

# Rare Book School Awards 20 Mellon Fellowships in Critical Bibliography

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

Charlottesville, VA, May 5, 2014 – Rare Book School (RBS) at the University of Virginia has awarded a second cohort of 20 fellowships in critical bibliography to early-career academics. 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 highly competitive field of applicants, representing many of the outstanding institutions of higher learning in the U.S. These gifted scholars come from a broad spectrum of departments, including archaeology, art history, Classics, comparative literature, English, Germanic Studies, history, Italian Studies, Latin American and Iberian Cultures, linguistics, medieval studies, and philosophy. Eleven of the fellowship recipients are assistant professors or instructors, while nine 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 deeply grateful for the continued support from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, which has allowed us to recruit to our program a second cohort of exceptionally talented and innovative scholars,” said RBS Director Michael F. Suarez, S.J. “It is our hope that these RBS-Mellon Fellows will acquire new bibliographical and book-historical methods for their own research and teaching. We also expect that they will greatly enrich our program, introducing valuable insights and enlightening perspectives from their respective disciplines.”

More information about the 2014–16 RBS-Mellon Fellows, and 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 at Columbia University 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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