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When Handwritten Texts Mattered: Texts and Contexts in Early Modern England and Early America

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The ongoing recovery of scribal publication (the making and copying of handwritten texts) in early modern England and early America has changed how we understand several of the key questions or topics in the history of the book: censorship (or self censorship), authorship, reading practices, and the authority of texts. Larger questions remain unanswered or debatable: for example, should we speak of "scribal culture"?