

THE BOOKSELLERS

Panel Bios

Dan Dwyer

Before becoming a rare bookseller, Dan Dwyer started out in politics, working as a research assistant for the first Senate Committee that investigated federal intelligence operations and then as advanceman for Carter's 1976 campaign. Following Carter's election, Dan worked for the White House press office and, later in the administration, for a Carter-sponsored public and private sector initiative. He took a break from politics while working for CBS Inc. for several years, but threw his hat back in the political sphere in the 1990s when he ran twice for Connecticut State Senate. It was during this time that Dan began collecting books. Before long, he was selling them, and Johnnycake Books was born. Dan became an ABAA member in 2006. Johnnycake Books Inc. is located in Salisbury, CT and specializes in Architecture, Applied & Decorative Arts, Literature, Gardens, Horticulture, and Modern Art.

Dan Wechsler

A native New Yorker, Dan Wechsler is a rare bookseller, publisher and filmmaker. His documentary MORE THAN THE RAINBOW premiered at DOC NYC in 2012 and later screened as the opening night film at the Coney Island Film Festival where it won the award for Best Documentary. It was released in 2013 by First Run Features. In 2015, Wechsler and George Koppelman wrote and published Shakespeare's Beehive, an account of an extraordinary annotated dictionary. Going back years, ever since he began working in the world of rare books he imagined making a film that would embrace the subject. Since 2001 he has owned and operated Sanctuary Books.

<https://sanctuaryrarebooks.com/>

Heather O'Donnell

Heather O'Donnell grew up in the library stacks and bookstore aisles of suburban Delaware. In 1989, she moved to New York City, where she studied English at Columbia, and held down a series of bookish jobs on the side: working the cash register at the Strand, shelving photobooks in the Avery Library, sifting the slush pile at *Grand Street*. While writing her doctoral dissertation in the Yale English department, Heather worked as a curatorial assistant at the Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library. From 2001 to 2004, she joined the Princeton Society of Fellows, then left academia to pursue the rare book trade full-time. For seven years, she worked as a bookseller in the New York gallery of Bauman Rare Books, dealing in a wide range of material, from incunabula to modern firsts. In the fall of 2011, she founded Honey & Wax Booksellers in Brooklyn. In 2017, she and Rebecca Romney established the annual Honey & Wax Book Collecting Prize of \$1000 for a young woman book collector. Heather is a member of the Grolier Club, the Antiquarian Booksellers' Association of America (ABAA), the International League of Antiquarian Booksellers (ILAB), and a graduate of the Colorado Antiquarian Book Seminar and Rare Book School. She serves on the ABAA Board of Governors, the faculty of the Colorado Antiquarian Book Seminar, and the Vetting Committee of the New York Winter Antiques Show.

David Bergman

David Bergman has been dealing in general antiquarian stock with specialties in natural history, paleontology, decorative arts, trade catalogs since 1989. He's drawn to anything unusual and off the beaten track. Like most of us, David never really had any thoughts of becoming a rare book dealer, but through a series of unlikely events, here he is. A degree in English literature will do that. David served his apprenticeship in a small used bookstore in Queens and has been on his own since 1989, exhibiting at trade shows and quoting books left and right. David specializes in books that reflect his own interests, zoology and paleontology books and the decorative arts. He will, of course, "...buy and sell anything I can get my grubby mitts on." Somehow it all works.