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In June 2014, Heather Wolfe, Curator of Manuscripts at the Folger Shakespeare Library, will provide intensive training in the accurate reading and transcription of early modern English handwriting. Selected participants will focus primarily on the secretary and italic hands in the Tudor and Jacobean periods. They will also experiment with contemporary writing materials; learn the terminology for describing and comparing letter forms; consider the various editorial conventions relating to abbreviations, interlinear insertions, and deleted text; create a "mini-edition" of their own; and discuss the important and evolving role of handwritten documents within a wider context of print, manuscript, and oral cultures. Examples will be drawn from the Folger's collection. Several guest faculty will provide their expert views of manuscript culture.

Here is a link to the program description and application materials. As always, Elyse Martin (elmartin@folger.edu) and I (owilliams@folger.edu) are happy to answer any questions you or your affiliates may have.

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