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TO: John Jay College Community

FROM: Oswald E. Fraser, AVP for Administration

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RE: Passing of Dr. Israel Rosenfield

We are saddened to announce the passing of Dr. Israel Rosenfield, Professor of History at John Jay College of Criminal Justice, the City University of New York, on October 11, 2022. For more than 5 decades, Dr. Rosenfield taught world history and history of science courses at John Jay College of Criminal Justice. Professor Rosenfield was a renowned scholar whose articles appeared for many years in The New York Review of Books. Among his books that were translated into numerous languages (including French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Brazilian, Greek, Dutch, Japanese, and Chinese) were The Invention of Memory: A New View of the Brain (1988 Basic Books); The Strange, Familiar and Forgotten: An Anatomy of Consciousness (1992 Knopf); and DNA for Beginners (with Edward Ziff, 1984, Norton). In 2000 Prof. Rosenfield published the satirical novel Freud's "Megalomania" (Norton), which was cited as a New York Times Notable Book of the Year.

We have lost an outstanding individual who contributed so much to John Jay, to his students, and to his colleagues. We send our deepest condolences to the Rosenfield family and friends on their loss.

