAW*]

1:15 P.M.

Turning Literature into Story

SARA J. MILSTEIN, *Assistant Professor of Hebrew Bible and Ancient Near Eastern Studies, University of British Columbia*

2:00 P.M.

Emar in Late Bronze Age Syria

DANIEL FLEMING, *NYU*

2:45 P.M.

Reflections

JACK M. SASSON, *Mary Jane Werthan Professor of Judaic and Biblical Studies, Vanderbilt University*



This conference is free and open to the public.
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ARTWORK: *L'Ordonnateur du sacrifice*, mural from the Royal Palace at Mari © Musée du Louvre

