



Press Release

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The World Affairs Council of Jacksonville and UNF have been informed that H.E. Husain Haqqani, Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan to the U.S., will be unable to visit Jacksonville on January 13, 2009 due to urgent requirements related to challenges in the region. His visit is being rescheduled for the spring. The Council and UNF are pleased to announce that author and former culture correspondent for the *New York Times*, Sharon Waxman, will now be speaking on the evening of January 13.

Why are the Elgin Marbles in London and not on the Acropolis? Why do there seem to be as many mummies in France as there are in Egypt? Why are so many Etruscan masterworks in America? For the past two centuries, the West has been removing the treasures of the ancient world to fill its great museums, but in recent years, the countries where ancient civilizations originated have begun to push back, taking museums to court, prosecuting curators, and threatening to force the return of these priceless objects. Where do these treasures rightly belong?

Ms. Waxman will discuss her latest book, "*Loot: The Battle over the Stolen Treasures of the Ancient World*", on Tuesday, Jan. 13, 7:30 p.m. at the UNF University Center, bringing us to the heart of the conflict over who should own the great works of ancient art, examining the implications for the preservation of the objects themselves and how we understand our shared cultural heritage.

Join us at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 13, at UNF's University Center. Complimentary tickets are required. World Affairs Council members can reserve tickets through the Council's office at (904) 280-8162. Tickets can also be reserved at www.unf.edu or (904) 620-2117.

This event is sponsored by Water Street Capital.

Please see the attached bio and photo for Ms. Waxman.

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