Mellon Summer Institutes in Vernacular Paleography

Funded by a major grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, these summer institutes provide intensive practical training in reading late medieval, Renaissance, and early modern manuscripts in European vernacular hands: English, French, Italian, and Spanish. The institutes emphasize the skills needed for the accurate reading and transcription of vernacular texts, but attention may also be given to the instruments of research, codicology, analytical bibliography, and textual editing, depending on the expertise of the instructors and the nature of the historical documents under consideration.

The institutes are hosted by the Newberry Center for Renaissance Studies, the Folger Institute at the Folger Shakespeare Library, the Getty Research Institute, and the Huntington Library.

Each institute will enroll 15 participants. First consideration will be given to advanced graduate students and junior faculty at U.S. and Canadian colleges and universities, but applications will also be accepted from associate and full professors at U.S. and Canadian colleges and universities, from professional staff of U.S. and Canadian libraries and museums, and from qualified independent scholars. Applicants selected for admission receive a stipend to help defray the cost of attending the institute.

The Mellon paleography initiative is headquartered at the Newberry’s Center for Renaissance Studies. For general information about the program, please contact Lia Markey, Director of the
Center for Renaissance Studies, at (312) 255-3565 or renaissance@newberry.org. For application forms and more detailed information about individual institutes, please contact the host institutions.

See our Paleography page for links to online resources for paleography in several languages.

Past Mellon Summer Institutes

Summer Institutes, 2017 - 2020

2017

Italian Paleography
July 10 - July 29
The Getty Research Institute
GRIpaleography@getty.edu
www.getty.edu/paleography

Spanish Paleography
June 12 - June 30
Center for Renaissance Studies
The Newberry Library
renaissance@newberry.org
www.newberry.org/2017SpanishPaleography

2018

English Paleography
Institute dates TBD
The Folger Institute
Folger Shakespeare Library
institute@folger.edu
www.folger.edu/institute

French Paleography
June 4 - June 29
Center for Renaissance Studies
The Newberry Library
2019

**Italian Paleography**
Institute dates TBD
Center for Renaissance Studies
The Newberry Library

**Spanish Paleography**
Institute dates TBD
The Huntington Library
cwehrey@huntington.org
www.huntington.org

2020

**English Paleography**
Institute dates TBD
The Folger Institute,
Folger Shakespeare Library

**French Paleography**
Institute dates TBD
Center for Renaissance Studies,
The Newberry Library