

Finding What's Out There: Ebling
Library Resources for the History of the
Health Sciences

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Books & Special Collections. AAHM April 30th, 2015

Primary Duties of Curator/History of Health Sciences Librarian

- Liaison Librarian to UW-Madison's Department of Medical History & Bioethics
- Historical exhibition installation (once or twice a year)
- General Historical Reference
- Attention to Collections
- Head of Marketing & Communications for Ebling

Ebling's Rare Books & Special Collections

- Books back to 15th century (emphasis on anatomy, illustration, public health, cardiology, immunology, general medicine, alternative practice...) Books and journal titles are in the UW Library Catalog. www.library.wisc.edu
- Journals back to 18th century
- Uncatalogued or unsung primary resources, inc. pamphlets, brochures, ephemera...
- Access via ILL, direct inquiry to me, visits, BookEye overhead scanner for image reproduction.

For example...

- Edinburgh dissertations back to 1770s; an independent researcher just verified a dedication to Benjamin Franklin in a dissertation (1786) by Caspar Wistar.

The screenshot shows the University of Wisconsin-Madison Libraries Catalog page for a dissertation. The page title is "Dissertatio medica inauguralis de animo demisso : quam annuente summo numine ... D. Guielmi Robertson S.S.T.P. academiae Edinburgenae praefecti ... pro gradu doctoris ... Wistar, Caspar, 1761-1818." The page includes a search bar, navigation links, and a detailed record for the dissertation. The record includes the following information:

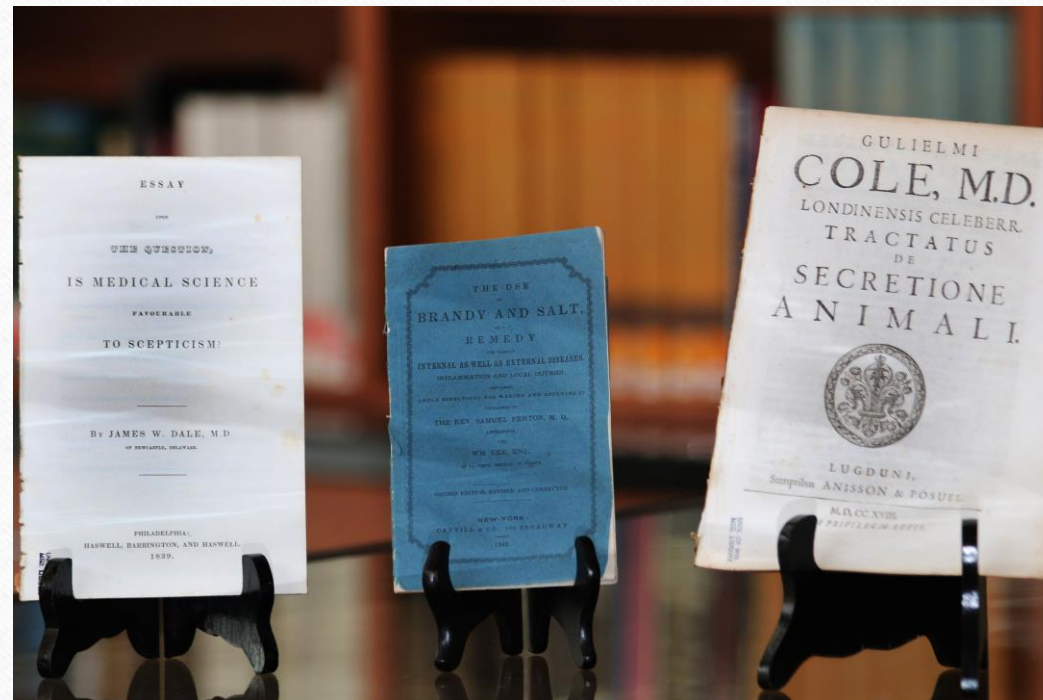
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- Subjects:** Depression (Medical Subject Heading); Dissertations, Academic -- medicine.
- Publication Info:** Format: Books; Publication info: Edinburgi [Edinburgh] : Apud Balfour et Smellie Academiae Typographos, MDCCCLXXXVI [1786]; Physical details: [6], vii, 44 p. ; 19 cm (8vo); OCLC: ocm14631121.
- Notes:** Signature: p⁴ A-E⁴ F⁴ (p14).

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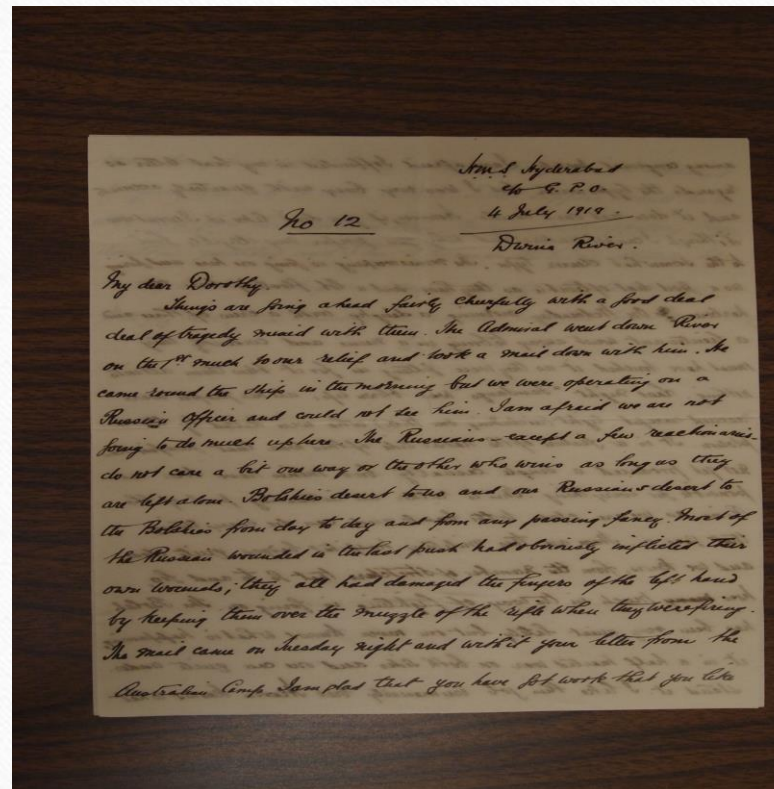
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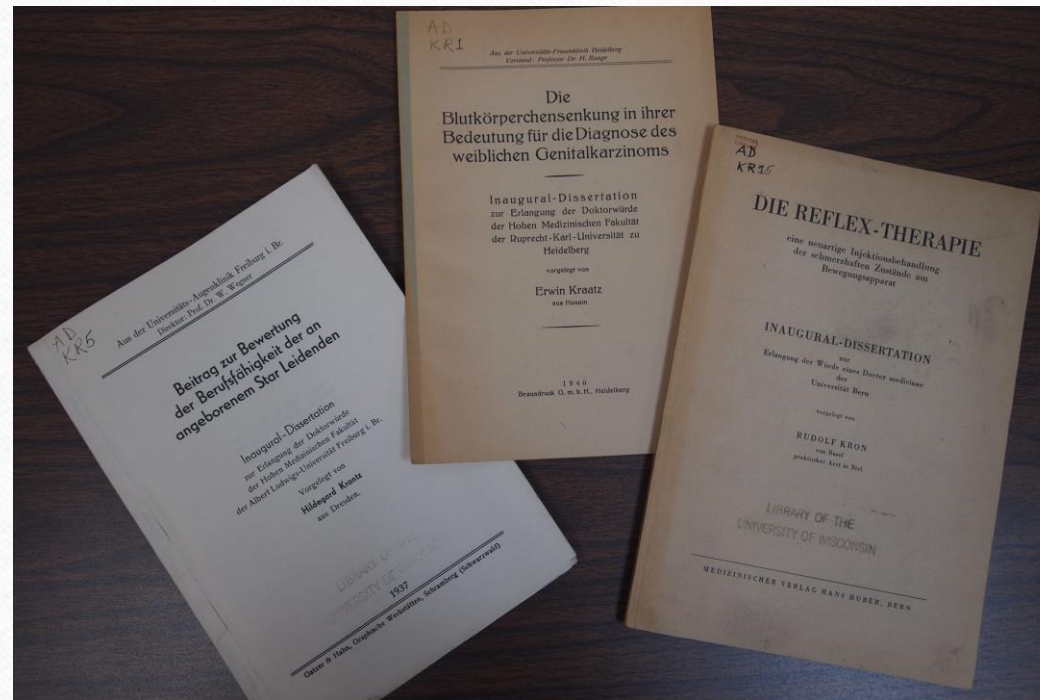
250+ Reprints from 17th-19th centuries



HMS Hyderabad (a hospital ship) & WWI Stamps



German Dissertations (1925-1947)



Warren H. Southworth, DrPH (1912-1999) Collection (uncatalogued)

- School health coordinator for health education in public schools.
- At UW-Madison, was with the departments of curriculum & instruction and preventive medicine. Developed the State School Health Council in 1945 and an undergraduate major called “Education for Human Well Being,” aimed at students seeking jobs with health associations and public health departments in hospital and clinics.
- Donated thousands of reports, 40 yr. accumulation of pamphlets, 14 audiovisual programs/scripts, etc. on public health and school health. (1940s-1980s).

Southworth Collection

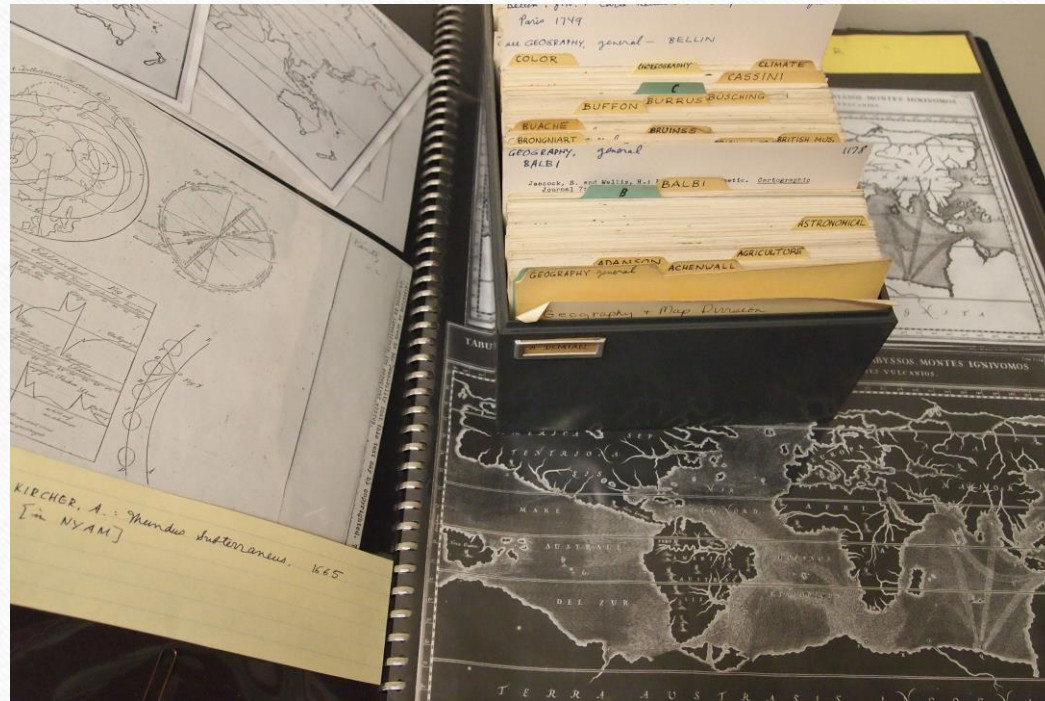


Saul Jarcho, M.D. (1906-2000)

Collection (uncataloged)

- In addition to over 500 scholarly articles, Dr. Jarcho published books on the University of Bologna, quinine and Morgagni in the 1980s and 1990s.
- Other primary material is housed at The National Library of Medicine, Archives & Manuscripts and his papers, (1950-1990) at the New York Academy of Medicine
- Ebling has: Saul's lifetime collection of 58 small (8.5 x 11x 2 in.) boxes of over 2300 reprints and xeroxes, all carefully indexed in 7 metal file boxes of 5 x 8 index cards, on topics in the history of medicine. Also, 11 folders with Xeroxes and reprints of maps (for thematic medical cartography) he was working on. UW has a vibrant cartography department, which is why the initial contact was made.

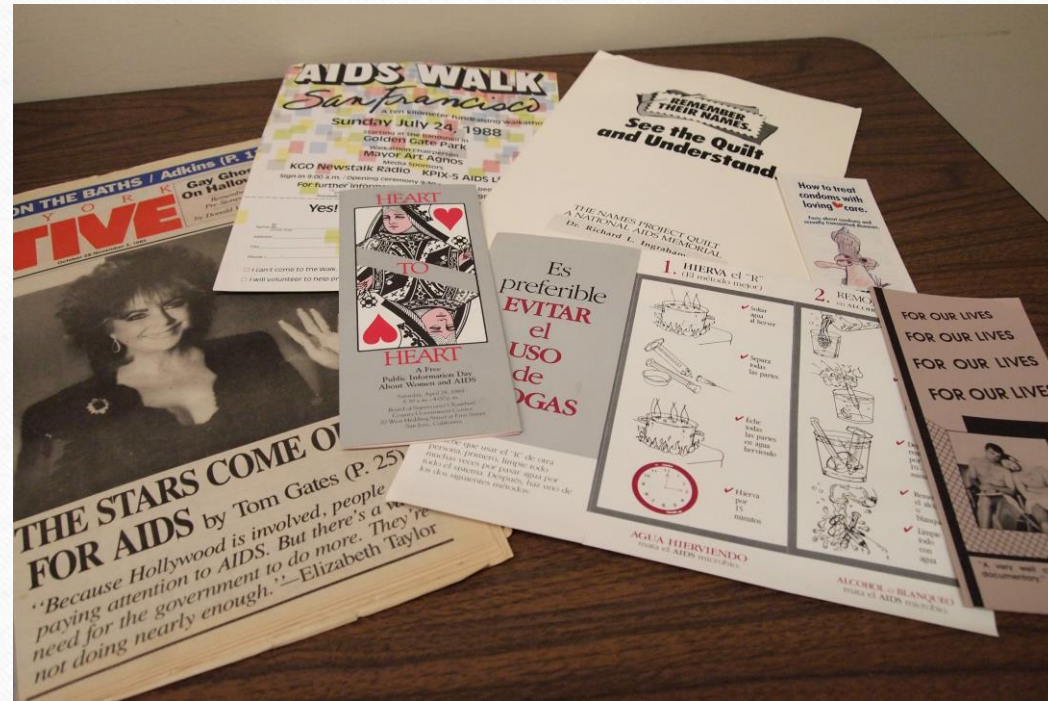
Jarcho Collection



Richard Ingraham, M.D. & Charles David Pauza, M.D. AIDS Collection (uncatalogued)

- From 1981-1990, Dr. Ingraham was a professor of Human Genetics at San Jose State University with a long-standing interest in AIDS. Dr Pauza, from San Francisco, was also a professor at San Jose; came to UW-Madison in the 1990s, and is now at University of Maryland School of Medicine- working on HIV.
- Newspaper clippings, journal articles, newsletters & miscellaneous conference notices. Complete copies of newspapers like the New York Native. (early-mid '80s)
- Promotional material for early fund raising initiatives. Notebooks with course material.
- Brochures for safe sex, needle hygiene and the like.

AIDS Collection



Other Gems

- Notes written by medical students during their coursework at UW. Reprints from clinicians such as Ray Guillery (neuropathologist) and Edward Otis (expert on TB)
- Vibrant collection from 1980s to present time of rare book dealer catalogs.
- Artifacts from Wisconsin practitioners, mid 1800s to late 1900s.
- Memorabilia and reprints from UW faculty and Deans including William Snow Miller, Charles Bardeen and William S. Middleton whose avocations were the history of medicine and who also donated a number of Ebling's books and artifacts.

What is This?



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