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The University of Saint Joseph presents
“Down to Earth: The Art & Archaeology of Ancient Iraq”
featuring **Professor Dorothy Bosch Keller**
Tuesday, November 5, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.



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Dorothy Bosch Keller, professor and chair of the Department of Fine and Performing Arts at the University of Saint Joseph will deliver a slide and lecture presentation based on her recent travels abroad in “Down to Earth: The Art & Archaeology of Ancient Iraq,” at the University of Saint Joseph in West Hartford on Tuesday, November 5, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

WEST HARTFORD, Conn. (October 15, 2013) – Dorothy Bosch Keller, professor and chair of the Department of Fine and Performing Arts at the University of Saint Joseph will deliver a slide and lecture presentation based on her recent travels abroad in “Down to Earth: The Art & Archaeology of Ancient Iraq.” **Join us on Tuesday, November 5, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in The Bruyette Athenaeum’s Hoffman Auditorium on USJ’s West Hartford campus at 1678 Asylum Avenue. Admission is free of charge and open to the public.** For more information, contact Professor Keller at 860.231.5236 or dkeller@usj.edu.

Iraq, known as ancient Mesopotamia – the land between the two great rivers Tigris and Euphrates – was home to one of the world’s earliest civilizations. To explore such sites as Eridu, Uruk, Ur of the Chaldees, and Babylon is to trace the history of the first cultures to build cities,

invent writing, develop the wheel, and rule the known world. Conquered by Persians, the Macedonian army of Alexander the Great, the armies of the Islamic conquest, the Mongol hordes, and the Ottoman Empire of Turkey, Iraq offers a compendium of astounding archaeological, historical, and religious sites dating from ca. 4,000 B.C.E. to the present. Professor Keller will discuss these points during her presentation noting that while Iraq has experienced extended periods of war and turmoil, a sense of continuity prevails.

A renowned art historian, archaeologist, and photographer, Professor Dorothy Bosch Keller has traveled extensively throughout the Middle East and has participated in numerous excavations. She earned her M.Ed. from the University of Hartford; an M.A. and C.A.G.S. from the University of Saint Joseph; and a B.S. from the University of Hartford Art School. A sought-after speaker for her depth of scholarship and expertise, some of Professor Keller's recent presentations include: "Parisian Life and Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec," at the New Britain Museum of American Art (NBMAA) delivered earlier this year as part of the acclaimed *Lautrec & His World* exhibition; she also presented "A Legacy of Creativity: Celebrating the Weir Family of Artists," at NBMAA in August 2012.

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