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Medicine in literature: Theses

A survey of secondary sources

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As part of a large-scale bibliographic project, Garland Publishing, Inc., has asked me to prepare an annotated bibliography of the English-language secondary sources in the history of the health care sciences (medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, nursing, and the allied health fields) from 1700 to 1980. While compiling this reference tool, which will be published in 1984/85, I have become aware of a large, relatively untapped source of high-quality scholarship in the history of the health care sciences. This under-utilized collection of outstanding research is the ever-increasing number of Ph.D. dissertations and Master's theses produced worldwide, particularly since 1950.

Although the Bibliography of the History of Medicine and the annual ISIS cumulative bibliographies cite a few of the Ph.D. dissertations, until now there has been no comprehensive effort to locate these useful scholarly works. Regrettably, less than a quarter of these studies have been published as monographs, and probably fifty percent have never appeared even in the journal literature. However, almost all these dissertations and theses are available, either from University Microfilms or directly from the institutions granting the degrees.

The following unannotated list is a section drawn from my annotated bibliography presenting the dissertations and theses which cover some aspect of medicine as portrayed in literature during the last three centuries. These titles have been selected after a careful survey of a variety of bibliographic sources, including Dissertation Abstracts and Canadiana. I hope that this list will prevent repetitious scholarship, promote research in topics not already covered, and make these valuable academic works accessible to librarians and scholars.

Albert, Leonard. "Joyce and the New Psychology." Ph.D. diss., Columbia University, 1957.

Alter, Maria P. "The Concept of Physician in the Writings of Hans Carossa and Arthur Schnitzler." Ph.D. diss., University of Maryland, 1961.

Boxill, Roger E. "Shaw and the Doctors." Ph.D. diss., Columbia University, 1966.

Buflithis, P. H. "The Artist's Fight for Art: The Psychiatrist Figure in the Fiction of Major Contemporary American Novelists." Ph.D. diss., University of Pennsylvania, 1971.

Cameron, Alex J. "The Image of the Physician in the American Novel: 1859 to 1925." Ph.D. diss., University of Notre Dame, 1973.

Davis, Ronald J. "Augustus Thomas and Psychic Phenomena." Ph.D. diss., University of North Carolina, 1975.

De Bakey, Lois E. "The Physician-Scientist as Character in Nineteenth-Century American Literature." Ph.D. diss., Tulane University, 1963.

Dodge, Stewart C. "The Use of Evolutionary Theory by American Poets: 1900-1950." Ph.D. diss., University of Illinois, 1958.

Federman, Donald. "The Measure of All Things: The Conflict of Art and Biology in American Natural History Writing." Ph.D. diss., Syracuse University, 1975.

Fox, R. A. "The Tangled Chain: The Structure of Disorder in the Anatomy of Melancholy." Ph.D. diss., Ohio State University, 1971.

Furst, Daniel C., III. "Sterne and Physick: Images of Health and Disease in Tristram Shandy." Ph.D. diss., Columbia University, 1974.

Gellert, Bridget J. "Three Literary Treatments of Melancholy: Marston, Shakespeare and Burton." Ph.D. diss., Columbia University, 1967.

Grant, W. E. "Nathaniel Hawthorne and Empiric Psychology." Ph.D. diss., Claremont Graduate School, 1971.

Griffith, G. W. "Jonathan Swift's Relation to Science." Ph.D. diss., Vanderbilt University, 1970.

Gross, Gloria S. "The Development of Samuel Johnson's Theory of Neurosis, 1709-1759." Ph.D. diss., University of Southern California, 1977.

- Gubler, D. V. "A Study of Illness and Death in the Lives and Representative Works of Leo Tolstoy and Thomas Mann." Ph.D. diss., Brigham Young University, 1971.
- Guthmann, Herbert J. "The Characterization of the Psychiatrist in American Fiction, 1859-1965." Ph.D. diss., University of Southern California, 1969.
- Hall, Marlene L. "Consciousness and the Unconscious: Henry James and Jungian Psychology." Ph.D. diss., University of New Mexico, 1974.
- Hafter, R. S. "Sterne's Affective Art and Eighteenth Century Psychology." Ph.D. diss., Brandeis University, 1970.
- Hanenkrat, F. T. "An Investigation of Hawthorne's Psychology: The Themes of Evil and Love in Selected Short Stories." Ph.D. diss., Emory University, 1971.
- Harris, John D. "The Susquehanna Trail: Coleridge's Studies in the Useful Arts, Natural History, and Medicine." Ph.D. diss., McGill University, 1975.
- Hart, Donald C. "The Literature of Drug Experience in French and English: A Historical, Critical and Biographical Study." Ph.D. diss., University of Rochester, 1973.
- Hughes, J. M. "The Dialectic of Death in Poem: Dickinson, Emerson, and Whitman." Ph.D. diss., University of Pennsylvania, 1969.
- Jackson, Heather J. "The Anatomy of Melancholy in England, 1750-1800." Ph.D. diss., University of Toronto, 1973.
- Jenkins, Logan B. "The Literature of Addiction: Confessions 1821-1960." Ph.D. diss., University of British Columbia, 1976.
- Kates, Bonnie R. "Novels of Individuation: Jungian Readings in Fiction." Ph.D. diss., University of Massachusetts, 1978.
- Kearns, Michael S. "Anatomy of the Mind. Mid-Nineteenth Century Psychology and the Works of Nathaniel Hawthorne, Charlotte Bronte, Charles Dickens and Herman Melville." Ph.D. diss., University of California, Davis, 1980.
- Kronfeld, David A. "The Mad Character in Modern Literature." Ph.D. diss., Brown University, 1978.
- Low, Marie D. "Self in Triplicate: The Doctor in the Nineteenth-Century British Novel." Ph.D. diss., University of Washington, 1973.
- McArthur, William D., Jr. "The Concept of Spleen: Swift, Pope, Sterne, Johnson." Ph.D. diss., University of North Carolina, 1975.
- Metz, Nancy A. "'To Understand Such Wretchedness': Dickens and Public Health." Ph.D. diss., University of Michigan, 1977.
- Norris, Carolyn B. "The Image of the Physician in Modern American Literature." Ph.D. diss., University of Maryland, 1969.
- Olson, Carol B. "Madness in the Contemporary American Novel." Ph.D. diss., University of California, Los Angeles, 1977.
- Peterson, Dale A. "The Literature of Madness: Autobiographical Writings by Mad People and Mental Patients in England and America from 1436 to 1975." Ph.D. diss., Stanford University, 1977.
- Petrick, Joanne L. "Nathaniel Hawthorne, Henry James and 'The Deeper Psychology'." Ph.D. diss., Ohio State University, 1979.
- Polakiewicz, Leonard A. "The Image of the Doctor in Cexov's Works." Ph.D. diss., University of Wisconsin, 1978.
- Postlethwaite, Dianna L. "The Novelist as a Woman of Science: George Eliot and Contemporary Psychology." Ph.D. diss., Yale University, 1975.
- Potter, Editha J. "Principles of Comedy in Eight Plays of Moliere." Ph.D. diss., Rice University, 1970.
- Pridgeon, C. T. "Insanity in American Fiction from Charles Brockden Brown to Oliver Wendell Holmes." Ph.D. diss., Duke University, 1969.
- Rajadurai, E. B. "Shakespeare and the Renaissance Sciences: An Annotated Bibliography." Ph.D. diss., Kent State University, 1970.
- Raper, Julius R., Jr. "Ellen Glasgow and Darwinism, 1873-1906." Ph.D. diss., Northwestern University, 1966.
- Reimer, Howard J. "Darwinism in Canadian Literature." Ph.D. diss., McMaster University, 1975.
- Rosemary, DePaolo. "Comic Sense: Madness and Satire in Eighteenth-Century England." Ph.D. diss., Rutgers University, 1979.
- Rousseau, George S. "Doctors and Medicine in the Novels of Tobias Smollett." Ph.D. diss., Princeton University, 1966.
- Salmon, Geoffrey W. "The Function and Significance of the Physician in Modern German Literature in Its Historical Context." Ph.D. diss., University of Alberta, 1978.
- Scheef, Charles W. "The Attitudes toward Slum Life in the American Popular Novel, 1890-1910." Ph.D. diss., Michigan State University, 1972.
- Scholz, Carol K. "They Share the Suffering: The Psychoanalyst in American Fiction between 1920 and 1940." Ph.D. diss., University of Pennsylvania, 1977.
- Scielzo, Caroline A. G. "The Doctor in Chekhov's Works." Ph.D. diss., New York University, 1976.
- Scigaj, Leonard M. "Myth and Psychology in the Poetry of Ted Hughes." Ph.D. diss., University of Wisconsin, 1977.
- Smith, Allan G. "Nineteenth-Century Psychology in the Fiction of Charles Brockden Brown, Edgar Allan Poe, and Nathaniel Hawthorne." Ph.D. diss., Indiana University, 1974.

Smith, M. S. "A Study of the Realistic Treatment of Psychic Phenomena in Selected Fiction of William Dean Howells, Hamlin Garland, Henry James, Frank Norris, and Theodore Dreiser." Ph.D. diss., University of North Carolina, 1972.

Stooke, David E. "The portrait of the Physician in Selected Prose Fiction of Nineteenth-Century American Authors." Ph.D. diss., George Peabody College for Teachers, 1976.

Tytler, G. D. "Character Descriptions and Physiognomy in the European Novel (1800-1860) in Relation to J.C. Lavater's Physiognomische Fragmente." Ph.D. diss., University of Illinois, 1970.

Woodham, J. E. "Hipolito Unanue and the Enlightenment in Peru." Ph.D. diss., Duke University, 1964.

Zins, Daniel L. "Cuckoo's Nests and Joe McCarthy: Sanity and Madness in Contemporary Fiction." Ph.D. diss., Emory University, 1978.

ALHHS doings...

MINUTES OF THE 1983 ANNUAL MEETING The meeting was called to order at 9:30 A.M. on May 4, 1983 at the Bakken Library of Electricity in Life in Minneapolis by ALHHS's president Doris Thibodeau. Janet Kubinec explained the commemorative gift the ALHHS was to present to Dr. John Blake during the AAHM meeting. The Secretary-Treasurer, Jon Erlen, read the minutes from the 1982 meeting, and they were approved. He then reported that the treasury showed a balance of \$1,155.95, and this report was accepted.

Doris discussed her efforts to have the Watermark indexed by Library Literature, adding that she was not sure of their interest in this proposal. Election results were reported, with Jon Erlen being re-elected as Secretary-Treasurer and Mary Claire Britt, Dorothy Whitcomb and Glen Jenkins being elected to the Association's Steering Committee. November, 1983 elections will be held for the offices of President, Editor of the Watermark, and one Steering Committee position. Doris reported on several communications she had received concerning the Watermark.

The ALHHS 1984 annual meeting will be held in San Francisco, with Nancy Zinn in charge of local arrangements. Beth White explained the plans for the history of medicine program being presented at the annual MLA meeting this summer in Houston. Nicholas Dewey asked if the members would be interested in attending a conservation and preservation meeting in London in the future, and many members expressed their interest.

Jon Erlen informed the meeting about the bibliographic value of the newsletter published by the Society for Ancient Medicine. Anyone interested in receiving this publication should contact Dr. John Scarborough, History Department, University of Kentucky, Lexington Ky 40506. Nancy Bruce asked the members to help her with a history of medicine survey by filling out the forms she passed out at the meeting.

Under the heading of New Business, Lisabeth Hollo way stated that, even though there was a growing demand for the Watermark, she was still encountering severe difficulties in getting articles for inclusion. Considerable discussion followed, with several members promising to send Lisabeth material. Phil Teigen asked if the membership lists had appeared in the Watermark, and Lisabeth replied that they had been published in the July issue, and kept up to date with additions.

The Association thanked Robin Overmier for all her work in organizing the Minneapolis ALHHS meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 10 A.M., and followed by a workshop on archives presented by David Klaassen of the University of Minnesota Social History Archives. Special thanks were also expressed to John Senior and his staff at the Bakken Library for their kind hospitality.

David Klaassen's archives class ranged over the various methods of coping with the varied problems which beset the archivist, and demonstrated examples of successful solutions to some of these problems. To conclude, Andrea Hinding discussed the pre-history of Women's History Sources, a major reference work in bibliography, in a manner both enlightening and enjoyable. Wine and cheese topped off one of the Association's most memorable gatherings.

New members...

William H. Helfand
945 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y., 10021

Indiana Medical History Museum
(Katherine M. McDonell)
Old Pathology Building
3000 W. Washington Street
Indianapolis, Ind. 46222

Philip Metzger
619 Eastman Avenue
Springfield, Ill. 62702

Patrick Sim, Librarian
Wood Library - Museum of Anesthesiology
515 Busse Highway
Park Ridge, Ill. 60068

Tompkins-McCaw Library
Medical College of Virginia
Health Sciences Division VCU
P. O. Box 667
Richmond, Virginia 23296

Barry Wiedenkiller
The Printers' Devil
1 Claremont Court
Arlington, Mass. 02174

Elisabeth Wittman
2127 W. Leland
Chicago, Ill. 60625 (Archivist/Special Collections
Librarian, University of Chicago Health Sciences
Center)

MLA - Houston

Janet Kubinec, Section Chair for 1982/83 presided at a short business meeting before the program on "Archives in Health Sciences Libraries." After the minutes for the 1982 meeting were approved, there was a series of short announcements, Judith Overmier reported on the 1983 Section Council meetings, and Janet Kubinec expressed her appreciation to Elizabeth White for arranging the Section's dinner-meeting the previous evening. Dr. Ernst Knobil, Dean of the University of Texas Medical School at Houston, spoke after the dinner on William Harvey and the physiology of reproduction. Jon Er-len gave a brief report on the Section's sister organization, the Association of Librarians in the History of the Health Sciences (ALHHS). The annual dues for ALHHS are ten dollars, and the meeting is held each year just prior to the American Association for the History of Medicine meeting.

Old Business for the Section included a short report on the status of the Section by-laws. Mary Ann Hoffman then reported that only two libraries have completed forms for borrowing or lending exhibits in our Exhibits Exchange program. This program will continue and other libraries will be encouraged to participate.

New Business for the Section included a discussion of our dues and whether MLA headquarters should collect dues for the Section. Janet Kubinec then proposed that she tell MLA headquarters that although there would be some advantages to this procedure, this Section is not prepared to implement dues collection at this time. Another topic of discussion was the impact of MLA's requirement that members declare only one section for their primary affiliation. A motion was made and seconded that an *ad hoc* committee be formed to prepare a position paper for this Section to present to MLA.

Preparation for the 1984 meeting was talked about, and the Section voted to try to co-sponsor a 1984 session with the Oral History Committee. The Section also voted to sponsor a poster session with the theme "Outreach." Dorothy Whitcomb, Patricia Munoz, and Deborah K. Woolverton volunteered to help Mary Claire Britt coordinate the poster session.

The lack of current and accurate statistics concerning History of Health Sciences collections was discussed. Dorothy Whitcomb has surveyed the collections in Region 3, and her questionnaire could serve as a prototype for a larger survey. An *ad hoc* committee will be appointed to design a questionnaire to find funding for the survey, and to decide who will be surveyed. The ALHHS might be considered as a co-sponsor and perhaps a funding source for this survey.

The election of officers was the next order of business. The results are listed below:

1. Mary Claire Britt (Reynolds Library, University of Alabama) will serve as Chair for 1983 & 1984.
2. Lucretia McClure (University of Rochester, School of Medicine and Dentistry, Rochester, NY) will be Program Chair for the 1984 MLA annual meeting.

3. Dorothy Whitcomb (University of Wisconsin, Madison) will be this Section's candidate for MLA Nominating Committee, 1984.

Officers retaining their position for the next year are:

1. Elizabeth White (HAM-TMC Library, Houston, TX) Secretary-Treasurer, until July 1, 1984.
2. Judith Overmier (Wangensteen Historical Library, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis) Section Council Representative for 1984.
3. Janet Kubinec (Columbia University, New York) Alternate Representative to Section Council for 1984.

The last portion of the Section's meeting was the presentation of three papers of "Archives in Health Sciences Libraries." Caroline Morris talked about the collections at her institution, the Pennsylvania Hospital in Philadelphia. Joyce Ray (University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio) presented eight factors to consider when starting an archive program. Larry Wygant (University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston) discussed the appraisal of health sciences records, focusing finally on the 1980 report from the Joint Committee on Archives of Science and Technology. The full text of these papers is available from the audiotape which was made of the History of Health Sciences Section meeting.

Submitted by,

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Secretary-Treasurer

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419, Bethesda, MD 20209, w/copy to Mary
Claire Britt, are due by Sept. 15, 1983.



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