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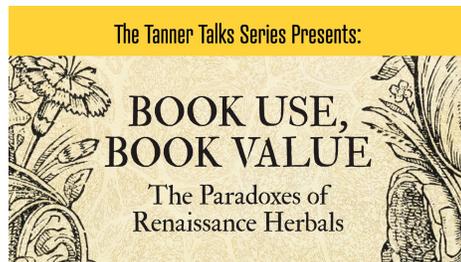
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Tanner Talks Series | Book Use, Book Value: The Paradoxes of Renaissance Herbals

4:00 PM on Wednesday, April 2, 2025 | Merrill-Cazier Library, Room 101



Learn About Renaissance Herbals

Sixteenth and seventeenth century printed guides to plants, herbs, and trees, sometimes beautifully illustrated—may be the most popular early modern book you’ve never heard of. This talk will explore how the Renaissance herbals in USU’s Special Collections, and other best-sellers in their time, are often least likely to survive, making them paradoxically obscure by virtue of their ordinariness.

About Guest Speaker Sarah Neville

Sarah Neville is Associate Professor in the departments of English and Theatre, Film, and Media Arts at the Ohio State University. Her research in Shakespearean

performance, book history and editorial theory examines the ways that authority is negotiated in print, digital, and live media. She is the author of *Early Modern Herbals and the Book Trade* (Cambridge, 2022).

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