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Cordially invite you to attend

The inaugural David N. Redden Lecture

"David Redden: From the Rooms to the Globe"

Werner Gundersheimer, Director Emeritus, The Folger Shakespeare Library

Monday, October 28, 2019 6 pm

A reception will follow the lecture at 7 pm

The Grolier Club

47 East 60th Street (between Park and Madison Avenue)

New York City

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Please reserve as soon as possible as space is extremely limited.

Born in Frankfurt-am-Main in 1937, **Werner Gundersheimer** escaped with his parents in August, 1939. He first encountered the cadences of English prose in St. Nicholas's Church on Chipping Hill in Witham, Essex, where the family spent nearly a year on a transit visa. Gundersheimer became an American citizen in 1945, and was educated in the public schools (in the American sense) of suburban Philadelphia. He was graduated magna cum laude from Amherst College (1959) and received a Ph.D. in history (1963) from Harvard. From 1966 to 1984, he taught early modern European history at the University of Pennsylvania, and has also been a visiting professor at Amherst, Williams, and Swarthmore colleges, and at Wisconsin, Tel-Aviv, Johns Hopkins, and George Washington Universities.

His scholarly publications concern numerous topics in French and Italian intellectual and cultural history, 1300-1600. In 1984, Gundersheimer was appointed Director of the Folger Shakespeare Library, where he served until 2002, retiring as Director Emeritus. Gundersheimer holds five honorary doctorates. He has been president of the National Humanities Alliance and the Independent Research Libraries Association, and Chairman of the Trustees of the Rosenbach Museum & Library. He is a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and a member of the American Philosophical Society.

He lives in Sarasota, Florida with his wife of 56 years, the noted children's writer and illustrator Karen Gundersheimer. The couple have two sons – Joshua, a pediatrician, and Benjamin, also known as "Mister G," the Grammy-winning children's singer/songwriter.