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A Frederic Ewen Lecture in Civil Liberties and Academic Freedom

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## Jefferson's Moose and the Laws of Cyberspace



Jefferson -- Jefferson the scientist and natural historian, the less-familiar Jefferson of "Notes on the State of Virginia" -- has a great deal to teach us about the Internet and its law. Jefferson's search for the natural laws of size and scale -- epitomized by the moose that he had shipped to Paris while serving as US Ambassador to France -- helped him unlock some important secrets about human society, and about the nature and the design of human institutions, and the moose sent a message to the Old World that we would do well to heed today.

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**12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

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Brooklyn College Library, Room 411**

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