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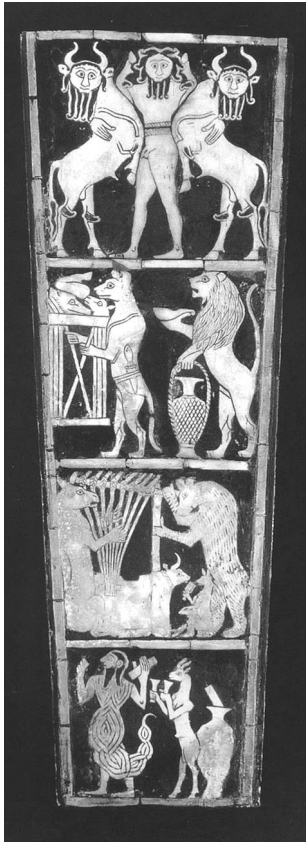
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CATASTROPHE:
Stealing Iraq's (and the World's) Ancient Culture



Since the invasion of 2003, the devastation in Iraq has been staggering. Oriental Institute scholars are deeply concerned about the human suffering of the Iraqi people and the well-being of their friends and colleagues in Iraq. As archaeologists and citizens, they are also alarmed by the continuing destruction of Iraq's cultural heritage. The 2003 looting of the Iraq National Museum in Baghdad was widely reported, but the ongoing and large-scale looting of archaeological sites throughout Iraq is an even greater threat to Iraq's cultural heritage. In the ancient past Iraq was the birthplace of cities, writing, and the wheel. Iraq continued to be a center of world civilization as the homeland of the Sumerian, Assyrian, and Babylonian empires, and the capital of the early Islamic Abbasid empire. This irreplaceable loss of Iraq's cultural heritage is a loss to us all. The speaker will discuss the current state of affairs.



Iraq National Museum

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2012 AT 7:30 PM

Marie Irwin Community Center* • 18120 Highland Avenue, Homewood, Illinois

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