

**Mellon Dissertation Fellows
Post-Fellowship Symposium
Library of Congress, Thomas Jefferson Building, Lessing J. Rosenwald Room
14 October 2011**

9:00 Continental breakfast

9:30 Welcome and introductions

- Mark Dimunation, Chief of Rare Book and Special Collections, Library of Congress
- Elliott Shore, Chief Information Officer and Director of Libraries, Bryn Mawr College

9:45 Five-minute fellows' reports on research experiences

Remind us where you went, briefly describe the main thrust of your work and then answer these three questions:

- What surprised you the most in a positive way about your experience in the archives/libraries that you visited?
- What was the most disappointing experience of your fellowship?
- If you had the power to change one thing about the research institutions you visited, what would it be?

10:30 Break

10:45 Group discussion

We have heard from you about the high/low lights of your year and your suggestions and we have all read everyone's report. Based on what you have now heard and what you have read, let's develop a set of topics that are of interest to all of us and that will help CLIR to focus its efforts in supporting research libraries and archives. Your reports immediately bring a number of questions to mind; we list a few below. Please come to the meeting ready to talk about these and others that are on your mind:

- The effect of digitization on research practices
- Working with images
- Relationships with staff and other researchers
- Differing library/archive cultures in various parts of the world
- Effective ways of taking notes

12:00 Lunch (Discussion continues)

2:00 Group discussion

CLIR is deeply interested in and invested in your views of the ways in which research libraries and archives function. We would like to take up now the list that you developed this morning and explore together what might be possible to change, what might be useful to understand about how these institutions developed and how researchers and research institutions might be able to partner in the process of change.

3:30 CLIR's other programs of interest to the Mellon Fellows and Wrap-up

4:00 Reception