“All media are mixed media,” claims theorist W. J. T. Mitchell. This workshop will examine several key issues in the long history of “mixed” media by focusing on interrelations between text and image in Renaissance Europe.

We will pay particular attention to broadsides, pamphlets, frontispieces, emblem books, maps, atlases, and other items from the Newberry Library collections. In addition to broadly framing the historical and theoretical issues raised by word-image relations in the Renaissance, the workshop leaders will present specific examples of how changing technological and cultural conditions have influenced text-image relations, including the role of visual techniques in the organization and production of knowledge, particularly the production of world maps and universal histories in an era of nascent globalization; the impact of Reformation iconoclasm on visual and print culture, from Lutheran satire to Foxe’s book of martyrs and beyond; and the challenges and opportunities surrounding digitization of early modern printed books and images, from Early English Books Online to the Folger’s digital Shakespeare texts for iPad.

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