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Syracuse University Library cuneiform collection in CDLI

The Special Collections Research Center of the Syracuse University Library is pleased to announce a new partnership with the Cuneiform Digital Library Initiative (CDLI), based at UCLA.

In June 2011, UCLA graduate student Michael Heinle was able to scan 489 cuneiform artifacts that are held by Special Collections as part of a digitization mission through upstate New York. Syracuse University's artifacts have now been added to CDLI pages and are viewable at <http://tinyurl.com/44az34g>. All texts are Sumerian administrative documents, with the exception of one letter (<<http://www.cdli.ucla.edu/P131033>>).

The 489 cuneiform artifacts in the Special Collections of the Syracuse University Library are exclusively Ur III records, and were previously published by Marcel Sigrist in his 1983 volume "Textes économiques néo-sumériens de l'Université de Syracuse".

The imaging and image processing were made possible by funding from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, and are part of the on-going mission of CDLI to ensure the long-term digital preservation of ancient inscriptions on cuneiform tablets, and, in furtherance of cuneiform research, to provide persistent, free global access to all available text artifact data.

For more information, contact Sean M. Quimby, Director of Special Collections at Syracuse University Library or Robert K. Englund, Director, CDLI.