

Rare Book School Awards 20 Mellon Fellowships in Critical Bibliography

Fellowship program seeks to reinvigorate bibliographical studies within the humanities

Charlottesville, VA, May 18, 2015 – Rare Book School (RBS) at the University of Virginia has selected a third cohort of 20 early-career academics as RBS-Mellon Fellows in critical bibliography. 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 United States. These gifted scholars come from a broad spectrum of departments, including archaeology, art history, Classics, East Asian Languages and Civilizations, English, French & Italian, history, and religious studies. Eight of the fellowship recipients are assistant professors; two hold postdoctoral positions; and ten 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.

“During the past two years, Rare Book School’s Mellon Fellows have been extraordinarily active, integrating bibliographical and book-historical methods into their research and teaching, while also sharing their new understandings with colleagues via innovative academic symposia,” said RBS Director Michael F. Suarez, S.J. “We remain deeply grateful to the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation for all it has done to make their achievements possible. Our third and final Mellon-supported cohort likewise shows great promise, and we much look forward to their contributions.”

More information about the 2015–17 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 skill 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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