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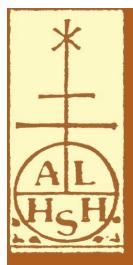
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Submissions for the Watermark:

The Watermark encourages submissions of news and stories about events, collections, catalogues, people, awards, grants, publications, and anything else of professional interest to the members of ALHHS. Please submit your contributions in a timely way to Stephen Novak, as e-mail attachments. Visuals should be submitted as jpegs with a resolution of at least 100 dpi if possible. Copyright clearance for content and visuals are the responsibility of the author.

Cover Image: The New York Homeopathic Medical College at its first location on Third Avenue and 20th Street, circa 1865-1870. See page 39.

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EDITOR'S MESSAGE



It was wonderful to see so many ALHHS and MeMA members this past April at our annual meeting in Columbus. The conference was packed with stimulating presentations, our very first poster session, and many opportunities for socializing. For those who couldn't make it, I hope this issue's meeting recap and many photos convey what you missed. And for those who were presenters, I hope you'll consider having your talks published in *The Watermark*. Please feel

free to contact me if you have any questions about how we can make that happen.

Besides information on the annual meeting, this *Watermark* has important information on the upcoming merger of ALHHS and MeMA. Please be sure to read ALHHS President's Melissa Grafe's column and the report of the merger task force. This is a momentous occasion for our two organizations, and the level of enthusiasm evinced by the members for this effort bodes well for its success.

On a less enthusiastic note, I'm sorry to report that once again we have only *one* book review. C'mon ALHHSers and MeMAers, I know you're readers! Don't let bad memories of 3rd grade book reports deter you from opining on your latest reading in the history of the health sciences.

Sincerely,

Stephen Novak

Editor, The Watermark

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FROM THE PRESIDENT



In April, many members from ALHHS and MeMA converged on Columbus, Ohio, for our annual meeting. We had a great mix of newer and older members presenting on a diverse range of topics, including the importance of partnerships, outreach, the blended worlds of museums, libraries, archives, artifacts, books, and images, and much

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more. Formats ranged from lightning talks and panels to our first ever poster session, as well as an entertaining keynote by Caitlin McGurk from the Billy Ireland Cartoon Library & Museum. Program chair Lisa Mix, with Russell Johnson, Stefanie Crumpton, and Arlene Shaner, did an amazing job organizing the sessions.

This all took place at the Arthur G. James Cancer Center, which freely provided the room for our conference. The local arrangements committee, chaired by Judy Wiener and Jenny Nieves with members Gino Pasi and Kristin Rodgers, went to great lengths to provide an affordable conference, seeking sponsors from Ohio State University, the Dittrick Medical History Center, and other places and groups. Through the work of many individuals on multiple committees, the conference program, local arrangements, and sheer business of our organizations were well-conducted throughout the meeting. I am constantly impressed by how much our members dedicate to making both our organizations really work. Please join me in thanking everyone involved in the meeting planning and committee work.

On a different note, on June 14th the polls closed on the issue of merging MeMA and ALHHS. With a significant majority of members from both organizations voting, I am pleased to announce on behalf of our societies that the merger of MeMA and ALHHS will move forward. Details concerning the vote, including the top suggestions for the new name of this merged organization, can be found in the pages of *The Watermark*. I look forward to working with governance and task force members from both organizations to guide us through the transition and hope to welcome a merged organization at our Michigan meeting next year. There are still a number of tasks we have to do to achieve this goal, but having the buy-in and support from most of the members of ALHHS and MeMA is critical. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, don't hesitate to reach out to me or any member of our governance groups.

Happy summer everyone!

As always, best to all of you.

Melissa Grafe

President, ALHHS

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2019 ALHHS/MEMA ANNUAL MEETING

Archivists and Librarians in the History of the Health Sciences 2019 Annual Meeting / Columbus, Ohio Business Meeting, April 25, 2019, 12:20-1:00 pm Room L035, Arthur G. James Cancer Center

Travel Scholarship Presentation and Committee Report (Keith Mages)

Keith Mages presented the Joan E. Klein Travel Scholarship to Katherine Isham (Cushing/Whitney Medical Historical Library, Yale School of Medicine) and Carmen Niemeyer (graduate student; University of Wisconsin, Madison).

On November 26, 2018, Keith Mages was asked by Melissa Grafe (ALHHS President) to chair the Archivists and Librarians in the History of the Health Sciences (ALHHS) Joan E. Klein Travel Scholarship Committee for the 2018-2019 award cycle. By early December, Jenny Miglus and past chair Elisabeth Brander agreed to serve as well. As a committee, we first drafted an award announcement (to be sent to listservs) and worked on updating the award information hosted on the ALHHS webpage, as well as the PDF award application for the 2018-2019 award cycle.

On December 19, 2018, the ALHHS webpage and PDF award application were changed to reflect this updated award information. Initial announcements were sent to ALHHS listserv the same day. Soon after, announcements were sent to the listservs of MeMA, SAA's STHC section, and AAHM. Additionally, the award was announced in the Winter 2019 issue of *The Watermark*. Follow-up announcements were made to the ALHHS listserv on February 4 and February 21, 2019.





By close of the application period on February 27, 2019, six applicants had applied. All were ALHHS members in good standing. Five were in their early-career and 1 was a student applicant. Two applicants also applied to one of MeMA's travel scholarships. The Committee met via Zoom on March 4th, 2019 and selected 2 winners: Katherine Isham (Cushing/Whitney Medical

Historical Library, Yale School of Medicine; photo at left) and Carmen Niemeyer (graduate student; University of Wisconsin, Madison; photo at right).

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The Committee drafted letters of regret and award, sent to all applicants on March 13, 2019. Results were also reported to ALHHS Treasurer and President on or around this same day. Both awardees responded, noting their thanks and confirming their plans to attend this year's conference in Columbus, OH.

Approval of Business Meeting Minutes from 2018 ALHHS meeting in Los Angeles: Dawne Lucas

Stephen Greenberg motioned to approve the 2018 minutes. Stephen Novak seconded the motion. The 2018 minutes were approved by voice vote.

Presidential Report: Melissa Grafe

The president is happy to report that the state of the Archivists and Librarians in the History of the Health Sciences is quite good. As in years past, our finances are solid, membership is strong, and interest remains high. We've seen good use of our listserv, and our annual meetings continue to draw solid attendance.



President Melissa Grafe addresses the meeting

Thank you to all who participate and volunteer in the many aspects of our organization and contribute in so many ways. And I invite members who have any interest in helping with aspects of our organization, from website to local arrangements, to please get in contact with me or any of our officers. Especially with the upcoming Ann Arbor meeting, where we are having some trouble getting a local arrangements committee together as members from ALHHS and MeMA are scarce on the ground.

Last year at our annual meeting, we put out a survey to discuss the possible merger of MeMA and ALHHS. Based on a large and positive response, a task force was assembled to work through the logistics of such a merger.

We issued the report at the beginning of April and will spend part of the meeting discussing the report and whether we want to move forward on the steps to merging.

We also put out a survey following the annual meeting to get a better sense from our members of what they wanted to see in the program for this year. The results were shared with Program Chair Lisa Mix, who implemented some changes for this year,

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which she will discuss. Melissa hopes to continue to use a survey annually to get feedback from our members, just as a way to measure our organization's pulse. The Steering Committee wants to know what you find valuable about the meetings and ALHHS, how the organization can better serve our members, encourage cooperation, friendships, and conviviality, and uncover the amazing work and innovations that you all bring to our fields.

Melissa wants to thank everyone again for their time, especially those members who have served on committees and as committee chairs and those in other leadership roles. In particular, she wants to thank Judy Wiener and Jenny Nieves for chairing the Local Arrangements Committee for the 2019 meeting – and Lisa Mix for chairing our Program Committee. She also wants to thank and acknowledge those members who are stepping down from ALHHS positions: Keith Mages and John Schleicher as Members-at-Large.

Local Arrangements Report: Jennifer Nieves for Judith Wiener

- LAC Members: Judy Wiener (co-chair), Jennifer Nieves (co-chair), Kristin Rodgers, Gino Pasi
- Meeting Site: As is tradition, the ALHHS/MeMA meeting was held in the same location as AAHM. This year's venue was Columbus, Ohio.
- Attendance: We had 81 total registrations. 78 attendees pre-registered for the meeting portion and 67 pre-registered for the dinner. We had 2 on-site dinner registrations that we were able to accommodate. We had 2 on-site meeting registrants.
- · Registration Fees:

\$40.00 = Member rate Meeting (\$40), no dinner, no Wednesday tour

\$95.00 = Member rate Meeting (\$40) and Dinner (\$55), no Wednesday tour

\$110.00 = Member rate Meeting (\$40), Dinner (\$55) and a Wednesday OSU tour (\$15)

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\$135.00 = Member rate Meeting (\$40), Dinner (\$55) and a Wednesday bus tour (\$40)

\$55.00 = Member rate Meeting (\$40), a Wednesday OSU tour (\$15) and no dinner

\$25.00 = Student Member rate Meeting (\$25), no dinner, no Wednesday tour

\$80.00 = Student Member rate Meeting (\$25) and Dinner (\$55), no Wednesday tour

\$95.00 = Student Member rate Meeting (\$25), Dinner (\$55) and a Wednesday OSU tour (\$15)

\$40.00 = Student Member rate Meeting (\$25), a Wednesday OSU tour (\$15) and no dinner

\$55.00 = Non-Member rate Meeting (\$55), no dinner, no Wednesday tour

\$110.00 = Non-Member rate Meeting (\$55) and Dinner (\$55), no Wednesday tour

\$125.00 = Non-Member rate Meeting (\$55), Dinner (\$55) and a Wednesday OSU tour (\$15)

\$70.00 = Non-Member rate Meeting (\$55), a Wednesday OSU tour (\$15) and no dinner

\$55.00 = Guest Dinner only (\$55), no Wednesday tour

\$70.00 = Guest Dinner (\$55) and a Wednesday OSU tour (\$15)

\$15.00 = Guest Wednesday OSU tour (\$15) and no dinner

Accommodations

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Accommodations were made by the AAHM who contracted with the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Columbus, Ohio. The Conference Room rate was \$173 a night plus local taxes of 17.5%

Meeting Location

The meeting was held at the Ohio State University James Cancer Hospital Conference Center.

All room rental fees and A/V charges were comped by the OSU Wexner Medical Center.

Catering was provided by University Catering. This caterer was chosen due to their ability to provide Passover-friendly options and because they were an approved caterer of the facility.

A morning coffee refresh was provided by MeMA.

An afternoon break featuring Columbus treats was provided compliments of the OSU Medical Heritage Center.

Annual Dinner

The annual dinner was held in the beer cave special event room at Barley's Brewing in the Short North District of Columbus, which was within walking distance of the hotel.

A buffet dinner was planned that included chicken, beef, and vegan options. Special attention was made to make it Passover-friendly.

A drink ticket for wine, soda, or beer was provided to all participants. Wine during dinner was served compliments of the Dittrick Museum. Soda, water, coffee, and iced tea were served during dinner as well.

Tours



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Three tours were offered on Wednesday. However, due to lack of registration, the tours of the OSU Biodiversity Museum and the Geology Museum were cancelled. The cost of the registrations did not cover the cost of the transportation to the sites even though the cost of the tours was free. The bus tour of the German Village area of Columbus was filled to capacity.

Two tours were offered on Thursday after the meeting. The tour of the Medical Heritage Center sold out and a tour of the artwork of the James Cancer Center with the Hospital's art curator received eight registrations. A self-tour of the James gallery was also offered.

Observations

The cost of the meeting is heavily subsidized by the organizations, and it was difficult to find venues for dinner and the meeting within the price point desired that could also accommodate a crowd of the size of the meeting and dinner. Fundraising could be added to the expectations of the LAC committee but, if so, we would suggest appointing the LAC committee 18 months or more in advance of the conference. Another option would be raising prices to fully pay for the cost of the meeting or expectations about offerings could be lowered.

There were not as many special requests for dinner and lunches as anticipated. In the future, we recommend not as much time be spent on the up-front accommodation of various possible preferences and that special requests be dealt with on a case-by-case basis.

Judy was also on the LAC of AAHM. Whenever possible this dual role is an asset to planning both meetings.

Budget

Please see attached spreadsheet for preliminary budget. Final budget will be sent after conference including actual costs.

Annual Meeting Blue Book



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Judy Wiener asked for assistance from Jennifer Nieves, former secretary/treasurer of MeMA. Her experience in arranging past MeMA meetings, as well as being on AAHM and ALHHS local arrangements committees, helped Judy navigate the outdated Blue Book. During LAC conference calls there was discussion of updating the book after this year's meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Phoebe Evans Letocha

ALHHS is in good financial shape, ending the fiscal year with more money than we started. The annual meeting in Los Angeles only cost us \$6,147 because UCLA heavily subsidized the costs. Otherwise, we would have broken even for the year.

We had \$12,685 of income during the past fiscal year, and \$9,094.55 of expenses. The ending balance was \$50,446.88.

Membership Report: Phoebe Evans Letocha

We expect more new members throughout 2019. These numbers do not include non-ALHHS MeMA members who would presumably join via the merger. We will probably go over 200 members this year. We are gaining new members, and many retirees are keeping their memberships. Phoebe does not see a reason to increase dues.

For 2019:

Membership renewals for 2019 (October 1, 2018-March 31, 2019): 145

New Members who joined in 2019 (October 1, 2018-March 31, 2019): 26

Total members at end of fiscal year, 3/31/19: 171

Total members for 2019 through April 15: 191 (162 renewing, 29 new members)

2018 members who have not yet renewed in 2018 as of April 15th: 24

For 2018:

Membership renewals for 2018 (October 1, 2017-March 31, 2018): 144

New Members who joined in 2018 (June* 1, 2017-March 31, 2018): 17

Total members at end of fiscal year, 3/31/18: 161

Total members for 2018 through April 30: 170

2017 members who have not yet renewed in 2018 as of April 30th: 21

Total 2018 membership as of 12/31/2018 is: 192 (153 renewing, 39 new members)

*New Members who joined after June 2017 were credited to 2018 membership

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For 2017:

Membership renewals for 2017 (October 1, 2016-March 31, 2017): 111

New Members who joined through March 31, 2017: 23

Total members at end of fiscal year, 3/31/17: 134

Total members for 2017 through April 15: 139

2016 members who have not yet renewed in 2017 as of April 15th: 50

Total 2017 membership as of 12/31/2017 is: 171

For 2016:

Membership renewals for 2016 (September 1, 2015-March 31, 2016): 137

New Members who joined in 2016 through March 31, 2016: 8

Total members at end of fiscal year, 3/31/16 (thus eligible to vote in election): 145

Total members for 2016 through April 15 (pre-paid + renewing + new): 157

2015 members who have not yet renewed in 2016 as of April 15th: 32

Total 2016 membership as of 12/31/2016 is: 166

For 2015:

Members who had prepaid for 2015: 7

Membership renewals for 2015 (September 1, 2014-March 31, 2015): 113

New Members who joined in 2015 through March 31, 2015: 22

Total members at end of fiscal year (thus eligible to vote in election): 142

Total members for 2015 through April 15 (pre-paid + renewing + new): 160

2014 members who have not yet renewed in 2015 as of April 15th: 26

Total 2015 membership as of 12/2015 is: 176

Social Media Report: Gabrielle Barr

This year, ALHHS has gained approximately 37 likes for our Facebook page and have 161 total followers and to date we have 40 followers on Twitter. Gabrielle concentrated on highlighting members and images of resources in their collections for Facebook, because that generates the most activity. In general, our posts this year received more attention than previous years with articles and photographs being of primary interest. An issue that persists is the fact that not everyone can post so conversations are not as organic as they could be. Gabrielle is eager to hear thoughts about turning the page into a group. There would still be a moderator and administrator, but not everything would have to go through Gabrielle first. Going forward, Gabrielle would like to focus more on enhancing our Twitter presence that can be done by using more hashtags, retweeting interesting posts from other groups, promoting archival and library opportunities at large,

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and asking for shorter but multimedia heavy material from members. Gabrielle is always looking for engaging content for both platforms and welcomes any suggestions. #alhhs2019

Program Committee Report: Lisa Mix

The 2019 ALHHS/MeMA Program Committee consisted of Lisa Mix (chair), Stefanie Crumpton, Russell Johnson, and Arlene Shaner. Local Arrangements Committee cochairs Judith Wiener and Jennifer Nieves graciously provided support and assistance.

Based on feedback from the 2018 meeting, the Program Committee decided to solicit proposals for 15-minute papers, lightning talks, and, a new addition, posters. We also decided to hold a panel discussion on collaborations and intersections between museums, libraries, and archives. Several members had expressed interest in such a session, and the topic is fitting given the planned merger of ALHHS and MeMA. We invited James Edmonson, retired Chief Curator of the Dittrick Medical History Center, to chair the session.

We sent the call for proposals to the ALHHS and MeMA listservs in early November 2018, followed by periodic reminders leading up to the December 10 deadline. In early December, we sent the call to the Society of American Archivists Science, Technology & Health Care section (SAA-STHC) listserv, and to Caduceus-L, and included a plug for joining ALHHS or MeMA. Proposals were collected via a Google form (adapted from last year's form), and that worked very well.

We received 14 proposals, all of which were deemed worthy of the program. (Individual Program Committee members recused themselves from discussion of proposals from their home institutions.) In order to accommodate all of the presentations, we asked some of the presenters to change from their proposed format, and all agreed. The Program includes 4 lightning talks, 3 stand-alone papers, 4 papers included in the panel "Come Together: Integrating Artifact, Archive, Image, and Rare Book Collections in Transformative Collaborations", and 3 posters. Our keynote speaker is Caitlin McGurk, Associate Curator for Outreach, Billy Ireland Cartoon Library & Museum.

Since the posters are a new element, Lisa recommend consulting with the poster presenters, local arrangements, and others post-meeting to assess what worked well and what can be done better next time.

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Lisa thanked the Program Committee members, the presenters, the Local Arrangements

Committee, and the ALHHS and MeMA officers.

Nominating Committee Report: Stephen Greenberg

Stephen Greenberg reported the following ALHHS elections results:

Via SurveyMonkey, we sent out 158 ballot invitations; 91 responses were received (58%). The results were as follows:

For President-Elect - Jennifer Nieves: Yes - 89, No - 1, Abst. -1

For Treasurer - Phoebe Evans Letocha: Yes - 89, No - 0, Abst. - 2

For Member-at-Large - Joel Klein: Yes - 88, No - 0, Abst. - 3

For Member-at-Large - Melanie Sorsby: Yes - 84, No - 0, Abst. - 6

There were no write-in votes.

Stephen thanked the Nominating Committee (Howard Rootenberg, Barbara Niss, and Megan Rosenbloom). He also thanked Phoebe Evans Letocha for setting up SurveyMonkey.

Publications Committee Report: Toby Appel

This past fall, the Publication Awards Committee called for and received eight nominations from the ALHHS membership for the annual Publication Awards. This year we were pleased to receive nomination in all three categories: monograph (three books by two authors); article (one submission); and online resource (four submissions). Our deadline was January 11, 2019.

The committee, which consisted of Toby Appel (Chair), Mary Hague-Yearl, and Joel Klein evaluated the submissions from late January to early March for quality and style, contribution to the field, and relevance to the profession.

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After a careful review with much back and forth over email, the Committee selected the following awardees:



Toby Appel with award winner Margaret DeLacy

Book award: Margaret DeLacy, *The Germ of an Idea: Contagionism, Religion, and Society in Britain, 1660-1730* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2016).

Article award: Susan Speaker "An Historical Overview of the National Network of Libraries of Medicine (NNLM), 1985-2015," *Journal of the Medical Library Association*, 106 [2] (April 2018): 162-174.

Online resource: New York Academy of Medicine,

"Facendo II Libro: The Making of Fasciculus Medicinae, an

Earlyy Printed Anatomy":

https://digitalcollections.nyam.org/digital/fasciculusmedicinae

Appel presented the Tiffany awards to Margaret DeLacy, Christie Moffat on behalf of Susan Speaker, and to Anne Garner on behalf of the New York Academy of Medicine.

Recognition Awards Committee Report: Emily Novak Gustainis



Anne Garner and Toby Appel

This year's Recognition Committee consisted of:

- Emily Novak Gustainis, Center for the History of Medicine, Francis A. Countway
 Library of Medicine, Chair
- Jessica Sedgwick, Center for the History of Medicine, Francis A. Countway Library of Medicine
- Lucy Waldrop, Duke University Medical Center Archives

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The deadline for both the Lisabeth M. Holloway Award and the ALHHS Recognition of Merit was Friday, March 1st, 2019, with a deadline of Friday, February 22, 2019 to express an intent to nominate.

The Committee did not receive any nominations; neither award will be presented this year.

Watermark report: Stephen Novak

There were four issues of *The Watermark* over the past year; they came out relatively on time. They had an average of 41 pages per issue, which is lower than it has been in the past, and there was a slight decline in the number of articles submitted. *The Watermark* staff consists of: Stephen Novak (editor), Jack Eckert (associate editor), Brooke Fox (layout editor), Tegan Kehoe (MeMA Notes editor), Patricia Gallagher (book review editor), and Sharon Butcher (associate book review editor). Sharon replaced John Erlen after he stepped down. There were four advertisers. Russell Johnson posts the issues on the website. Novak emphasized that members can review books on their own without receiving them from Patricia Gallagher.

Listserv/Website Report: Russell Johnson



Webmaster Russell Johnson explains all

Russell communicates with ALHHS Treasurer Phoebe Evans Letocha regularly about renewals, non-renewals, and new members, to make list subscriptions reflect active membership in the society. They both have access and editing rights to the list – Phoebe adds email addresses when people join ALHHS or restore memberships after they lapsed, for example. This also is good list-management practice, in case one editor is unavailable or indisposed.

The list software is going to be upgraded in May 2019, with some old features eliminated and new ones added. This should chiefly affect behind-the-scenes management, but we

will keep eyes open for changes which affect subscribers' ability to use the list.

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Our listserv appeared publicly as www.alhhs.org because we subscribed to the utility NameSecure to register and "alias" that address as the face of the actual URL, http://iisexhibits.library.ucla.edu/alhhs/index.html

DIIT (Digital Initiative and Information Technology) at the UCLA Library manages the server on which our website resides. Russell edits and loads content, but DIIT retains the NameSecure password and control of the registration process.

The former manager of this process retired, and registration information was not passed to a new staff member. Thus, it appears, when NameSecure renewal reminders were sent this winter and spring, they went to an unattended mailbox.

When Phoebe Evans Letocha and others noticed that the www.alhhs.org address was inoperative – the day before annual meeting registration closed – Russell scrambled to try to restore the NameSecure service. Because communications took several days, I failed; a poacher purchased the alhhs.org license, and presumably is offering it at a massively inflated price to our unmonitored mailbox.

DIIT notified Russell about continuing to host our website: "DIIT leadership has talked about this and decided that we should not be hosting non-UCLA sites, as a matter of policy. It's more appropriate for the host organization to manage them in the long term, especially for sites like this one where content is updated regularly."

In the meantime, the "actual URL" is good, and will continue to be good until we move the site from the UCLA server. An eviction date has not been set; DIIT confirmed hosting through 2019 or when we find a new home (which would be just shy of 20 years; we mounted our first ALHHS website on 9 May 2000).

The new home we thought we would have at another university ultimately is not playing out, so we need to issue a call for a new institutional home or go with an outside host such as WordPress.

Cleanup is needed, but the resulting website still will not be a small one. Presently the site contains 909 files, amounting to 723MB. This includes several unlinked photo albums (with contributed images but no metadata identifying the people in the photos) and backfiles of annual meetings which did not make the migration from a couple of iterations back in the migration-and-redesigning of the website. The bulk of the host

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folder is devoted to issues of the *Watermark* newsletter, at 600MB and growing quarterly.

Using the ALHHS procedures manual (http://iis-exhibits.library.ucla.edu/alhhs/alhhs-procedures-2012.pdf) – last updated in May 2012 – and personal experience, Russell will update the profile and calendar of Website Editor duties so the Steering Committee can issue a call for a new website host and editor in the next issue of *The Watermark* (if it is not determined at the 2019 annual meeting).

If a positive decision is made to merge ALHHS and MeMA, and a new acronym for the joint society name is created, it or "nearly" it should be registered as an ".org" alias.

ALHHS member Thomas Hayes commented that we can challenge the poaching, and that challenges tend to go in favor of non-profits.

Since we expect to change the name of the organization due to the merger, perhaps we do not need to worry about reclaiming this alias.

ALHHS Archives Report: Melissa Grafe on behalf of Jodi Koste

There are no new updates to report about the ALHHS archives. They remain safely stored in Special Collections and Archives at the Tompkins-McCaw Library. There were no reference requests this year and no accretions.

Old/New business: Melissa Grafe

Website:

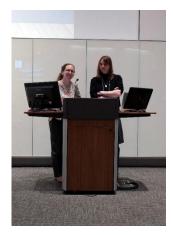
The Steering Committee is asking for feedback about what members want to see on the new website. We need a taskforce to lay out steps for building a new website. Melissa asked members to reach out to ALHHS officers if they are interested in participating on this taskforce. We also need to address born-digital materials, including *The Watermark*, which hasn't been printed since 2009. We need to set up an archive for born-digital materials. Rachel Ingold recommended reaching out to John Rees, digital resources manager at the National Library of Medicine. Margaret DeLacy commented that if you are an h-net list, you also get web space.



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ALHHS/MeMA Merger Taskforce report:



MeMA President Sarah Alger and ALHHS President Melissa Grafe

Melissa thanked ALHHS/MeMA merger taskforce members and asked ALHHS members to submit thoughts and feedback about the recently shared report. Howard Rootenberg asked Melissa to summarize the pros and cons of proceeding with the merger. Melissa responded: the pros are that we have effectively been one organization for years now, it doesn't make sense to have two organizations, and the steps to merge are fairly laid out. The cons: there is work that needs to be done (listserv, website, etc.), but we were going to have to address those issues regardless.

Stephen Novak commented that the decision to merge falls on MeMA, not ALHHS, but MeMA has acknowledged that it is not

sustainable on its own. Melissa added that ALHHS has non-profit status and MeMA does not. MeMA doesn't really have a legal status, so this would be an absorption and not a merger.

Stephen Greenberg commented this should not be framed as a win-lose, but as an opportunity to merge our thinking into an official organizational status.

Melissa announced that there will be a contest for a new name should we decide to proceed with the absorption. There is an open comment period regarding the taskforce report through May 15. There will then be a series of votes: MeMA will vote on dissolution. ALHHS will then have to vote on absorption. The new organization will then then have to adopt bylaws and new name. If these votes go through, we will have copresidents (Stefanie Rookis and Melissa Grafe). ALHHS's president-elect, Jenny Nieves, is already a joint member. We would add one more member-at-large to the Steering Committee to represent medical museums.

Projected cost: We have a pro bono lawyer since we are a non-profit organization. Sarah Alger reached out to a legal clearinghouse in Boston, and we have been working with a lawyer from this clearinghouse. There would be costs if we decide to incorporate (~\$600). Incorporation protects us as an organization and protects officers from being sued.



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Adjournment

Stephen Novak motioned to adjourn the meeting. Phoebe Evans Letocha seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawne Lucas

ALHHS Secretary

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Steering Committee meeting



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Dinner at Barley's Brewing Company, Wednesday, April 24, 2019









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ALHHS/MeMA 2019 Annual Meeting Scenes



I. to r.: Presenters Cara Howe, Gabrielle Barr, Tara Wink, Arlene Shaner, Jamie Rees



I. to r.: Presenters Elisabeth Brander, Nicole Milano, Carrie Nespor, Lisa Mix, Jennifer Ulrich



I. to r.: Panel members Emily Novak Gustainis, Dawne Lucas, Anne Garner, Dominic Hall, Lucy Ross, Jim Edmonson, Sarah Alger



Keynote speaker Caitlin McGurk of the Billy Ireland Cartoon Museum

Poster Session





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I. to r. Poster session presenters Tegan Kehoe, Sue London, Russell Johnson, Sushan Chin

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ALHHS/MEMA MERGER

ALHHS and MeMA Approve Merger

On June 14th, 2019, the polls closed on the historic vote to merge the Medical Museums Association (MeMA) with Archivists and Librarians in the History of the Health Sciences (ALHHS). With 79% of ALHHS members voting, and 80% of MeMA membership, there was an overwhelming majority that approved the merger of both groups. Only 3 members of both organizations voted in the negative, out of 178 members who voted.

In addition to the vote to merge, members were asked to select their top three choices for a name for the combined organization. The following names were selected by ALHHS and MeMA members:

MedLAM - Medical Libraries, Archives and Museums

LAMP - Librarians, Archivists and Museum Professionals in Health Sciences and Medical History

ALMHHS - Archives, Libraries and Museums in the History of Health Sciences

Following approval of the merger, the governance groups of both organizations will review the revised bylaws a final time, as laid out in the task force report, and pass them to a lawyer for review. There will be a follow-up vote, likely at the end of July or



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beginning of August, for approval of these revised bylaws and co-presidency for this upcoming year, election of a new member-at-large representing MeMA, and a final vote on the name of the organization from the top three choices.

Financials for both organizations will be reviewed before merger, and an outside professional will audit the books before closing MeMA's accounts and moving them over.

MeMA members will be added to the ALHHS listserv to make communication easier. The listserv will still be named ALHHS, but this will change with the new organizational name and the creation of a new listserv over the course of the year. A website task force was launched and will issue a report laying out the pathway for establishing a new website representing the merged organization.

The governance boards of both organizations thank our members for their continued support and patience as the transition to one merged entity happens over the course of this year.

Recommendations for ALHHS/MeMA merger

Presented by members of the task force assigned to investigate the possibilities for merger: Sarah Alger, Judy Chelnick, Stefanie Crumpton, Lori Curtis, Melissa Grafe, Emily Novak Gustainis, Phoebe Evans Letocha, Dawne Lucas, and Cassie Nespor, April 3, 2019

Introduction

For a number of years now the Archivists and Librarians in the History of the Health Sciences and the Medical Museums Association have held a joint meeting. Given the extent of what the two organizations share (a meeting program; a quarterly publication; and approximately 15 dual members) and potential duplication of efforts in what they don't (meeting registration, dues collection, travel awards, separate websites), the question arose: Would it make more sense for the two organizations (approximately 190 members and 40 members, respectively) to become one?

In May 2018, both memberships were surveyed about whether a task force should be formed to explore a merger. Nearly 100 members weighed in, all favorably, and dozens offered comments and concerns. Common themes were that a merger could increase efficiency and usefulness given the overlap in mission and members; the move toward increasingly blurred lines among collections and specialties; and the need for



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organizations of these small sizes to unite for survival. As one respondent noted: "two ultra-small organizations with similar...goals, aims and membership. We may possibly achieve our desires more readily as a combined force." Another wrote: "A broadened scope, shared finances, and larger membership would strengthen [ALHHS], which is important in these days of hard times for the humanities in general."

The most common concern was that each constituent group—libraries, archives, museums—get adequate representation and the resources they each need. If a merger were to take place, one member wrote, "We need to ensure...everyone will feel that the result is still their association."

To that end, the two organizations formed a task force made up of officers and other member volunteers to examine issues such as naming, bylaws, website, accounts, prizes, and the annual meeting. This report is a result of these discussions, and task force members remain strongly in favor of unifying ALHHS and MeMA.

First steps: Legal implications

To determine how MeMA might go about merging with ALHHS, MeMA secured pro bono help from a business lawyer via Lawyers Clearinghouse in Boston, Massachusetts. Having looked back at documents in the MeMA archives, it was determined that MeMA is not incorporated. ALHHS likewise is not incorporated. Given these facts, a merger as legally defined is not possible, as explained by the lawyer: "merger of unincorporated organizations cannot be effected under state merger laws, and... there are no state law analogs to merger statutes available to unincorporated organizations." However, a less formal but simple and efficient route to combining the two organizations is for ALHHS to effectively absorb MeMA.

Non-profit status and incorporation

ALHHS secured pro bono help from a business lawyer via Lawyers Clearinghouse in Boston, Massachusetts--the same lawyer who worked with MeMA's case. The lawyer recommended that the combined ALHHS/MeMA organization, once a final name and bylaws are determined, apply for incorporation. Following incorporation, the new organization, as a successor to ALHHS, would re-apply for 501(c)(3) status.

Changes to governance

After a review of the governance structures of both organizations, the task force recommends the following changes:

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Adding an additional Member-at-Large

The task force suggests an additional Member-at-Large specially reserved for a museum professional for the first five years after combining the organizations. The task force also recommends that members of the Nominating Committee be drawn from libraries, archives, and museums, to ensure nominations fill positions with all professions in mind.

Co-presidency for 2019-2020

With Jennifer Nieves as incoming president for ALHHS in 2020, the task force is satisfied that all facets of the professions are represented in the governance of the merged organization. For the remainder of 2019-2020, through absorption of MeMA into ALHHS until Nieves takes office, the task force recommends a copresidency through the transition. Under this model, current ALHHS President Melissa Grafe and incoming MeMA President Stefanie Crumpton would act as co-presidents until end of term in 2020.

Length of terms for officers

The length of terms for officers will remain in the model established by ALHHS and as described in ALHHS bylaws.

Constitution and bylaws

The bylaws and constitution of ALHHS and the bylaws of MeMA were thoroughly reviewed and reworked to incorporate elements of both organizations.

Merging memberships

Memberships and dues for 2019 have already been collected by both organizations. The task force recommends that all members in good standing from MeMA automatically become members of ALHHS. Those members who had paid dues for both associations for 2019 can choose to have a \$15 refund or have those funds credited toward a membership in the combined organization for 2020.

Financial recommendations

Please see original report circulated to members of both organizations.



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Scholarships

ALHHS and MeMA award several annual meeting travel grants for members of their organizations. In total, there are four named, unendowed, travel awards, including two Joan E. Klein Travel Scholarships from ALHHS (\$500 each), and the Patsy Gerstner Travel Fund and the Gretchen Worden Memorial Travel Fund from MeMA (\$300 each). All travel awards should be continued under the combined organization.

Archives

Per discussion with MeMA governance, the committee recommends closing out MeMA's archive and officially archiving the collection at the Dittrick, where it is currently held.

The governance committee for ALHHS will decide on the status of the ALHHS archives, currently residing at the Virginia Commonwealth University.

A new archive for the combined records for the new organization will be determined by the Steering Committee of the merged organization.

Annual Meeting

Building on an established aspect of annual meeting planning, the task force recommends members from the museum field be part of local arrangements and/or the Program Committee. Annual meeting programs from the past few years reflected a fairly balanced blend of all fields, which should continue with the combined organization.

Operating procedure for governance and the Blue Book for annual meeting planning

The task force recommends that manuals such as the ALHHS Blue Book and Procedures Manual be updated to reflect the combining of the two organizations. The task force also recommends that the organization's Secretary update such manuals on an annual basis, instead of appointing task forces to update them on an occasional ad hoc basis.

The most recent version of these manuals should be accessible via the organization's website. The Secretary should be given credentials to post updated documents to the website as needed.

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Communications:

Website

A new website for the new organization, combining the assets of ALHHS and MeMA, would have the primary goal of serving its members, such as:

- --providing information about and registration forms for the annual meeting
- --serving as home for *The Watermark*
- --listing names and contact information of officers and other members
- --including bylaws and other governance documents
- --listing useful resources pertaining to this field
- --providing membership information and forms
- --providing committee information

Secondary goals would be to:

- --serve nonmembers conducting research related to medical history and who can benefit from the listed resources (and, potentially, members)
- --attract new members

The ideal goal would be to fully launch the site before end of 2019; the minimum would be a page allowing the organization to collect dues and meeting registrations.

Name

To determine a name for this new organization, a contest would be opened to the entire organization. A selection of the top name choices would go to the organization for a final vote.

Logo

Once a name is determined, the Communications Committee would then decide whether a logo (such as the current *Watermark* logo) is warranted—and if so, whether to open it to a contest—or simply a type treatment (and if so, determine how to get that designed).

The logo/type treatment is to be used on the organization's website, Facebook page, Twitter page, *The Watermark*, the annual meeting materials, and the annual awards.

Listserv

Once the membership of the two organizations is combined, MeMA members will be subscribed to the allhhs-I@lists.ucla.edu listserv, which is currently a UCLA Google



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group. Once a new name is determined, the Communications Committee would decide how to transition to a new name for the listserv that reflects the new acronym.

Watermark

The Communications Committee would determine, with current *Watermark* editor Steve Novak, how to adapt the MeMA Notes editor role to ensure that the *Watermark* is adequately staffed and that museums continue to be adequately represented.

Conclusion and Next Steps

We invite members of both organizations to read through the report, discuss, and give feedback to members of governance or the task force. The report will be on the agenda for the business meetings of MeMA and ALHHS during the annual meeting in Columbus, Ohio. After the annual meeting, there will be an open period for further discussion and comment until May 15, 2019. The following would then be put to vote for both organizations:

- --For MeMA, a vote to cease operations and to be absorbed by ALHHS (majority vote to pass).
- --For ALHHS, a vote to agree to absorb MeMA's members and to incorporate its mission (two-thirds vote to pass).

If these votes pass, the Communications subgroup would proceed with determining a new name as outlined above.

If the absorption is accepted by both groups, current ALHHS and MeMA members would vote again. Vote 2 would be for proposed changes to bylaws and constitution, changed governance group, and the new name (two-thirds vote to pass).

Editor's Note: This report is edited with some changes and deletions due to its inclusion in The Watermark. The full report was sent to all ALHHS and MeMA members via email prior to the vote on the merger.

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MEMA NOTES



New Exhibit: Tooth Fairy Magic, Sindecuse Museum of Dentistry, University of Michigan

When children in your family lose their baby teeth, does it prompt a visit from the Tooth Fairy? Or is it a tooth mouse who arrives to trade coins for the baby teeth? These and

other tooth shedding rituals are described in a new exhibit, "Tooth Fairy Magic" at the Sindecuse Museum of Dentistry, University of Michigan School of Dentistry. The exhibit, prepared by Curator and Director, Shannon O'Dell, includes a story by one of the dental school's faculty, a native of Brazil, Dr. Elisabeta Karl, sharing her perspective on the Tooth Fairy tradition when she was a child and now with her children. Visitors can view Tooth Fairy Barbies, costume accessories, games, pillows, and books in two exhibit cases on the first floor of the Kellogg Building on the west side of the School of Dentistry, 1011 N. University Ave., Ann Arbor, Ml. Open now through 2021.

https://www.dent.umich.edu/about-school/sindecuse-museum/sindecuse-museum-dentistry

Shannon O'Dell

Curator and Director Sindecuse Museum of Dentistry Ann Arbor, Michigan

Division of Medicine and Science, National Museum of American History, Smithsonian Institution: New Acquisitions

Recent additions to the collection include prototype Desilets-Hoffman Sheath (1964), a hollow tube made of Mylar, and a catheter made of Teflon, a new method of inserting a tube or sheath into the arterial system.



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For the LGBT collections, the papers and personal objects of Matthew Shepard relating to his life, beating, death, and its aftermath, leading to the passage of anti-hate crime legislation named for him and James Byrd, Jr.

And four vials of 1944 penicillin manufactured by the Upjohn Company.

Judy M. Chelnick

Curator
Division of Medicine and Science
National Museum of American History
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, DC

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MEMBER PROFILES



Name: Michala Biondi

Member of ALHHS since: 2019

Hometown: Levittown, (Long Island), but I've lived in New York City since 1986, so it is home to me now.

Current Employer and Position: I'm a part of the Arthur H. Aufses, Jr. MD Archives team at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai. I am dedicated to the Mount Sinai St. Luke's and Mount Sinai West (formerly Roosevelt Hospital) collections.

Education: BA in music (minors in French and History) from SUNY Plattsburgh; MA in History/Archival Certification from New York University; MA in Pastoral Counseling from Westminster Seminary in PA; and a Digital Archives Specialist certification from SAA.

Professional interests: Medical history, of course, and a developing interest in outreach and advocacy.

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Other facts, interests, or hobbies: I was bitten by the medical history bug in grad school at NYU after taking the history of medicine class. Then just after graduating I substituted for my current boss, Barbara Niss, while she was on her first maternity leave. I always wanted to return to the Mount Sinai Archives because I enjoy medical history so much. It took until 2016 and the acquisition of several more hospitals, one of which had a vacant archivist position, to reach that goal. In the interim I've worked in many recognizable institution's archives in my career (some were projects, some regular employment) – The Metropolitan Museum of Art/Cloisters, Chase Bank Archives, Citibank archives, Radio City Music Hall archives, Columbia University (Law Library, Burke Library). However, the bulk of it (11 years) was at New York Public Library, working in Special Collections in three of the four Research Libraries. I'm a big reader, especially of historical fiction and science fiction/fantasy. I also love cycling, just not in the city (not brave enough) and British history.



Name: Linda A. Lohr

Member of ALHHS since: 1996

Hometown: East Aurora, NY

Current Employer and Position: Curator, Robert L. Brown History of Medicine Collection, Health Sciences Library, State University of New York at Buffalo

Education: State University of New York at Albany, MA, May 1972; State University of New York at Albany, BA,

June 1970

Professional interests: Because I'm so lucky to be working in my current position, I love everything about the history of medicine and the health sciences. I came into this job through great good fortune after working at the Health Sciences Library in administration for more than seventeen years. During this time I've come to realize that nothing exists in a vacuum and there are many connections between the history of the health sciences and other disciplines. I learn something new every day, and I am particularly grateful for what I learn through ALHHS and for the wonderful people I've met since I became a member!

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Other facts, interests, or hobbies: I love history in general and, I admit it, I am a huge fan of everything that has to do with true crime!

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adaptation. The exhibition opens June 3, 2019.

New Exhibit: Rashes to Research

In recognition of the 50th anniversary of the first commercially available vaccine to prevent rubella, the U.S. National Library of Medicine (NLM) announces Rashes to Research: Scientists and Parents Confront the Rubella Epidemic of 1964, a banner exhibition and companion online

Rashes to Research highlights the work of researchers and parents to limit the impact of rubella in the years before an effective vaccine nearly eliminated the disease from the United States. During the rubella epidemic that raged in 1964, 20,000 children were born with serious heart, hearing, and vision problems related to rubella exposure during pregnancy. While the nation's scientists rushed to create a vaccine and develop better screening tests, families faced difficult, complicated decisions about current and future pregnancies.

Drawing on the collections of the NLM, the special display showcases a companion exhibition *Rashes to Research: The Division of Biologics Standards' Impossible Role.* This exhibition tells the story of the NIH's Division of Biologics Standards (DBS), whose early research spurred the development of the first commercially available vaccine to prevent rubella. However, DBS, both the developer of the rubella vaccine and the regulator of vaccines, occupied an impossible role. To resolve tension between DBS' role as an innovator and regulator, the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare

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(HEW) transferred the Division to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in July 1972 and renamed it the Bureau of Biologics.

The <u>online adaptation</u> of *Rashes to Research* includes an <u>education component</u> featuring a new K-12 lesson plan and a university module, and a <u>digital gallery</u> that further explores the historic collection of the NLM using the works from NLM Digital Collections.

The banner exhibition and special display will be available through September 25, 2019, in the History of Medicine Division Reading Room, first floor of the U.S. National Library of Medicine, Building 38 on the Bethesda, Maryland, campus of the National Institutes of Health.

Tuohy Recognized with Rogers Award



Patricia Tuohy, Head of HMD's Exhibition Section, has been presented with the 2019 Frank B. Rogers Award for her "outstanding leadership in developing and implementing 'Exhibitions Connect,' a new program for institutions that host NLM traveling exhibitions, helping them connect visitors to relevant NLM health information resources." The purpose of the award is to recognize an employee

who has made a significant contribution to NLM's fundamental operational programs and services. The presentation was made by NLM Director Dr. Patricia Flatley Brennan at the spring meeting of the NLM Board of Regents.

The award is named after Frank Bradway Rogers, MD, last director of the Armed Forces Medical Library and first director of NLM (1949-1963).

NLM Announces 2019-2020 Associate Fellows

The National Library of Medicine is pleased to announce our 2019-2020 class of Associate Fellows.

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Joyce Backus, Associate Director for Library Operations, said about the incoming Associate Fellows, "We're excited to welcome the 2019-2020 Associate Fellows who arrive at a critical time for NLM. As we begin to implement the NLM Strategic Plan 2017-2027: A Platform for Biomedical Discovery and Data-Powered Health, we're investing in data science research and in data-driven decisions that shape our products and services with a common technical platform and outreach programs that meet our users where they are. We look forward to having these 2019-2020 Associate Fellows contribute to shaping our future, even as they shape their own. "

The Associate Fellowship Program is a residency fellowship at NLM on the campus of the NIH in Bethesda, Maryland. The one-year program, beginning in September every year, offers a robust educational and leadership experience, ranging from formal lectures and presentations to projects in operations, research and development, policy, and data analysis, all within the context of the role of a national library on the national and international stage.

More information on the Associate Fellowship Program is available at: http://www.nlm.nih.gov/about/training/associate/proginfo.html

Brenna Cox received her MLIS from the University of Denver, Morgridge College of Education, in June 2019. While completing her degree, Brenna worked for the University of Denver Libraries in both the Reference & Instruction and the Design & Discovery departments, providing reference services to students and assisting with website usability projects, respectively. Cox completed her culminating internship with the nonprofit Realm of Caring in Colorado Springs, where she collaborated on the construction of a new research library web page. Additionally, she worked at the Red Rocks Community College Library providing information literacy instruction. She holds a BA in Sociology and Economics from Drake University.

Sharon Han received her MSLIS degree in Spring 2019 from the iSchool at University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. Han uses she/her/hers pronouns. At Illinois, Han worked as a graduate assistant at the Funk Agricultural, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences Library, providing reference services, developing social media campaigns, and editing LibGuides and other instructional materials. She was also a Community Educator at the Champaign-Urbana Community Fab Lab, a university-affiliated makerspace, where she facilitated making activities for K-8 students and educators and also led a user experience working group. Her time at the iSchool included being a research assistant for Young Researchers, an IMLS grant-funded project focused on

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developing camps to connect teens to the original research process in public libraries. Han holds a BA in Archaeology from Washington University in St. Louis.

Eden Kinzel received her MLIS degree from Western University in 2019. While completing her degree, Kinzel worked at Western Archives, preparing comprehensive listings of fonds' materials and arranging fonds for appraisal. While working towards her degree, Kinzel completed an internship at Western Archives where she preserved, arranged, and described the records of a world-renowned neurosurgeon. Additionally, Kinzel fulfilled an internship at the Bracken Health Sciences Library at Queen's University where she delivered library orientation sessions to first-year medical residents, led research consultations with graduate students, and responded to reference questions from students, faculty, and physicians. She holds a BSc, majoring in biomedical sciences and minoring in molecular biology and genetics from the University of Guelph.

Louise To received her MLISc and MEd in Learning Design and Technology from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa in 2018. While completing her degrees, To interned at the Hawai'i Pacific Health medical library where she provided reference and instructional services to the researchers, physicians, and health professionals within the hospital network. At Hawai'i Pacific Health, she also conducted research on the impact of resource awareness in evidence-based practice. Outside of health sciences, Louise has curated digital collections on Asian Pacific American communities for the Smithsonian Libraries and served as a school librarian for 'Iolani School. She holds a BA in Ethnic Studies from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa.

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ALHHS Online Publication Award

The Library was very pleased to be the recipient of the 2019 online publication award from ALHHS for our online digital exhibit and collection, *Facendo II Libro: The Making of Fasciculus Medicinae, an Early Printed Anatomy*. This was truly a team effort: Anne Garner, Curator, Rare Books & Manuscripts, provided curatorial input and oversight; Robin Naughton, Head of Digital, and her team provided the digital structure, operability,

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scanning and metadata, and quality control; Arlene Shaner, Historical Collections Librarian, worked extensively with the books and provided needed information; and our conservation team ensured the safe digitization of the five editions that we hold of the *Fasciculus medicinae*, dated 1495 through 1522. This was the first Library project where full-text books were digitized in-house.

Robert Latou Dickinson Lecture



Anne Garner, Curator of Rare Books & Manuscripts, spoke at the Countway Library of Medicine at Harvard Medical School on Thursday, May 23rd, 2019. Her presentation, "From the stacks to the studio: Robert Latou Dickinson's Academy of Medicine," discussed Dickinson's relationship with the New York Academy of Medicine and explored Dickinson's role as influencer and occasional disrupter within the Academy, as he advocated for sex education and for greater access to medical information for public audiences.

Upcoming Programming

The New York Academy of Medicine will be a participant in the annual Museum Mile Festival this year. This event, held this year on Tuesday, June 11th, offers free admission to eight museums along Manhattan's "Museum Mile" (Fifth Avenue from 82nd to 110th Streets) along with a variety of activities and performances. The Academy will be offering coloring activities and giveaways of fruit and water.

The Academy's next event in our Race and Health series will be held Wednesday, July 10th. "How Long Will We Wait? The Desegregation of American Hospitals" will screen *Power to Heal*, an hour-long documentary narrated by Danny Glover about the lead-up to the Civil Rights Act and the desegregation of hospitals. Following the screening, filmmaker Barbara Berney will join a discussion with experts around desegregation efforts in New York City, with a focus on Harlem Hospital. The discussion will address



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strategies to implement equitable practices in hospitals consistently and the ways the legacy of segregation continues to impact American healthcare today.

Medical Heritage Library Fellow

The Library is pleased to host Kelly Jones, Medical Heritage Library (MHL) Education and Outreach Fellow, from June 4th to August 8th, 2019. Kelly will work on developing curated topical collections for the MHL website, enriching MHL metadata to highlight underrepresented topics in the Internet Archive collections, and creating a social media campaign for MHL. She will also create educational materials tied to K-12 and/or university level curricula.

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New York Medical College Establishes Archives

The Health Sciences Library of New York Medical College (NYMC) has hired an Archivist & Digital Preservation Librarian to arrange, describe, preserve, and promote its collection of archival material related to the College and its history. While NYMC has kept a significant quantity of records and artifacts documenting its rich history, this is the first time that a full-time professional archivist has been on staff to oversee the management of the collections.

Chartered by the State of New York in 1860 under the leadership of poet and journalist William Cullen Bryant, NYMC was known for many years as the New York Homeopathic Medical College. Over the course of the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, however, its evolving curriculum kept pace with modern scientific medicine, and the "Homeopathic" was formally dropped from its name in 1936. Its hospital affiliates during this period included the Hahnemann Hospital of New York City (1878-1922), the Laura Franklin Free Hospital for Children (1886-1922), and the Roswell P. Flower Free Surgical Hospital (1890-1935). Its first home, 1865-1870 (seen above), was over a grocery at the corner of Third Avenue and 20th Street. Later, from 1935 until 1972, the College and its primary teaching hospital were located in East Harlem at Flower-Fifth Avenue Hospital, now the Terence Cardinal Cooke Health Center.

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New York City Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia lays cornerstone for new NYMC building in East Harlem, 1938.

Notably, NYMC faculty members have provided the core clinical staff of New York City's Metropolitan Hospital Center since its founding as the Ward's Island Homeopathic Hospital in 1875. This is one of the oldest uninterrupted affiliations between a medical school and a New York City municipal hospital.

In 1972, NYMC relocated to its current home in Valhalla, New York. The College campus, in central Westchester County approximately twenty miles north of the city, is located on the site of the former Grasslands Hospital adjacent to the current Westchester Medical Center, one of the College's main clinical affiliates.

In addition to the MD degree, the College offers graduate programs in public health

and the basic sciences. For over thirty years, beginning in the late 1970s, the College was closely associated with the Archdiocese of New York. In 2011 it became part of the Touro College and University System, and today it is unique in providing medical education to a diverse student body in a context informed by the traditions of Orthodox Judaism.

The historical collections of the College are extensive, wide-ranging, and largely uncataloged. They include nineteenth-century ledgers, letter books and minute books from the early years of the College and its affiliated hospitals; annual reports, bulletins, publications, and ephemera from throughout the College's history; administrative records from the College's affiliate hospitals; the manuscript collections of prominent members of the NYMC community; and a large collection of photographs and audiovisual material. ALHHS members will be kept informed as these holdings are inventoried, arranged, and described.

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The collections of the NYMC Health Sciences Library include extensive rare book holdings. While many of these items are cataloged in OCLC, they are currently underutilized and rarely promoted. Increasing the visibility of this collection will be among the tasks of the new Archivist. The holdings of the Archives also include a collection of antique medical and surgical equipment.

The Archivist & Digital Preservation Librarian who will be managing these collections is ALHHS member Nicholas Webb. He joins the staff of New York Medical College after nine years at the Arthur H. Aufses, Jr. MD Archives of the Mount Sinai Health System, where he ran the Archives' digital repository and served as the reference and outreach archivist for the Beth Israel Medical Center and Astoria General Hospital collections. In many ways, NYMC's collections are the "missing puzzle piece" to the history of medicine in the New York City metropolitan area, and Nicholas is excited to share more information about them with fellow ALHHS members in future issues of *The Watermark*.

Nicholas Webb

Archivist & Digital Preservation Librarian New York Medical College

Updates from East Carolina University's Laupus Health Sciences Library and The Country Doctor Museum

The <u>Laupus Library History Collections</u> in Greenville, North Carolina, offers books, artifacts and archival collections relevant to the history and practice of health care, primarily in eastern North Carolina.

One of our library's major projects this past year has been to host oral histories from our <u>Oral History Collection</u> online as part of the <u>ECU Digital Collections</u>. A noted oral history is a 1979 interview with herbalist, Emma Dupree, titled <u>Little Medicine Thing</u>.

New exhibits by the library:

Laupus Library is hosting the NLM traveling exhibit <u>"The Literature of Prescription: Charlotte Perkins Gilman and 'The Yellow Wall-Paper"</u> in the Evelyn Fike Laupus gallery on the fourth floor of the library. On display June 10 through July 21, the six-banner exhibit explores a time during the late 19th century when women were challenging ideas about gender that excluded them from political and intellectual life. Artifacts from The Country Doctor Museum and books from Laupus Library's History Collections will also be on display and

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include books by Dr. Weir Mitchell, Victorian era stimulants and tonics, and 19th century birthing supplies.

Madness in America: Mental Health Care During the Victorian Era (2nd floor Laupus Library, through July 21st). This exhibit examines the history of mental health care in America through the nineteenth



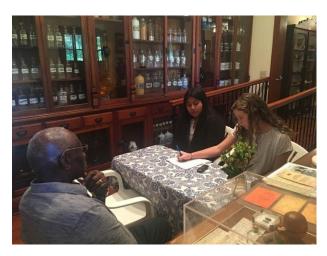
century. One case focuses on mental health care in America more generally, while the other looks at the North Carolina experience. Books, pamphlets, and images are featured in the exhibition.

Recent acquisitions:

Nine works from the Classics of Dentistry collection were gifted from Jo-Anne Kirby that were her father's. These beautifully bound volumes are now housed in the Reading Room of the Laupus History Collections.

The Country Doctor Museum

The Country Doctor Museum in Bailey, North Carolina, is the oldest museum in the United States dedicated to the history of America's rural health care and is managed today as part of the Laupus Library's History Collections.



The museum hosted for the second year an Oral History Day for the AP U.S. History class at Southern Nash High School with 51 community members who participated in the event. This year's focus was on food and nutrition. The goals for the museum in hosting this project were to help students realize their efforts are critically important to preserving a sense of time and place for their local

community, for the museum to establish ongoing local history initiatives to record medical traditions in the local area, for ECU to contribute to our growing repository of

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historical data for Eastern North Carolina, and for the community to record the unique lifeways particular to this area and to raise awareness for the efforts of our area youth.

Recent object accessions from The Country Doctor Museum:

- A country doctor's bag, instruments, and supplies dating back to the early 19th century (2019.001)
- A microscope (2019.003)
- A thermometer in a Bakelite case, a buggy footwarmer, a Victorian era hair brooch, and a Magic Lantern slide projector
- Early 20th century country doctor's bag, case, and supplies (2019.007)

Updates from the archives:

New Collections that are processed:

Charles A. Burritt Ledger (CD01.119): Ledger belonging to Dr. Charles A. Burritt of Toledo, Ohio.

Public Health Pamphlets Collection (CD01.120): Pamphlets with information about public health in North Carolina and more generally.

Nannie C. Hicks Papers (CD01.121): Diploma, photographs, invoices, and a prescription belonging to nurse Nannie C. Hicks.

Surry P. Roberts Papers (CD01.122): Postcard maps to Dr. Surry P. Roberts' office.

Charles Barker Papers (CD01.123): Books, pamphlets, and a notebook belonging to Dr. Charles Barker.

Cadaver Laboratory Photograph Collection (CD01.124): Photographs of medical school cadaver laboratories.

Additions:

The Country Doctor Museum Administrative Records (CD01.01)

Butler Family Papers (CD01.11)

Advertising Collection (CD01.50)

Malthus R. Freeman Papers (CD01.88)

William Waugh Papers (LL02.06)

Papers Found in Books (LL02.23)

History of Health Sciences Presentation Flyers (LL02.29)

E. Daniel Shingleton Public Health Collection (LL02.40)

William E. Laupus Health Sciences Library Administrative Records (LL02.59)

New Collections/Additions being processed:

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Andrew A. Best Papers (LL02.13) ECU College of Nursing Collection (LL02.70)

The museum's archive and manuscript collections are held at the Laupus Library with the library's archive and manuscript collections. To browse finding aids, visit the <u>ECU Libraries Collection Guides</u>, click on the "Repository" tab and the select "Laupus Library" or "Country Doctor Museum" at the bottom of the list.

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ProMedica Health System Opens Permanent History Exhibits

ProMedica health system president and CEO, Randy Oostra, often refers to the role of "anchor institutions" in their communities. In many ways, these organizations define the culture and quality of life in their regions. Think of "college towns" whose identities and vitality are inextricably linked to their local universities.

Being woven into the fabric of a community is a familiar role for ProMedica. Headquartered in Toledo, Ohio, the system is rooted in a legacy of servant leadership dating back to 1874 when a women's auxiliary group founded The Toledo Hospital. Fast forward to the late 20th century when the hospital became the foundation of the newly created ProMedica health system.

Since its inception in 1986, ProMedica has expanded to deliver a highly coordinated, cost-effective healthcare experience. Its nearly 56,000 employees now serve communities in 28 states. The system presently encompasses 13 hospitals, more than 400 post-acute facilities (including skilled nursing and dementia care), 900+ providers in the ProMedica Physicians Group, and Paramount insurance with more than 600,000 members covered by products including Medicare, Medicaid, and dental plans.

Though ProMedica has a vision for transforming the future of health care to address the needs of an aging population, it has a deep appreciation for the generational legacies of its hospitals and employees. Many of the system's hospitals have been serving their local communities for 100 years or more. Two recent system initiatives reflect this reverence for the past, while positioning the system for an even brighter future. The Steam Plant

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About five years ago, ProMedica's continuing growth and expansion necessitated an assessment of its office space. Many options were considered, like expanding on one of the hospital campuses, or building further out from Toledo's downtown core. But when thinking about the impact that an anchor institution has on its community, the decision was made to invest in the heart of Toledo, knowing that a thriving city can be the engine that drives regional growth.



That investment was to renovate Toledo Edison's vacant Steam Plant, an iconic piece of Toledo's skyline that had been idled decades earlier. It was literally a shell of a building, originally created in 1896 by the firm of renowned architect Daniel Burnham. First commissioned as an electric plant, it was converted

in 1930 to supply steam heat to downtown buildings. As advances in heating and air conditioning technology eliminated the need for steam heat, the Steam Plant was retired in 1985 and remained vacant for over 30 years. It was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2003.

While respectfully preserving the beauty and detail of the building's historic past, ProMedica transformed the Steam Plant into a modern, collaborative office environment. It features the latest ergonomic technology, incorporates environmentally-friendly design, and offers scenic views with abundant natural light.



"Examine" exhibit in the Steam Plant

It also pays tribute to prior generations with a stunning history corridor display on its main level overlooking the Maumee River. The corridor chronicles six distinct eras in the city of Toledo's development, from the earliest settlements in the 17th century to the Steam Plant's rebirth in 2017.

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It also offers an interactive exhibit of artifacts called "Examine," which was created from ProMedica's clinical archives. From nursing outfits to medical advances, employees and visitors can discover stories about many of the key people who cared for Toledo's residents through the decades.

The Generations Tower

This past May, The Toledo Hospital held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the newest addition to its campus, the 13-story, 309-bed Generations Tower. Though it is replacing a 90-year-old hospital building, ProMedica wanted to pay homage to its rich legacy of caring for residents in and around Toledo.

In a prime location just off the hospital's relaxing, contemporary cafeteria, you'll find a remarkable history hallway. Focused in three areas – Leadership and Innovation, Building and Transportation, Recognition and Community – visitors engage with large touchscreen monitors to literally scroll through decades of photos, videos, and historical content. Presented with inspirational quotes and eye-catching graphics, the hallway is a thoroughly modern approach to presenting the stories, people, and places that made the new Generations Tower possible.



Leadership & Innovation section in the Generations Tower exhibit

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The very name of the Generations Tower serves as a tribute to the decades of patients who have trusted their lives, and those of their loved ones, to the care provided at The Toledo Hospital. It is a legacy that prompted an unprecedented level of philanthropic support from the community to carry this tradition of excellence forward. And as for ProMedica's new downtown headquarters, since its move to downtown Toledo, hundreds of millions of dollars of additional investment has come from other developers and businesses. Serving as a catalyst for economic development is what anchor institutions do – organizations committed to the long-term vitality of our community and its people: past, present, and future.

Valerie Thompson Environmental Designer ProMedica, Toledo, Ohio

CHFM Announces Recipient of Annual Sandra L. Panther History of Family Medicine Fellowship



The Center for the History of Family Medicine (CHFM) announced today the recipient of the 2019 Sandra L. Panther Fellowship in the History of Family Medicine.

Timothy J. Hoff, PhD, of Boston, Massachusetts, has been awarded the CHFM's Ninth Annual Fellowship in the History of Family Medicine for his project "The Family Physician Career Evolution Study: A Multi-Level Analysis".

Dr. Hoff currently serves as Professor of Management, Health Care Systems, and Health Policy, at Northeastern University in Boston. In addition, he also serves as a Visiting Associate Fellow and Scholar at the University of

Oxford in the UK.

An accomplished health services research scholar well known for his work studying primary care system transformation and physician workforce issues, Dr. Hoff is the author of two books focusing on the evolution of primary care work (*Practice Under Pressure: Primary Care Physicians and Their Work in the 21st Century*, published by Rutgers University Press) and the doctor-patient relationship in an era of corporatized

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and retail-oriented primary care (*Next in Line: Lowered Care Expectations in the Age of Retail- and Value-Based Health*, published by Oxford University Press). In addition, he is also the co-editor of a seminal volume on transformations in the health care workforce, published by Oxford University Press (*The Healthcare Professional Workforce: Understanding Human Capital in a Changing Industry*), and writes frequently for publications on issues relating to changes occurring within the US health system, health care innovation, primary care, physician attitudes and behavior, and health care quality.

Dr. Hoff's fellowship project "The Family Physician Career Evolution Study: A Multi-Level Analysis," will examine the current evolution of family medicine careers through a multi-level analysis that includes 80-100 in-depth interviews with family physicians at all career stages and archival analysis focused on select materials found at the Center for History in Family Medicine. According to Dr. Hoff, "The overall study aim is to generate knowledge around how family medicine careers are changing, within the context of a changing specialty landscape, larger health system changes, and the disruptive forces now affecting the U.S. primary care system."

On receiving the news that he had been awarded the fellowship, Dr. Hoff said, "I am honored and thrilled to receive the Sandra L. Panther Fellowship. I have devoted much of my scholarly research career to studying primary care and the health care workforce, in particular family physicians and their work. I also worked in a family medicine residency program and urban primary care practice before going into academia. I truly believe that a well-functioning primary care system is a vital resource for producing high quality, affordable health care."

The CHFM presently sponsors one \$2,000 Fellowship in the History of Family Medicine each year. Named the Sandra L. Panther Fellowship in the History of Family Medicine in honor of former AAFP Foundation executive director Sandra L. "Sandy" Panther, interested family physicians, residents, students, other health professionals, historians, scholars, educators, scientists and others are invited to apply for the 2020 Fellowship. For more information, please visit the Center's website at:

http://www.aafpfoundation.org/chfmfellowship.

Housed at AAFP headquarters and administered by the non-profit AAFP Foundation, the Center for the History of Family Medicine serves as the principal resource center for the collection, conservation, study, exhibition, and dissemination of materials relating to the evolving history of the specialty of Family Medicine in the United States for the benefit of



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the specialty and the public. For more information on the Center, please contact Center staff via telephone at 1-800-274-2237 (ext. 6007), via fax at (913) 906-6095, via e-mail at chfm@aafp.org, or visit our web site at: http://www.aafpfoundation.org/chfm.

W. Bruce Fye Medical History Research Travel Grant

The W. Bruce Fye Center for the History of Medicine is pleased to announce its annual W. Bruce Fye Medical History Research Travel Grant. The grant is available to physicians, historians, medical students, graduate students, faculty members, and independent scholars who wish to use archival and library resources at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. The grant (up to \$1,500 in one calendar year) may be used for transportation, lodging, food, and incidental expenses relating to the research project. It is available to residents of the United States and Canada who live more than 75 miles from Rochester.

The W. Bruce Fye Center for the History of Medicine houses archival collections that contain official records of the Clinic and its administrative offices, official and unofficial publications, departmental annual reports, committee minutes, photographic and moving images, sound recordings, personal papers, and memorabilia relating to the Mayo Clinic, its mission, programs, and people. To search the archival holdings, please visit the online catalog (MAX).

The W. Bruce Fye History of Medicine Library is a specialized library housing important collections in the history of medicine and allied sciences. Several thousand volumes of rare medical classics (from 1479) and early journal literature (from 1665) comprise the core collection of primary literature on all aspects of medicine and allied fields. More recently published histories, biographies, facsimiles, and other support materials comprise the remainder of the collection of some 23,000 total volumes. Special strengths include anesthesiology, cardiology, dermatology, immunology, ophthalmology, and neurology. The library also has a large collection of Mayo physician bound reprints. To search the library catalog, please visit our website (http://librarycatalog.mayo.edu/).

Applicants should send by e-mail as attachments the items listed below to Renee Ziemer:

- Abstract of your project (250 words) stating the general scope and purpose
- How historical resources at Mayo Clinic will further your research
- Abbreviated curriculum vitae (3 pages or less)

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One letter of reference that includes comments on your project

Timeline for 2020 grant:

Application deadline (all materials): November 1, 2019
Successful applicant(s) will be notified by December 31, 2019
Visit(s) to Rochester must be completed by December 13, 2020

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BOOK REVIEWS

Manuella Meyer. Reasoning Against Madness: Psychiatry and the State in Rio de Janeiro, 1830-1944. Rochester, NY: University of Rochester Press, 2017. 248 p. \$100.00 ISBN 978-1580465786. Rochester Studies in Medical History, No. 41.

The title Reasoning Against Madness: Psychiatry and the State in Rio de Janeiro, 1830-1944 provides a good description of this "sociopolitical history of psychiatry" (p. 3). It discusses mental illness, the development of psychiatry, and psychiatry's relations with the government and citizens. This includes looking at how religion (Roman Catholicism, candomblé healers, and Kardecist spiritism practitioners) affected views of madness.

Brazilian slaves were imported from West and Central Africa. *Candomblé* is a past and continuing "complex Afro-Brazilian religious tradition ... [that] can be understood as a response to slavery, cultural dislocation, colonialism, and the subaltern position of blacks in Brazilian society and culture" (note 3, p. 181).

Kardecist spiritism mostly declined in the early 20th century in Europe and the U.S. while it increased in Brazil. It was too popular to be marginalized, and psychiatrists correctly saw it as a major competitor including for some members of the upper classes. Its view of the self and rationality were very different from that of the psychiatrists who saw it

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both as a form and a cause of psychopathology. Both Kardecist spiritism and *candomblé* are religions of possession and "laid claim to understanding and treating mental illness" (p. 150).

Beginning as a Portuguese colony and then part of an empire, Brazil developed differently from the rest of Latin America. It was the only country to become independent by imperial decree and become a constitutional monarchy before becoming a republic in 1889. Around the 1830's, the rural and slave-owning aristocracy mostly moved to Rio de Janeiro. Capitalism developed within the patronage network. Although slavery was completely abolished in 1888, it was a gradual process designed to protect the social order and the interests of the elite. By that time, Rio de Janeiro was the political and cultural capital and a place of both poverty and great wealth.

This book is structured around the opening and closing of insane asylums. It begins in 1830 with the establishment of Brazil's first medical society and its work with municipal authorities to replace the insane asylum run by a Catholic lay brotherhood with a public one which opened in 1852. The book ends with the 1940 opening of new sections in one asylum and the 1944 closing of another. The book's middle includes changes in the form of the national government; legislative decrees including the establishment of a professional school for nurses; and the effects of the teachings of Philippe Pinel, Sigmund Freud, and numerous Brazilian psychiatrists.

The goals of the "proto-psychiatrists" included creating asylums for the insane where they could use moral treatment (rather than corporal punishment), decrease the burden on the families of the insane, and maintain public order. Psychiatrists saw insanity as an illness and, by its existence, a threat to Brazil's progress and prosperity. By the end of the period, the government had the leading role in managing mental health care while the psychiatrists held a supporting role. The psychiatrists had improved the lives of the mentally ill but were able to cure relatively few.

By the 1920's and 1930's, psychiatrists mainly treated the mentally ill of the middle class. "Psychiatrists fundamentally misunderstood their potential [mass] patient-client population due to Western cultural biases. Their irrevocable and histrionic rejection of *candomblé* and Kardecist spiritism was based on the deliberate conjoining and maligning of both with primitivism and Africanness." (p. 178) *Candomblé* and Kardecist spiritism continue to be popular, and practitioners of both groups continue, like psychiatrics, to treat the mentally ill.

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The relatively few figures and tables are italicized in the index, but a list at the beginning would have been helpful.

The book was written in English and the "Note on Brazilian Orthography and Terminology" (p. xiii) reminded me of the difficulty of translating Brazilian words for forms of African descent into English. If you know as little about Brazil as I did, I suggest that you also skim Brazil's *Wikipedia* article.

If I had not reviewed it, I would not have acquired this book for my collection. A back-cover review describes it as interesting to "scholars in the fields of Latin American history, history of medicine, and history of science." Since my collection includes little on Latin American medicine, I will try to find a good introduction to the topic.

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