

# Rare Book School Receives Mellon Foundation Grant to Support Fellowships in Critical Bibliography

## Fellowship program seeks to reinvigorate bibliographical studies within the humanities

Charlottesville, VA, October 17, 2013 – Rare Book School (RBS) at the University of Virginia has been awarded a \$783,000 grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation to extend and augment its three-year fellowship program, the Andrew W. Mellon Fellowship of Scholars in Critical Bibliography, which was established in 2012 through funding from the Foundation. The aim of the program is to reinvigorate bibliographical studies within the humanities. RBS selected its first twenty Mellon Fellows in the spring of 2013, and will admit an additional twenty fellows to the program in the spring of 2014.

The Mellon Fellowships at Rare Book School will enable a select group of doctoral candidates, postdoctoral fellows, and junior faculty in the humanities to receive advanced, intensive training in the analysis of textual artifacts. Led by a distinguished faculty drawn from the bibliographical community and professionals in allied fields, fellows will attend annual research-oriented seminars at Rare Book School and at major special collections libraries nationwide. Fellows will also receive stipends to support research-related travel to special collections, and additional funds to host academic symposia at their home institutions.

“I am grateful to the Foundation for its generous support of our Mellon Fellowship program, which seeks to help early-career humanities scholars incorporate bibliographical and book-historical methods into their research and teaching,” said RBS Director Michael F. Suarez, S.J. “We intend to build on the successes of the first phase of our Mellon Fellowship program by encouraging a more extensive collaborative dialogue among our fellows, who will continue to represent a wide variety of disciplines, ranging from musicology and the digital humanities to art history and American studies.”

The deadline for application to join the program’s second cohort of fellows is December 2, 2013. More information about the Andrew W. Mellon Fellowship of Scholars in Critical Bibliography is available at: <http://www.rarebookschool.org/fellowships/mellon>.

### **About Rare Book School (RBS)**

Rare Book School provides continuing-education opportunities for students from all disciplines and levels to study the history of written, printed, and born-digital materials with leading scholars and professionals in the fields of bibliography, librarianship, book history, manuscript studies, and the digital humanities. Founded in 1983, RBS moved to its present home at the University of Virginia in 1992. RBS is a not-for-profit educational organization affiliated with the University of Virginia. More information about RBS is available on its website: <http://www.rarebookschool.org>.

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