Come Join Us for a book talk!

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4:00 pm Wine & Cheese RECEPTION

Special Collections Book Display

5:00 pm Talk Begins

OTHER PEOPLE’S BOOKS:

COLLECTING 18TH CENTURY “ASSOCIATION COPIES”

Serious “collectors” most often value their books not only or even primarily as objects, although they are often beautiful works of paper, print and leather. The contents of the books are usually what first draws the collector, and often, after a time, the provenance. It is exciting to own a first edition of a book by James Boswell, or Samuel Johnson; that excitement is enhanced if it is an “association” copy, a book associated with the author or another notable person in some way. Thus, owning books actually handled by Boswell, from his own shelves, tells us much about the man himself – what he read, what he thought important. Mr. Ruxin’s talk will focus on a few of these books, and what we learn about Johnson’s great biographer from the biography of his own books.

Paul T. Ruxin, a partner in the Chicago and Cleveland offices of Jones Day, is one of the foremost private collectors of the works of Samuel Johnson, James Boswell and their circle, and a frequent speaker at meetings on literary and bibliophilic subjects. He is a member of the Rowfant Club of Cleveland, The Chicago Literary Club, The Caxton Club of Chicago, and the Grolier Club of New York. He is also a member of the Association Internationale de Bibliophilie, the Editorial Committee of the Yale Editions of the Private Papers of James Boswell, and the Board of Governors of the Folger Shakespeare Library of Washington, D.C.

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