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Abstract

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2015 Rosenbach Lectures

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**Authenticity and Duplicity:
Investigations into Multiple Copies of Books**

Lecture Dates: March 16, 17, 19, 2015
All lectures begin at 5:30pm

Class of 1978 Pavilion
Kislak Center for Special Collections, Rare Books and Manuscripts
Van Pelt-Dietrich Library, 6th floor
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Philadelphia, PA

These lectures consider a broad question: "What can we learn from looking at multiple copies of a book?" They are organized around a series of case studies--mainly from 18th-century--books that are either a part of or relate in some way to my own collection. Each case study illustrates different bibliographical and/or book-historical issues that can not be fully understood from the examination of a single copy. William Zachs is an independent scholar and collector who specializes in the English and Scottish book trade of the eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries. He is the author of *The First John Murray and the Late Eighteenth-Century London Book Trade* (Oxford, 1998) and curator of a 2011 exhibition on David Hume at the Edinburgh Writer's Museum.

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