

# Rare Book School Awards 20 Mellon Fellowships in Critical Bibliography

## New fellowship program seeks to reinvigorate bibliographical studies within the humanities

Charlottesville, VA, March 8, 2013 – Rare Book School (RBS) at the University of Virginia has awarded twenty fellowships in critical bibliography to early-career scholars. The fellows will participate in a three-year program, the Andrew W. Mellon Fellowship of Scholars in Critical Bibliography, whose aim is to reinvigorate bibliographical studies within the humanities.

The 20 RBS-Mellon Fellows were chosen from a field of 250 applicants in the humanities, affiliated with institutions throughout the United States. Their many and various areas of specialization include: English literature, medieval art history, early Christianity, history of science, architecture, historical musicology, East Asian studies, rhetoric, and Islamic law. Six of the fellowship recipients are assistant professors or instructors; three hold postdoctoral positions; and 11 are doctoral candidates.

RBS-Mellon Fellows will 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 receive stipends to support research-related travel to special collections, and additional funds to host academic symposia at their home institutions.

“We are delighted to welcome the RBS-Mellon Fellows to Rare Book School, as we believe they are well on their way to becoming leaders in their respective fields. We hope to advance the work of these enormously talented and innovative scholars by giving them a comprehensive understanding of bibliographical and book-historical methods, and by equipping them with resources that will enable them to share their knowledge with others,” said RBS Director Michael F. Suarez, S.J. “I am deeply grateful for the support that the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation has provided to make this fellowship program possible.”

More information about the 2013–2016 RBS-Mellon Fellows, and 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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