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World-renowned archeologist to speak at Laurier

French archeologist Jean-Claude Margueron will present a public lecture on Tuesday, Sept. 25 at Wilfrid Laurier University in Waterloo.

Margueron, director of studies at the Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes (IVE Section) in Paris, France, will discuss recent discoveries at Mari (Tell Hariri) in Syria and other excavations.

Since 1978, Margueron has been the director of excavations at Tell Hariri, an important city-state of ancient Mesopotamian civilization.

The archeologist has directed several excavations throughout the Middle East, including the 1974-77 mission at Ugarit (Ras Shamra) near the Mediterranean Sea.

Margueron is the author of numerous articles and books on the art and artifacts of the ancient world. His most recent publication is a two-volume work, "Studies on Mesopotamia Palaces of the Bronze Age".

The lecture will begin at 8 p.m. in Room 2-207 of the Central Teaching Building.