

CALL FOR PAPERS

Harvard-Yale Conference in Book History
The Book As Object And Idea
Harvard University
Cambridge, MA | May 2, 2019

Sponsored by the Yale University English Department, the Beinecke Rare Book & Manuscript Library, and the Seminar in the History of the Book at the Mahindra Humanities Center, Harvard

The Seminar in the History of the Book at the Mahindra Humanities Center (Harvard) is pleased to announce the tenth installment of the Harvard-Yale Conference in Book History, to be held on **Thursday, May 2, 2019**. The programs for the previous conferences are available [here](#).

Proposals are invited from graduate students (at the dissertation stage), recent PhDs, and postdocs for papers on any aspect of the History of the Book. We are happy to receive submissions from students and recent graduates throughout New England, though priority will be given to affiliates of Harvard and Yale. Topics might include manuscript, print, and digital cultures; new media; authorship, forgery, and anonymity; readers and reading practices; publication, circulation, and transmission; censorship, copyright, and piracy; spaces for producing and consuming media; and the history of library and information sciences.

Our 2019 conference theme, *The Book As Object And Idea*, encourages submissions that analyze material texts, theorize “the book,” or explore new directions in book historical scholarship. How do medium and technology contribute to processes of production and reception? How do various agents shape “the book” through, for example, composition, transcription, editing, and adaptation? How might new book historical methods complicate existing historiographical paradigms or expand disciplinary boundaries? Speakers may engage with this theme to the extent they see fit.

Papers relating to all time periods and geographical locations are welcome—please do not hesitate to contact us about your topic.

Proposals are due **Friday, February 1, 2019**. These should include a title and a brief abstract (approximately 200 words), as well as your university and departmental affiliation. ABD applicants and recent graduates will be given preference. Speakers will have 15 minutes to present their work, followed by 15 minutes of discussion.

Please submit proposals and questions to graduate coordinators Ashley Gonik (ashleygonik@g.harvard.edu) and Bailey Sincox (bsincox@g.harvard.edu). Many thanks for your interest.