John Pendergast

The Past, Present and Future of the Book in the Humanities

This panel will reference and parallel our Lovejoy Library exhibit, “Book Making and the Making of the Book: Selections from Lovejoy Library's Special Collections.” We will use this panel to discuss how the collection has been useful in the classroom, what the study of rare books means to the study of literature, particularly literature of the early modern period, and how it can inform modern communication. Specifically Steve Kerber will discuss the history of the special collections and what it means to the University, Jessica DeSpain will discuss her use of the materials in her literature courses, John Pendergast will discuss the implications of book history on our understanding of early modern literature, and Jason Braun will talk on the future of the book as it intersects with ebooks, apps, etc.