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“NEW COVENANTS” SYMPOSIUM ON FEB. 1 EXPLORES SPECIAL COLLECTIONS RESPONSIBILITIES AND NEW FRONTIERS

The Metro Atlanta special collections community is invited to gather Feb. 1 at Emory University for a symposium on current issues in special collections.

“New Covenants in Special Collections: A Symposium on Obligations and Opportunities,” will be of interest to faculty members, students and scholars from area universities and colleges; library and museum staffs; and members of foundations that fund work in special collections, says symposium organizer Steve Enniss, director of Emory’s Manuscript, Archives and Rare Book Library.

“Institutions that care for special collections -- which can range from traditional paper-based archives to digital files -- have responsibilities to those who create the items,” Enniss said. “We also have responsibilities to students and scholars around the world, and to our local Atlanta community. This conference addresses how best to serve our myriad audiences, and how to prepare for new challenges.”

Topics to be addressed include

- Incorporating special collections materials into undergraduate education – Emory’s Ronald Schuchard and Rudoloph Byrd.
- Teaching with literary manuscripts and historical documents -- Laura Clark Brown of UNC-Chapel Hill, and David Pavelich of the University of Chicago.
- The challenges of born-digital archives, with particular reference to the four computers that came to Emory as a part of the Salman Rushdie archive – Matthew Kirschenbaum of the University of Maryland and Erica Farr of Emory.
- Finding and funding hidden archives – David Stam, university librarian emeritus, Syracuse University, and Trustee of the Delmas Foundation.

The conference wraps up with an informal conversation between the celebrated international author Salman Rushdie and Rosemary Magee, vice president and secretary of Emory University.

The conference is free and open to the public; lunch is on your own. All of the talks, with the exception of the Rushdie conversation, will be held in the J.W. Jones Room, third floor of the Robert W. Woodruff Library, 540 Asbury Circle, Atlanta, GA 30322. The Rushdie conversation
is scheduled for the reception hall of the Michael C. Carlos Museum, 571 South Kilgo Circle
Atlanta, Georgia 30322.

For a complete schedule, visit the symposium’s website. For more information, contact Donna
Bradley at 404.727.7620 number or libdeb@emory.edu.

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