Mellon Summer Institutes in Vernacular Paleography

Legal document, 1584. French. Newberry Case 6A 46, collection of legal documents from 1515-1752, item 4, f. 1r

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analytical bibliography, and textual editing, depending on the expertise of the instructors and the nature of the historical documents under consideration.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 <u>renaissance@newberry.org</u>. For application forms and more detailed information about individual institutes, please contact the host institutions.

See our <u>Paleography page</u> 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