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This season the Tucson Society of the AIA is proud to co-sponsor "The Roots of Literacy in the Ancient Near East", a lecture series presented in conjunction with the exhibit "Writings Out of Time" open to the public in Special Collections at the U of A Main Library from September 14 to December 8. "Writings Out of Time" brings together a range of inscribed artifacts from the collections of the Arizona State Museum, demonstrating the rich variety of textual habits in the ancient Near East. The lectures, including a panel of presentations on October 19, unfold the origins and function of writing and touch, as well, on the challenges of archaeological recovery of this material. All members, friends and guests are encouraged to attend the illustrated lectures, wander through the exhibit, and enjoy insights over edibles at the receptions following each presentation. For those coming from off campus, the closest parking garage for the Main Library is the Cherry Avenue Garage, on Cherry south of University. For information about lectures and AIA membership, please contact Alison Futrell at 520-626-8428 or via email at afutrell@u.arizona.edu. For updates on your local AIA, complete with photos of our working reconstructed model of an ancient Greek kiln, visit our website at <http://aiatucson.arizona.edu/>. Many thanks to the Arizona Center for Judaic Studies, especially Beth Alpert Nakhai, for organizing the season's events and, as always, to the Departments of History and Classics.

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Fall 2009 Program

Thursday, October 1
Special Collections, Main Library
3:00 p.m.

Dr. Anne Kilmer, Professor Emerita of Assyriology, University of California at Berkeley
"Ancient Mesopotamian Cuneiform Tablet Archives, Scribes, and the Development of Libraries"

Monday, October 19
Special Collections, Main Library
3:00 p.m.

A panel of presentations by **Dr. Ewa Wasilewska** (University of Utah) *"From Ancient Mesopotamia to Modern Arizona: The First Writing, Indiana Jones and the ASM Basement's Mystery"*; **Dr. Ronald S. Hendel** (University of California at Berkeley), *"The Origins of the Alphabet: from Proto-Sinaitic to Greek"* and **Dr. Richard H. Wilkinson** (University of Arizona), *"Egyptian Hieroglyphs: Writing with Picture and Painting with Words"*

Thursday, October 29
Special Collections, Main Library
4:00 p.m.

Jesse Ballenger, Ph.D. Candidate, Department of Anthropology, University of Arizona
"Archaeological Preservation Efforts and Agonies in Northern Iraq, 2006"

Thursday, November 5
Special Collections, Main Library
4:00 p.m.

Dr. David Owen, Bernard & Jane Schapiro Professor of Ancient Near Eastern and Judaic Studies, Cornell University
"Life and Death on the Estate of a Princess in 21st Century BCE Mesopotamia"

Monday, November 9
Tucson Jewish Community Center (3800 E. River Road at Dodge)
7 p.m.

Dr. William Schniedewind, Kershaw Chair of Ancient Eastern Mediterranean Studies, University of California at Los Angeles
"The Art of Writing in Ancient Israel"
(part of the Shaol Pozez Memorial Lectureship Series, Arizona Center for Judaic Studies)

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