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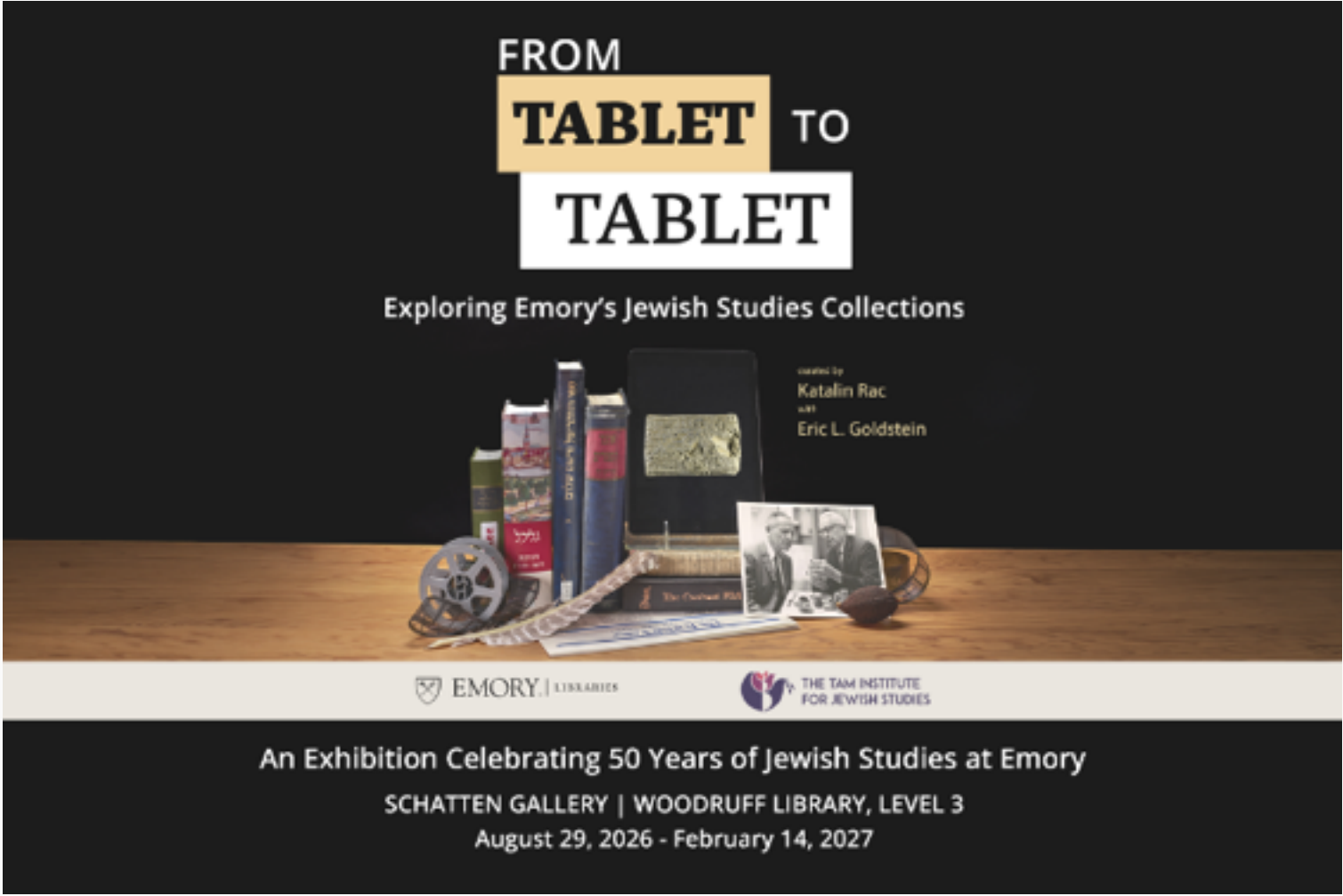
Reminder and new location: Artist & Influence with Clifton Davis and Tayari Jones is Aug. 27

Actor and composer Clifton Davis will be the special guest in the Rose Library’s fourth annual Billops-Hatch Artist & Influence Series at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 27, at White Hall on the Emory University campus. Bestselling author Tayari Jones will interview him. The event is open to the public at no charge, but seats are going fast. [Registration](#) and early arrival are strongly encouraged. Doors open at 5 p.m.

Please note the venue has changed to rooms 208 and 205 in White Hall, 301 Dowman Dr., on the Emory campus. The closest parking is the Oxford Road deck.

Davis, who stars in the CBS soap opera “Beyond the Gates,” is also a singer, composer, producer, and minister. He has appeared on television shows including “Madam Secretary,” “Godfather of Harlem,” and “Amen.” Jones is the Charles Howard Candler Professor of Creative Writing at Emory University. She is the author of five novels, including the New York Times bestseller “An American Marriage,” and most recently, “Kin.”

The interview will be added to the Artist & Influence recorded interview series in the Billops-Hatch Archives in the Rose Library. Camille Billops and Jim Hatch started the salon-style series in their loft in the late 1960s, hosting a who’s-who of African American arts and welcoming art lovers into their home to listen as the interviews were recorded. [Read this article](#) about the history of the series and its archive of interviews.



Save the date for our next big exhibition opening

Mark your calendar for Thursday, Sept. 17 at 7 p.m., when Emory Libraries will host the opening event for our new exhibition, “From Tablet to Tablet: Exploring Emory’s Jewish Studies Collections,” in the Schatten Gallery on Level 3 of the Robert W. Woodruff Library at Emory University.

The evening begins with a welcome from Vice Provost of Libraries, Museum, and Emory Center for Digital Scholarship Valeda Dent, followed by remarks from [Tam Institute for Jewish Studies](#) director Ellie R. Schainker and exhibition curators Eric Goldstein, associate professor of history and Jewish studies at Emory, and Katalin Rac, Jewish studies librarian.

The event includes a reception and time to explore the exhibition, which opens Aug. 29. “From Tablet to Tablet” demonstrates how Jewish studies intersects with other fields, including literature, history, the arts, medicine, archeology, and more. Fascinating artifacts on display include a 4,000-year-old cuneiform tablet, a rare religious book published in 1492 that bears the printer’s fingerprint, a reprint of the 19th century mystical *Zohar* work with handwritten notes by the author, and many other items.

[Read the article](#) on the exhibition and [register](#) for the opening event.



Making our web pages more accessible

For many years, Emory Libraries has worked to make its websites more accessible while helping content editors understand how to create more inclusive digital experiences.

Recently, our web content governance group compiled a staff training series on the basics of web accessibility. Developed by Cari Lovins, director of Digital Programs and Client Services, and web content strategist Colin Bragg, the training covered accessibility principles, common content issues, best practices, and techniques for writing effective web content.

Content editors then began testing pages across the websites, reviewing roughly 800 pages and flagging them for improvements. To learn more about the group’s next steps and the collaborative efforts to make effective changes, [read the blog](#) by Colin Bragg.



Rose Library to hold open house on Oct. 21

There is more to the [Stuart A. Rose Library](#) than that stunning view of Atlanta! Located on the 10th floor of the Robert W. Woodruff Library building, the Rose is home to rare and unique materials relating to Black history, English language literature and poetry, Emory history, and political, cultural, and social movements.

A selection of exciting new acquisitions will be on display during Rose Library’s Open House on Wednesday, Oct. 21. This is also an opportunity to meet new staff, explore the 10th floor, learn about the Emory Oral History Program, and more! Stay tuned for more information in the coming weeks.



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