

## *Foreword*

The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation in 1982, seeking to increase the scholarly usefulness of our collections and enrich the intellectual life of the Library, made a grant to the American Philosophical Society establishing a fellowship program in bibliography, research scholarship, and staff development. The major thrust of the program is to provide fellowships for younger scholars who will prepare bibliographic studies on topics well-represented in the Library's collections.

Dr. Darwin H. Stapleton, associate professor of the history of science and technology at Case Western Reserve University, was our first Mellon Fellow in Bibliography in 1983–84. It is hoped that his fine bibliographic study will promote scholarly inquiry in not only the history of science, technology, and medicine but also American Studies in general. Dr. Stapleton was uniquely equipped to undertake this descriptive analysis of the Library's collections, having edited *The Engineering Drawings of Benjamin Henry Latrobe* (1980) and later surveying our holdings in American technology, the report of which appeared in *Technology and Culture* (July 1982).

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