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Distinguished teacher, productive scholar and editor, eminent historian of this region, he stands today at the forefront of that great humanistic tradition which, beginning with Herodotus, has continued unbroken to the present, and he is an honored representative of that profession which, to use the words of Thucydides, seeks to give "an exact knowledge of the past as a key to the future."

For his achievements in this great area of human learning, the University delights to honor one of her native sons.

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