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The Northern Illinois University Art Museum is excited to present upcoming programming in conjunction with our exhibition *Looting, Hoarding, Collecting... Museums and Repatriation*, organized by graduate students in the NIU Museum Studies Certificate Program. All events will take place on the NIU campus, and are free and open to the public.

As a part of the museum’s ongoing lecture series, NIU Professors will address the issue of cultural looting. On **Tuesday, April 8th, 2014** NIU Associate Professor of Art History, **Sinclair Bell**, will present his lecture entitled “Looting the Past, Robbing the Future: A Classical Archaeologist’s Perspective” in **Altgeld Hall rm. 315, from 4:00 – 5:15pm**. On **Thursday, April 16th, 2014**, NIU Associate Professor of Art History and Director of the Center for Burma Studies, **Catherine Raymond**, will give her lecture “From DeKalb Back to Burma: The Saga of the Looted Buddha” addressing NIU’s brush with international looting and repatriation. Professor Raymond’s talk will be held in **Altgeld Hall rm. 315, from 5:00 – 5:50pm**.

Additionally, the museum will present back to back lectures on the subject of looting by visiting scholars **Jack Green** and **Katharyn Hanson** on **Wednesday, April 16th, 2014 in Altgeld Hall rm. 315, from 5:00 – 7:00pm**. Green’s lecture, “Looted Heritage and the Museum: The Role of Unprovenienced Objects within Archaeological Collections” will be presented first, directly followed by Hanson’s presentation “Looting and Loss: Cultural Heritage in Iraq and Syria”.

Jack Green is Chief Curator and Research Associate at the Oriental Institute Museum, University of Chicago. Before joining the staff at the Oriental Institute, Green worked as a Curator at the Ashmolean Museum at University of Oxford (2007 - 2011) where he oversaw the display of Ancient Near East collections. Katharyn Hanson is the Visiting Manager and a lecturer for the Archaeological Site Preservation Program at the Iraqi Institute for the Conservation of Antiquities and Heritage in Erbil, Iraq. She also serves as the Secretary of the U.S. Committee of the Blue Shield—a global, non-governmental agency established to protect cultural artifacts in times of war or in response to natural disasters.

The NIU Art Museum is located on the first floor, west end of Altgeld Hall, on the campus of Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL, 60115. Hours are Tuesday through Friday 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and Saturday from 12:00 – 4:00 p.m. Group tours may be arranged by appointment. More information about our exhibitions and programming can be found on our website: www.niu.edu/artmuseum.

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