Collecting and Critical Thought in Renaissance Antiquarianism

Thursday, June 20, 2019, 9AM–4PM
Maclean Hunter Room
Thomas Fisher Rare Book Library
120 St. George Street, Toronto, ON

This seminar will investigate how the cultural phenomenon of Renaissance antiquarianism influenced critical visions of the past in works published between the fourteenth and seventeenth centuries. Working with the collections of the Thomas Fisher Rare Book Library, participants will explore critical methods and techniques of investigation evident in a selection of works on antiquarian erudition. Topics will include philology, archaeology (with a specific focus on epigraphy and numismatics) as well as art. The main goal of the seminar is to help participants understand how these fundamental tools of antiquarian scholarship contributed to the development of new scientific methods in the early modern period.

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