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## Second Volume of the Atwater Collection Catalogue Announced

Christopher Hoolihan, Head of Rare Books and Manuscripts at the Edward G. Miner Library, University of Rochester Medical Center, would like to announce that the second volume of An Annotated Catalogue of the Edward C. Atwater Collection of American Popular Medicine and Health Reform has gone to press with a publishing date of Spring 2004. The second volume contains the alphabetical sequence of volume one, with entries and annotations for authors M-Z. The two volumes of the Atwater Catalogue describe some 5,000 books, pamphlets, printed ephemera and manuscripts on domestic medicine, personal hygiene, sex education, contraception, infant care, juvenile physiology and hygiene, proprietary medicines and therapies, women's health, as well as a number of other topics. A supplemental third volume describing materials acquired since the publication of the first two is in preparation.

## Chicago Area Medical Archivists Meeting February 17, 2004

Submitted by Judith Robins

The meeting was hosted by the Wood Library-Museum of Anesthesiology in Park Ridge, Illinois. Present were Heidi Dressler (Rush University Medical Center), Kathy Koch (American Association of Nurse Anesthetists), Ramune Kubilius (Northwestern University Medical School), Ken Morgan (Midwestern University), Judy Robins (WLM), Ron Sims (Northwestern University Medical School), John Zwicky (American Academy of Pediatrics and American Society for Clinical Pathology).

#### Calendar

Hosts are needed for future CAMA meetings, and for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual History of Medicine Symposium to be held during Archives Week. The site for the Symposium must have a room large enough to accommodate speakers and audience, and space for exhibits. To offer your repository as a meeting host, please contact Judy Robins (j.robins@ASAHQ.org/ 847-825-5586.)

Kathy reported that the Chicago Area Archivists (CAA) spring meeting will be held on March 11<sup>th</sup> at the Frances Willard House in Evanston, Illinois.

Judy noted that the annual joint meeting of the Archivists and Librarians in the History of the Health Sciences and the Medical Museums Association (April 28-29), and the American Association for the History of Medicine (April 29-May 2), will be held in Madison, Wisconsin. This schedule conflicts with the spring meeting of the Midwest Archives Conference (April 29-May 1), in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Ramune reported that the American Health Information Management Association (AMIHA) will hold its annual meeting June 17-20, 2004, in Milwaukee. The theme of that meeting will be electronic health records.

#### News

Kathy reported that CAA is already working on arrangements for Archives Week in Chicago, October 10-16, 2004. To report your repository's plans for Archives Week, or to volunteer to host an event, please contact Kathy Koch (kkoch@aana.com / 847-692-7050.)

Ken reported that he will display a collection of spectacles during the meeting of the Ocular Heritage Society/Museum of Vision, which will be held in Chicago in May. Space for this display has been arranged at the International Museum of Surgical Sciences, a prime example of cooperation among CAMA members. This presents an off-campus public relations opportunity for Midwestern University, a perfect approach for the Archives to work with the University's Ophthalmology Department, and a chance to learn more about the significance of this collection.

Heidi reported that the Rush Archives owns a copy of the out-of-print AMA publication, *History of Deceased American Physicians*, 1804-1929. (NB: This is available on CD-ROM from Ancestry.com.) Judy noted that the National Genealogical Society also has a Deceased Physicians File.

Heidi reported that the Rush Archives has hired a full-time assistant. She also reported that the Archives, working with the Institutional Review Board and Office of Corporate Compliance, has developed guidelines for managing those of its records governed by HIPAA. She will be glad to share copies of these documents with fellow CAMA members. The group would like to know whether HIPAA applies to photographs that were published prior to this legislation.

#### Three-Dee

Judy reported that the Wood Library-Museum is in the process of creating an authoritative terminology for cataloging the medical equipment and anesthetic agents in its collection. Neither the NLM's *Medical*  Subject Headings (MeSH) nor the manual of the Ohio Medical Artifact Cataloging Project (OHMAC) provide the needed descriptors, and the existing anesthesia vocabularies conflict with one another. If anyone has suggestions or questions about this project, please contact Judy.

Judy asked whether anyone has a copy of the expensive Thompson publication *Controlled Substances Handbook*. On the same subject, John noted that the chemical potassium chromate degrades as it ages, becoming an explosive substance. He also pointed out that homeopathic remedies are potentially hazardous. (NB: John has suggested that we invite clinicians to join CAMA.)

#### Tour

The group toured the library, the museum gallery, and the storage areas where the collections of organizational archives (36 societies and growing!), personal papers, photographs, ephemera and artifacts are kept.

#### Ex Libris by Lucretia W. McClure

#### **Congratulations**

to John Parascondola who was awarded the Surgeon General's Medallion on the occasion of his retirement in January. This is a significant honor,

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the highest bestowed by the Surgeon General. Dr. Parascondola is continuing his efforts in the field of history of medicine. He is teaching a course on the history of modern biology at the University of Maryland Shady Grove campus in additions to his research, writing, and lecturing. His e-mail address is **jparascandola@comcast.net** and phone is 301.588.1185.

#### **Recent Acquisitions**

William H. Helfand recently donated thirty-nine New Jersey medical pamphlets and ephemera to the University of Medicine & Dentistry of New Jersey's Department of Special Collections. The materials document patent and pharmaceutical medicine in the state from 1900-1956. Such firms as S. B. Goff & Sons of Camden, G.G. Green of Woodbury, Johnson & Johnson of New Brunswick, and Reed & Carnrick of Jersey City are represented in the gift. Special Collections actively seeks New Jersey medical ephemera and gratefully acknowledges Mr. Helfand's gift.

Recent additions were made to the Postcard Collection of Special Collections. The Collection illustrates hospitals, sanitariums, pharmaceutical companies, drug stores, and other topics documenting the healthcare industry in New Jersey. A revised finding aid, illustrated with a sampling of postcards from this collection of nearly 600 cards, is linked to the homepage and may be viewed at: <a href="http://www.umdnj.edu/librweb/speccoll/postcards.html">http://www.umdnj.edu/librweb/speccoll/postcards.html</a>.

Walter Channing's A treatise on etherisation in childbirth, illustrated by five hundred and eightyone cases (Boston, 1883) and William Hammond's A treatise on insanity (New York, 1848) were acquired with funds from the Morris S. Saffron Book Endowment. Channing was the first American physician to use ether anesthesia in childbirth, while Hammond is considered one of the founders of neurology in America.

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The Lloyd Library and Museum in Cincinnati recently acquired the following rare books:

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Wangenheim, Friedrich Adam Julius von. Beytrag zur teutschen holzerechten Forstwissenschaft: die Anpflanzung Nordamericanischer Holzarten, mit Anwendung auf teutsche Forste betreffend.
Gottingen: J.C. Dieterich, 1787. An early work of North American forests and forestry.

LeBlond, Jean-Baptiste-Alexandre. The theory and practice of gardening: wherein is fully handled all that relates to fine gardens, commonly called pleasure-gardens, consisting of parterres, groves, bowling-greens.. 2<sup>nd</sup> edition. London: Printed for B. Lintot, at the Cross-Keys, between the Temple-Gates, in Fleet Street, 1728.

Anderson, James. *Miscellaneous observations on planting and training timber-trees: particularly calculated for the climate of Scotland: in a series of letters.* Edinburgh: Printed for Charles Elliot, Edinburgh, and Thomas Cadell, London, 1777.

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#### **Good Listening**

Promising Cures: A History of Cutting-Edge Medicine is the title of the public lecture series held at the International Museum of Surgical Science. The series is presented in collaboration with the Humanities Laboratory and the Department of Medical Education at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

February 17 Alison Winter, Associate Professor of History, University of Chicago, speaking on *The Chemistry of Truth and the Extraction of Reliable Memory:* 1910-1950

February 24 Lynette Jackson, Assistant Professor, Department of History and the Gender & Women's Studies Program, University of Illinois at Chicago, speaking on *The Natives Do Not Complain:* 

Psychiatry and the Technologies of Power in Colonial Zimbabwe

March 2 Katrin Schultheiss, Associate Professor, Department of History and the Gender & Women's Studies Program, University of Illinois at Chicago, speaking on *Politics and Professionals: The History of Nursing in Europe and America* 

March 9 Sandra Sufian, Associate Professor of Medical History and the Humanities, University of Illinois at Chicago, speaking on *Public Health in Nineteenth and Twentieth Century Palestine* 

March 16 Andrew Carney, M.D., Clinical Associate Professor, Neurological Surgery, University of Illinois at Chicago, speaking on *The* Cultural Impact of War on Surgery

March 30 Raymond A. Dieter, Jr., M.D., World President of the International College of Surgeons, speaking on *Minimally Invasive Thoracic Surgery: History of Thoracoscopy* 

April 6 Sander L. Gilman, Director, Humanities Laboratory, University of Illinois at Chicago, speaking on *How We Became Beautiful: The History of Aesthetic Surgery and the Future of Modern Medicine* 

April 13 David Gollaher, President and CEO of the California Health Care Institute, speaking on Was the Operation a Success? Circumcision and the Uses of Medical Evidence

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Dr. Adolph Buddy Giesecke, Jr., Professor in the Department of Anesthesiology and Pain Management at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School in Dallas, presented a lecture on *John F. Kennedy in Dallas: A Trauma Care Perspective* on March 31, one of the Lecture Series on the History of the Medical Sciences sponsored by the History of Medicine Associates at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences. Dr. Giesecke discussed the roles of the doctors at Parkland Hospital who attempted to resuscitate the president.

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Marilyn Chase of San Francisco, author of *The Barbary Plague* and medical and science writer for the *Wall Street Journal*, presented the Annual Joseph I. Waring Lecture sponsored by the Waring Historical Library, Medical University of South Carolina, March 18. The title of her lecture was *Rupert Blue, M.D. and the Barbary Plague*. Rupert Blue grew up in Marion, SC. In addition to his contributions toward eradication of the plague in San Francisco, he served as Surgeon General of the United States and President of the American Medical Association.

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The Kate Hurd-Mead Lecture for 2004 featured Janet Bickel, M.A., speaking on *Confessions of a Tempered Radical: Leading Change in a Half-Changed World for Women in Medicine* on March 17 at the College of Physicians in Philadelphia. The lecture honors Kate Campbell Hurd-Mead, an 1888 graduate of the Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania and a practitioner and advocate for women's health. The lecture was sponsored by the Section on Medical History of the College of Physicians of Philadelphia, the Drexel University College of Medicine, and the Drexel Institute for Women's Health and Leadership.

#### **Change of Name**

The organization, Archives for Family Practice, has both a new name and a new manager. The new name is Center for the History of Family Medicine and the new manager is Sharron G. Uhler. She formerly directed the local history collection at the Colorado Springs Pioneers Museum. The name change was made because many medical journals use the name "archives" and this led to confusion. The new name also reflects the collections and the plans to become a more scholarly research facility. The former archivist, Angela Curran, is now at the Unity School of Christianity, just outside of Kansas City.

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#### Viola W. Bernard Papers

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Short-term grants for Fellowships at the Francis C. Wood Institute for the History of Medicine at the College of Physicians of Philadelphia are available for 2004-2005. Wood Fellowships carry a maximum grant of \$1,000 and require at least one week's residence at the College of Physicians. Grants will be awarded to scholars engaged in projects requiring use of the Historical Medical Library or Mutter Museum between July 2004 and June 2005. The grants are intended for travel to Philadelphia or to offset income loss and research expenses. For further information, please visit the website at http://www.collphyphil.org.

#### **New Space**

A stack expansion project at the Wangensteen Library, University of Minnesota, is nearing completion. Four-post shelving is being stalled to accommodate the weight of the collections and the new shelving will provide correct housing for the folio collection. In addition, new furniture will enhance the Wangensteen Reading Room.

#### On Exhibit

Eugenics: Three Generations, No Imbeciles: Virginia, Eugenics & Buck v. Bell is the title of a new exhibit at the Claude Moore Health Sciences Library, University of Virginia.

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Other states quickly followed Virginia's lead and Carrie, unfortunately, was the first of more than 60,000 American citizens subjected to compulsory sterilization. On May 2, 2002, Virginia Governor Mark R. Warner offered the "Commonwealth's sincere apology for Virginia's participation in eugenics," noting that "the eugenics movement was a shameful effort in which state government never should have been involved." The online exhibit,

created by the Library's Historical Collections & Services staff, traces the origins of the pseudoscience of eugenics, explores its history in Virginia, examines the case of Carrie Buck in *Buck v. Bell*, shows the impact of the ruling both nationwide and abroad, and provides a bibliography and links to related websites. To view, please visit <a href="http://www.healthsystem.virginia.edu/internet/library/historical/eugenics/">http://www.healthsystem.virginia.edu/internet/library/historical/eugenics/</a>.

A second exhibit at the Claude Moore Library, *The Philip S. Hench Walter Reed Yellow Fever Collection*, has been enhanced with a second digitization phase that expanded the scope of the exhibit and included additional materials from the Hench Collection as well as those from other manuscript collections and libraries.

As of December 2001 the award-winning Philip S. Hench Walter Reed Yellow Fever Collection website (recipient of the Society of American Archivists 2003 Waldo Leland Gifford Award for Excellence and Usefulness in the Field of Archival History, Theory, or Practice) contained more than 5,500 primary documents from the cornerstone manuscripts collection in Historical Collections & Services of the Library. The second phase added nearly 1,925 documents and photographs to the existing website, making available a grand total of 7,424 items in January 2004. Every document in this vast and important public health collection is

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http://yellowfever.lib.virginia.edu.

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The Doctors in Our House: A Photographic Collection of New Jersey African American Physicians, 1812-1947 was on display during African American History Month, February, at the University of Medicine & Dentistry of New Jersey-George F. Smith Library of the Health Sciences, Newark. The exhibit featured sixteen physicians who practiced medicine in New Jersey during a time when the white medical establishment disenfranchised minority healthcare professionals. These physicians overcame both discrimination and adversity to become leading figures in their own communities and to provide much needed healthcare services to minority citizens. Some of

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the physicians featured became the first African Americans to gain medical privileges in New Jersey hospitals. Linda Holmes, director of the New Jersey Department of State Office of Minority and Multicultural Health, served as curator of the exhibit that was produced by the Department of State. For further information about the collections at UMDNJ, please contact Lois Densky-Wolff at densky@umdnj.edu.

Editor's Note: This issue of *The Watermark* marks the end of my term as editor of the Ex Libris column. I wish to thank all of you for sharing news of your work and your libraries with your colleagues through this column. I have enjoyed this assignment for six years. Working with Lilli Sentz and Linda Lohr has been most rewarding.

#### **News from the Wellcome**

Julia Sheppard Head of Special Collections Wellcome Library for the History and Understanding of Medicine

#### Francis Crick Archive Opened

At the beginning of March 2003 the on-line catalogue of the papers of Nobel Laureate Francis

Crick went live. The Wellcome Trust purchased Dr. Crick's scientific archive in December 2001, with the assistance of a grant from the Heritage Lottery fund. Papers covering the first half of Crick's career are now catalogued and available for study in the Wellcome Library. The catalogue can be consulted via the Library's website at <a href="http://library.wellcome.ac.uk/">http://library.wellcome.ac.uk/</a> (choose the Manuscripts & Archives option and search for reference PP/CRI). A detailed discussion of the papers just released can be found in Chris Beckett, "For the record: the Francis Crick archive at the Wellcome Library," Medical History, 2004, 48: 245-60.

This newly available resource comprises over 1000 files of correspondence, research notes and other material, mainly relating to Crick's work in molecular biology and in particular his elucidation, with James Watson, of the structure of DNA. Selected material, such as Crick's pencil sketches of the structure of DNA, drafts of the famous Watson and Crick paper in *Nature*, and the telegram announcing Crick's Nobel Prize, formed part of a major Wellcome Trust exhibit in 2003 marking the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ground-breaking publication. This exhibition can still be viewed on-line (see http://library.wellcome.ac.uk/events/rr\_crick pr.html). Copies of the images can be ordered via the Wellcome Library's image collections website at http://medphoto.wellcome.ac.uk/ (search on the phrase "Crick papers").

Plans are now underway to create an on-line digital archive drawn from the Crick papers. The project will focus on the discovery of the DNA doublehelix and Crick's career up to his relocation to the United States, and will be accessible via the US National Library of Medicine's Profiles in Science site at <a href="http://profiles.nlm.nih.gov">http://profiles.nlm.nih.gov</a>. The project will vastly increase access to an archive of major research interest and will allow researchers to 'step over' the Atlantic and place Crick's papers in context alongside those of other 20<sup>th</sup> century leaders in biomedical research such as Oswald T. Avery and Linus Pauling. The aim is to design a dualpurpose archive acting both as a comprehensive study resource for general students of biomedical science, and a valuable jumping-off point for more in-depth research in the recent history of the subject.

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Cataloguing of the remainder of Crick's papers is now beginning. This covers the second half of Crick's career, in which he relocated to the United States and switched the focus of his work to the neurosciences. Regular progress reports on this cataloguing and ongoing developments in the digitsation project will be posted on the Library website.

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#### **Departure**

David Pearson, formerly Librarian of the Wellcome Library, left that position in early March to take up the post of Director of London University Research Services. The Wellcome Trust, one of the leading biomedical research charities, has appointed Frances Norton new head of the Wellcome Library. The library has one of the world's largest collections of books, manuscripts, pictures and film relating to medicine. Norton is currently head of public service strategy at Leeds University Library.

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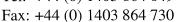
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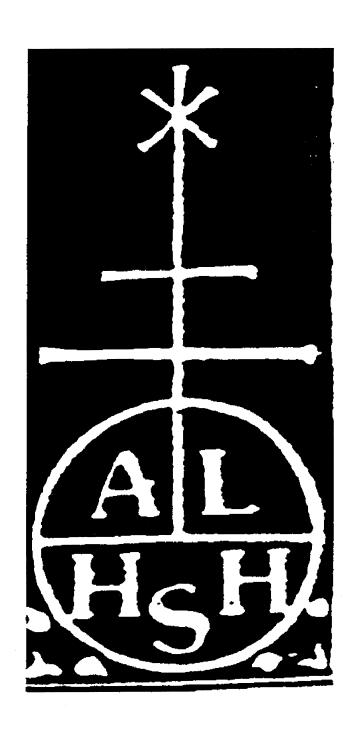
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