

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

Charlottesville, VA, 17 April 2018 –Rare Book School (RBS) at the University of Virginia has selected its inaugural ten Junior Fellows to join the Andrew W. Mellon Society of Fellows in Critical Bibliography (SoFCB). Fellows will participate in a two-year program which 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 has been formed for the purposes of advancing the study of texts, images, and artifacts as material objects through capacious, interdisciplinary scholarship, and enriching 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 10 RBS-Mellon Fellows were chosen by the SoFCB Selection Committee from a highly competitive field of more than 125 applicants. These gifted scholars represent a broad spectrum of disciplinary interests, ranging from anthropology and comparative literature to African-American studies and the digital humanities. Five of the fellowship recipients hold tenure-track academic positions; one is a librarian and curator; two hold postdoctoral fellowships; and two are doctoral candidates.

“We very much look forward to welcoming this remarkably accomplished group of Junior Fellows to Rare Book School, where we hope they will find much to learn and much to contribute,” said RBS Executive Director Michael F. Suarez, S.J. “We are profoundly thankful to The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation for their support of the Society and its mission.”

Stephanie Frampton, Associate Professor of Literature at MIT, 2013–15 RBS-Mellon Fellow, and inaugural president of the SoFCB, said “It is a thrilling time to be working in the field of bibliography and on the history of the book and other media. Our cohort of new fellows and the Society itself seek to demonstrate the exceptional vitality of this growing, interdisciplinary conversation, and of the broader community of scholarship, teaching, and practice that has been fostered at 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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