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**The WASHINGTON RARE BOOK GROUP
invites you to join us for a visit to
The Special Collections Research Center at
GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY LIBRARY
And its exhibition of “A Swinburne gallimaufry”
in the Lauinger Library, 5th floor
TUESDAY, OCT. 27, 2009
6:00-7:30 p.m.**

Join us for an evening with the “bad boy” of Victorian-era poetry, Charles Algernon Swinburne (1837-1909)! Infamous in his own day for his dissolute life-style, radical opinions, and shocking poetry, Swinburne was more complex than his reputation would suggest, as the exhibition “A Swinburne gallimaufry: Selections from the John S. Mayfield papers,” at Georgetown University Library’s Special Collections Research Center, demonstrates.

The Center’s Head, and our host, Dr. John Buchtel will greet us with an overview of the special collections at Georgetown and an introduction to the John S. Mayfield collection from which the exhibition is drawn. A bibliophile and collector of rare books and manuscripts by 19th-century English and American authors, Mayfield left a career in government and business to become the curator of rare books at Syracuse University and, after his retirement, a trustee of the Georgetown University Library. He amassed the largest private collection of Swinburne’s works, among other interests, and his discoveries made important contributions and corrections to literary bibliography, notably a refutation of Victorian bibliographer (and forger) Thomas J. Wise’s work on the poet.

The viewing of the exhibition, during which Dr. Buchtel will expand his introductory remarks and answer questions, will be followed by wine and hors d’oeuvres. There will be a charge of \$10 per person; please send your check, made out to the Washington Rare Book Group or WRBG, to

Carol Clausen, 8315 N. Brook Lane, Bethesda MD 20814. Please also remember to include the name(s) of any guest(s). You can contact Carol at cclausen1@verizon.net or by telephone at (301) 654-4719. **The deadline for RSVPs is Wednesday, Oct. 21.**

We will gather at the Center on the 5th floor of Georgetown University’s Lauinger Library. Please note that **you will need a picture ID to enter the Lauinger Library**. From the campus’s main entrance at 37th & O Streets, the Library is the big building on the left across the lawn. For driving directions and parking, see <http://www.library.georgetown.edu/visiting/parking>. But we urge participants to use

public transportation and the University's shuttle bus that connects the campus with several Metro stations; for more information see <http://otm.georgetown.edu/guts/>.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Leslie K. Overstreet

President, WRBG

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