AMST 851/451: 
The World of Rare Books in America  
M&W 6:30-9:30pm, Summer Session II 

A hands-on immersion into the world of rare books, a culture with its own etiquette, jargon, and lore. Often opaque and arcane, its allied fields include art, antiques, stamps, coins, and other collectibles. We will read about and discuss the history of collecting, concepts of rarity, fashions and fads, issues among private collectors and institutions, forgers and book-thieves, the etiquette of selling in the global market, auctions, connoisseurship, elite clubs, and “high” culture.

Meetings will be held in the  
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