

OctavFest 2019



Professor Travis McDade

Curator of Law Rare Books and Associate Professor of Library Service at the University of Illinois College of Law.

This year's Octavofest guest speaker is Travis McDade, the country's foremost expert on crimes against rare books, maps, documents, and other printed cultural heritage resources. He is the author of several books on the subject: *The Book Thief: The True Crimes of Daniel Spiegelman*; *Thieves of Book Row: New York's Most Notorious Rare Book Ring and the Man Who Ended it*; *Disappearing Ink: The Insider, the FBI, and the Looting of the Kenyon College Library*; and *Torn From Their Bindings: A Story of Art, Science, and the Pillaging of American University Libraries*.

Theft of Cultural Heritage Objects: Legal Response

October 10, 2019, 11:30 to 1:00
Cleveland State University
Michael Schwartz Library
Rhodes Tower, Room 501
1860 East 22nd Street,
Cleveland

Professor McDade will begin this program with a general discussion of his research, books, and his latest project, with a primary

focus on how thefts of valuable rare books have been handled by the law. This discussion will utilize the 2007, [6th Circuit case of the United States vs. Charles Thomas Allen, II, et al.](#)

(<http://www.opn.ca6.uscourts.gov/opinions.pdf/08a0062p-06.pdf>) concerning the theft of valuable rare books from the special collections library at Transylvania University (Lexington, KY) as an example of how the law handles the theft of cultural heritage objects. Law, library and information science, anthropology, museum studies, and art students will find this program of interest, as well as professionals in these fields, and other individuals who value the preservation of our cultural heritage. A documentary film concerning this theft, *American Animals*, was released in 2018.

Registration and Parking

The event is free but registration is encouraged. Parking can be reserved for \$8.00. For details, visit <https://EngagedScholarship.csuohio.edu/octavofest/2019/all/6/> or email b.i.loomis@csuohio.edu (subj. line: Octavofest)

The Looting of the Kenyon College Library

October 11, 2019, 7:00-9:00 PM
Appletree Books, 12419 Cedar Rd
Cleveland Heights

In this program, Mr. McDade will discuss the theft of hundreds of rare items from the Kenyon College Library by one of their employees. This bizarre theft occurred over several years in the 1990s. Mr. McDade has written about this theft in *Disappearing Ink: The insider, the FBI, and the looting of the Kenyon College Library*. Mr. McDade will talk briefly about his most recent research as well as mention some of his other work.

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