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LOREN ROTHSCHILD NAMED TO HUNTINGTON BOARD OF TRUSTEES



Loren Rothschild

SAN MARINO, Calif.—Loren Rothschild, Los Angeles business executive and a rare book collector, has been named to the Board of Trustees of The Huntington Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens. He fills a position on the five-member board recently vacated by Trustee Peter Barker, who served for nine years.

Rothschild has served for the past 18 years on The Huntington’s Board of Overseers; that body of more than 60 individuals advises the Trustees in the governance of the institution.

“Loren brings with him a deep and abiding sense of responsibility and enthusiasm for The Huntington,” said Steven S. Koblik, president of The Huntington. “He has long been passionate about the institution and actively engaged in its governance. We are most fortunate to have him involved at this level.” Rothschild was appointed by the four other

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Trustees: Stewart Smith, chair of the board; Paul Haaga; Anne Rothenberg; and Geneva Thornton.

Rothschild and his wife, Frances, gave The Huntington a major work of art three years ago—“Blinking Sam” by Sir Joshua Reynolds—the famous 1775 portrait of Samuel Johnson that now hangs in the Huntington Art Gallery. It is his interest in books and book collecting, however, that has fueled his passion for the institution. Rothschild has long been a collector and scholar of the works of Samuel Johnson, W. Somerset Maugham, and Sir Richard Burton. He helped assemble an exhibition at The Huntington last spring, “Samuel Johnson: Literary Giant of the Eighteenth Century,” composed of items from the Rothschild collection as well as Huntington materials.

Rothschild is co-editor of the publication *William Somerset Maugham: A Catalogue of the Loren & Frances Rothschild Collection*; the editor of *The Letters of William Somerset Maugham to Lady Juliet Duff*; and author of *Blinking Sam: The True History of Sir Joshua Reynolds’s 1775 Portrait of Samuel Johnson* and *Johnson’s Dictionary*, among other scholarly publications.

He is president of Sycamore Hill Capital Group LLC, a private investment firm with locations in San Francisco and Los Angeles. His wife is an associate justice on the California Court of Appeal.

Born in 1938, Rothschild attended the University of California, Berkeley, from 1956 to 1958 and then transferred to UCLA, where he received a Bachelor of Arts with highest honors. He received his law degree from Harvard University in 1963. Rothschild served as a law clerk to Justice Mathew Tobriner of the California Supreme Court and was a partner in the law firm Fogel, Reinhardt, Rothschild, and Feldman. In 1985 he was appointed president of American Protection Industries, a California company that owned several businesses, including the Franklin Mint, Teleflora, and Paramount Agribusiness, a position he held until 1992.

At The Huntington, he serves on Art Collections Committee, the Finance Committee, and is a member and past chair of the Library Committee and Library Collectors’ Council, the donor group that raises funds for and helps select new acquisitions of rare books and manuscripts.

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About The Huntington

The Huntington Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens is a collections-based research and educational institution serving scholars and the general public. More information about The Huntington can be found online at www.huntington.org.

Visitor information

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