



# CREATURES IN MEDIÉVAL & EARLY MODERN BOOKS

Forms, Functions, & Artistic Fantasy

with **Dr. Christopher Platts**

**DATE**: Thursday, September 19th

**TIME**: 12:30 pm

**LOCATION**: Hebrew Union College Klau Library and Online

Whether scary or serene, malicious or benevolent, creatures were often represented on the pages of medieval and early modern books. In this introductory lecture to the exhibition, *Tales of Imaginary Creatures in Medieval and Renaissance Rare Books and Manuscripts*, we explore the forms and functions of these fantastic beings, which appear not only in the margins, but also as the focus of religious and secular books alike. Relevant themes include the relationship (or lack there-of) between text and image and the role of artistic imagination in book decoration.

Accompanying the talk, the HUC Klau Library, in collaboration with the University of Cincinnati's John Miller Burnam Classics Library, is hosting an exhibition of medieval and early modern books which vividly depict a variety of imaginary creatures from antiquity to the renaissance.



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