

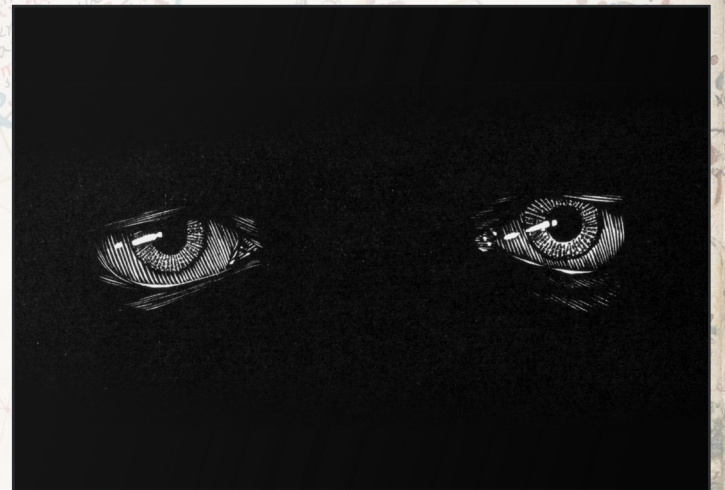
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FALL 2026 EVENT SCHEDULE

THU
9/24
3-5 pm
in RBML

“I could people the hours with creations”: Celebrating Mary Shelley’s *Frankenstein*

Please join us for an opening reception to celebrate the acquisition of the first edition of *Frankenstein* and explore the life and career of Mary Shelley. Exhibit curator Lynne Thomas will give brief remarks, and refreshments will be served. The exhibit will be on display through Summer 2027

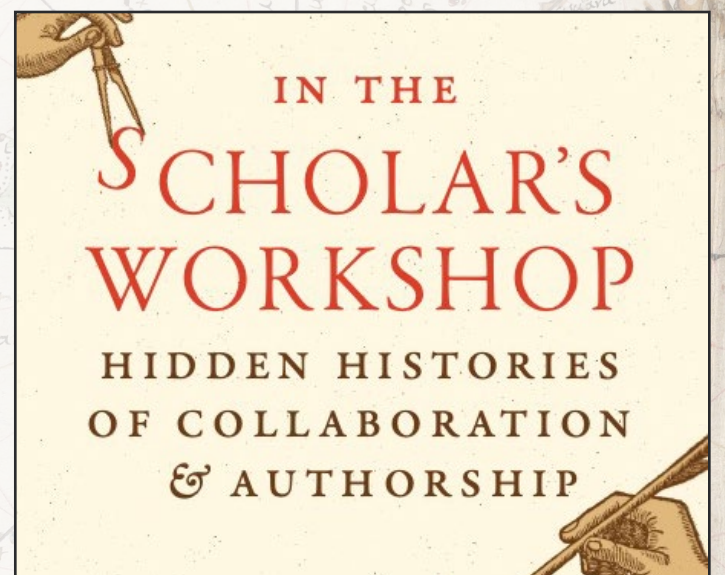


TUE
10/27
3-5 pm
in RBML

The Long History of Amanuenses in Europe, from Antiquity to the Digital Age

Authors and scholars throughout history have relied on helpers or amanuenses. Dr. Ann Blair (Harvard) will discuss the factors that have made them both invisible and occasionally visible, the kind of work they did, and offer some examples of their trajectories in different periods.

This talk is co-sponsored by the iSchool.



THU
11/12
3-5 pm
in RBML

Decoding the Page: Emblems, Ornaments, and Early Modern Reading

Emblematica (Illinois) and *Compositor* (U. of Birmingham) are databases that use digital technologies to explore the early modern text-image interface. Join Dr. Hazel Wilkinson (Birmingham) to learn how historical readers used “emblem-literacy” to engage with ornamented books in ways previously unaccounted for in scholarship.



THU
12/10
3-5 pm
in RBML

RBML Open House and Holiday Party

Come and celebrate the semester’s end with hot apple cider, sweet and salty treats, and relaxing RBML-themed activities. Make a button, fill in a coloring sheet, collaborate on a big puzzle, and snag a fresh print of our latest holiday linocut card!

