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LIFE, WORKS OF RACINE RECOUNTED IN PUBLIC LECTURE

The life and plays of French literary giant Jean Baptiste Racine will be celebrated Wednesday, Oct. 13 in Santa Barbara when renowned Racine scholar Antoine Compagnon commemorates the 300th anniversary of the great dramatist's death with a talk titled, "Racine and the Moderns."

Compagnon will speak at 6:30 p.m. at the Santa Barbara Museum of Art. The talk will be given in English, the public is invited and admission is free.

Both the Blanche W. Knopf Professor of French and Comparative Literature at Columbia University and a professor of French literature at the Sorbonne in Paris, Compagnon will be part of a large international gathering of Racine scholars at the University of California, Santa Barbara Oct. 14, 15 and 16.

The colloquium -- closed to the public and given almost entirely in French -- will feature new scholarly investigations and interpretations of the work of the master French writer, sometimes called the Shakespeare of France.

The conference is organized by Ronald Tobin, UCSB Associate Vice Chancellor, Academic Programs and a professor in the university's Department of French and Italian.

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