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ABSTRACT

Art History is a sensorial discipline -- when working with objects, there is no substitute for touch, and when examining archives, close looking is critical for the decipherment of difficult to read letterforms. To complete projects in this discipline, travel is required -- to see and feel in person. For the projects that will be completed through the support of this grant, the travel demanded will take me to France and Spain. In Paris, I will work at the archives to complete the transcription of five estate inventories that will be uploaded to the digital humanities project DALME (<https://dalme.org/>). At the Musée de Cluny (Paris) and the Museo Lázaro Galdiano (Madrid), I will look at some of the extent whistles from the late medieval and early modern periods, which will become the subject of an article about this object-type. Lastly, I will examine records from the Abbey of Saint Denis that relate to the mercantile event known as the Lendit Fair. This research will become the basis for my second book.