

## **Rare Book School Selects Ten Junior Fellows in Critical Bibliography**

Charlottesville, VA, 6 May 2021—Rare Book School (RBS) at the University of Virginia has selected ten Junior Fellows to join the Andrew W. Mellon Society of Fellows in Critical Bibliography (SoFCB). Fellows will participate in a two-year program that includes Rare Book School coursework, symposia, and other bibliographical activities.

Building on the success of the Andrew W. Mellon Fellowship of Scholars in Critical Bibliography, the SoFCB advances the study of texts, images, and artifacts as material objects through capacious, interdisciplinary scholarship. It enriches humanistic inquiry and education by identifying, mentoring, and training promising early-career scholars. Junior Fellows in good standing will advance to Senior status in the Society upon successful completion of the program.

The ten new Mellon Fellows were chosen by the SoFCB Selection Committee from a highly competitive field of 96 applicants. These promising scholars represent a broad spectrum of disciplinary interests, and their projects include work in African American literary history, LGBTQ comics, Indigenous literatures in North America, Islamic art, and the digital humanities. Four of the fellowship recipients hold tenure-track academic positions; one is a librarian and curator; three hold postdoctoral fellowships; and two are doctoral candidates.

“This year’s new Junior Fellows bring an exciting range of interests and experiences to Rare Book School—we look forward to being part of their intellectual journeys and including them in our own. We are grateful to The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation for their ongoing support of the Society and its important mission,” said RBS Executive Director Michael F. Suarez, S.J.

Sonia Hazard, Assistant Professor of Religion at Florida State University, 2015–17 RBS-Mellon Fellow, and Selection Committee Chair, said, “Our ten new fellows represent the extraordinary vitality and diversity of bibliography and allied fields. They will enrich our communities with their excellent research, commitments to pedagogy and public-facing scholarship, and collaborative and interdisciplinary spirit. I am delighted to welcome them to the SoFCB and Rare Book School.”

More information about the Andrew W. Mellon Society of Fellows in Critical Bibliography is available at <http://www.rarebookschool.org/fellowships/sofcb>.

### **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 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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