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## Abstract

The University of Pennsylvania Libraries A.S.W. Rosenbach Lectures in Bibliography for 2014:

Monday, March 17, 2014: "Hidden Helpers." Total time: 1:18:23. Welcome: David N. McKnight (00:10); Introduction: Roger Chartier (03:58); Lecture: Ann Blair (11:40); Questions and answers (01:02:00).

Tuesday, March 18, 2014: "Hands and Minds at Work." Total time: 01:45:05. Welcome: David N. McKnight (00:04); Introduction: Peter Stallybrass (02:30); Lecture: Ann Blair (08:12); Questions and answers (01:22:35).

Thursday, March 20, 2014: "Authors and Amanuenses." Total time: 01:34:52. Welcome: David N. McKnight (00:10); Introduction: Lynne Farrington (05:55); Lecture: Ann Blair (14:19); Questions and answers (01:08:54).

Intellectual work in early Modern Europe was rarely performed alone, despite literary and iconographical representations to the contrary--scholars worked with others in many ways. In these lectures, Professor Blair focuses on the family members, students, and servants who served as amanuenses by helping an author or scholar in the process of composing and writing.

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