Harvard-Yale Conference in Book History: The Book and Beyond
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Sponsored by the Yale Program in the History of the Book and the Harvard Seminar in the History of the Book at the Mahindra Humanities Center

9:45am-10:00am  Welcome, Coffee, & Refreshments

10:00am-10:15am  Opening Remarks (John Durham Peters, María Rosa Menocal Professor of English and of Film & Media Studies, Yale)

10:15am-11:00am  Panel 1: Pastoral and Print (Ann Blair, Carl H. Pforzheimer University Professor, Harvard)
  ▪ Clio Doyle (English & Renaissance Studies, Yale), “Acorns in Print”

11:00am-11:15am  Break

11:15am-12:30pm  Panel 2: Media and the Archive (Jessica Brantley, Professor of English, Yale)
  ▪ Russ Gasdia (History, Yale), “The Curious Case of the Catalogus Librorum Mystico-Politicorum (1626)”
  ▪ Christopher Platts (History of Art, Yale), “Beinecke Marston MS 286: A New Witness to Bessarion’s Latin Learning and Humanist Book-Collecting ca. 1440”
  ▪ Rebecca Hill (English, UCLA), “Thesaurus as Devotional Material: Islamic Manuscripts and Reverence for the Word-Book”
  ▪ Matthew Keaney (History, Yale), “The Masiphumelele Library: Building a Township Library and Shaping a Culture of Reading in Post-Apartheid South Africa”

12:30pm-1:30pm  Lunch; optional visit to Beinecke exhibition “Text and Textile”

1:30pm-2:30pm  Panel 3: Migration and Circulation (David Scott Kastan, George M. Bodman Professor of English, Yale)
  ▪ Liam Ahern (Classics, Yale), “Chasing an Ancient Greek: Codicological Adventures in Post-war Europe”
  ▪ Caitlin Woolsey (History of Art, Yale), “Either, Or, Where: OU and the Circulating Voice”
  ▪ Tiraana Bains (History, Yale), “The Company Persianate: The Remaking of Persian Textual Production in Late Eighteenth Century South Asia”

2:30pm-2:45pm  Break

2:45pm-3:30pm  Panel 4: Ephemeral Dickens (Alex Csiszar, Associate Professor of the History of Science, Harvard)

3:30pm-3:45pm  Closing Remarks (Peter Stallybrass, Walter H. and Leonore C. Annenberg Professor in the Humanities, University of Pennsylvania)