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Work of Maxwell Institute to Be Presented at Education Week

Brigham Young University Campus Education Week, slated for August 16–20, 2010, will feature a series of presentations that represent a range of the work done by the Maxwell Institute.

Of significant importance to the Maxwell Institute and BYU is a special presentation entitled “Messiah: Behold the Lamb of God—A Viewing of Episodes 4–7 with Insights from Some of the Contributing Scholars,” which will be held in the auditorium of the Joseph Smith Building at 4:30 PM Tuesday through Friday, August 17–20. This important documentary series premiered on BYU Television earlier this year. Hosts are Paul Y. Hoskisson, John W. Welch, and others to be announced later.

Also from Tuesday through Friday, August 17–20, at 12:30 PM in the Clyde Building, Paul Y. Hoskisson, D. Morgan Davis Jr., Kristian S. Heal, and John L. Gee will present on the topic “The Work of the Neal A. Maxwell Institute at BYU.”

Hoskisson’s presentation, “What People’s Names in Sacred Scripture Can Tell Us: Meanings, Lessons, Cultures, Scripture Sources,” will focus on the meaning of names in antiquity. He suggests that names could be manipulated to illustrate a point or drive home a lesson, names can tell us about the people who carry the name and about the culture that produced the names, and names can even be useful in authenticating the source of sacred scripture. Hoskisson is the director of the Laura F. Willes Center for Book of Mormon Studies and FARMS at the Maxwell Institute.

The topic “The Path of Light and Knowledge from East to West” will be discussed by Davis. He will explore the history of premodern philosophy and science as developed by Arabic-speaking scholars and then later assimilated into the Latin scholastic tradition in Europe, paving the way for the Renaissance. The volumes produced by the Middle Eastern Texts Initiative at the Maxwell Institute are primary sources for telling this story. Davis is the managing editor of the Middle Eastern Texts Initiative at the Maxwell Institute.

Heal’s lecture, “Ancient Traditions about Joseph in Egypt,” describes the efforts of the Maxwell Institute to explore ancient traditions about impor-

tant biblical characters. This presentation focuses on several traditions about the life of Joseph that have been preserved by early Christians. In particular, Heal will discuss what these traditions have to say about Joseph’s father and brothers, about the merchants who took him to be sold in Egypt, about Potiphar and his wife, and about the reunion of Joseph with his family after so many years apart. Heal is the director of the Center for the Preservation of Ancient Religious Texts at the Maxwell Institute.

Gee’s lecture is entitled “Recent Research on the Book of Abraham.” He coordinates Book of Abraham research at the Maxwell Institute and has been involved for several years researching the Book of Abraham. The lecture will discuss several aspects of this recent research. Gee is the William “Bill” Gay Research Professor of Egyptology at the Maxwell Institute.

Daniel C. Peterson will lecture Tuesday through Friday in the Wilkinson Student Center at 4:30 PM. His topic is “Evidences of the Purposes of the Church in Ancient Christianity.” Peterson is the editor in chief of the Middle Eastern Texts Initiative.

All of these presentations are open to Education Week attendees. For more information about BYU Education Week, see ce.byu.edu/ed/edweek. ♦

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