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Greetings from the Chair

I am looking forward to the May 2014 MLA annual meeting in Chicago, and it will be a pleasure to meet as many of our Section members as I can in person. Fortunately, there will be several formal and informal opportunities.

You are cordially invited to attend our section's three programs. HHSS is lead sponsor of *Celebrating Our Information Future Using the Treasures of the Past*. The program will be held on Monday, May 19 from 2-3:30. We are partners with the Consumer and Patient Health Information Section and others on *Promoting Ethical Awareness among Health Sciences Librarians* also on Monday, May 19 from 2-3:30 and with the Health Association Libraries Section and others on the *Evolution of the Librarian: New and Changing Roles* on Monday, May 19 from 10:30-12. Kudos to Melissa Nasea, Chair-Elect, for her wonderful work on Section programming this year. These are sure to be very timely and interesting presentations, so please come!

Everyone is welcome to the Section's *Business Meeting* on Tuesday, May 20 from 7:00-9:00 AM in the Hyatt Regency San Francisco Room. If you have items for discussion, please send them to me or any board member.

As for informal gatherings, please come to the *MLA Section/Chapter Posters* event to see our poster on Sunday, May 18 from 3:30-4:30 in the Columbus Foyer. After the session, the possibility exists to go out for an informal, unofficially sponsored dinner at a restaurant of our

choosing. Stop by the poster at 4:30, and we'll see what develops. It would be great to dine with a group of like-minded people who are interested in the history of the health sciences while exploring the culinary delights of Chicago.

Upcoming Election:

In 2015, HHSS will elect new officers for the positions of Chair-Elect/Program Chair and Secretary/Treasurer. If you are interested in serving the section in one of these two important roles, please contact me or any other board member, or talk to one of us at the annual meeting. The section also has opportunities for leadership roles as Nominating Committee Chair, Bylaws Chair, and Continuing Education Committee Chair. We would love to hear from you!

Many thanks!

All members have my hearty thanks for joining the HHSS and recognizing the valuable emphasis we place on historical collections and scholarship in the history of medicine and the allied health sciences. As board members we recognize how your help and support strengthens our section. There are some people who stood out to me for their work on the Section this year or for volunteering to serve in the upcoming months. These are:



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- Lucretia McClure for contributing articles to *Clio's Column* this year.
- Megan Rosenbloom for serving as editor of *Incipit* this year and Alexandra E. Sarkozy for being our new *Incipit* editor.
- Claire Joseph for serving as Membership Chair.

Congratulations!

HHSS congratulates Joan Stoddart, AHIP, Spencer S. Eccles Health Sciences Library, University of Utah-Salt Lake City, HHSS Immediate Past-Chair, who was elected an MLA Fellow. Joan has worked with tremendous enthusiasm and dedication to the Section for over 10 years. Joan chaired the HHSS Nominating Committee and we are happy to report that HHSS member Ruth Riley, AHIP, University of South Carolina School of Medicine Library, was chosen as a candidate on the ballot for the MLA Nominating Committee. For MLA 2014 in Chicago, Joan planned the HHSS Friday Outing to the International Surgical Museum of Science. Joan also created the HHSS poster for this year's Section/Chapter Event. The poster session is on Sunday, May 18 from 3:30-4:30, and I encourage you to visit and say hello.

I'm looking forward to seeing you in Chicago!

Gottlieb Award

There are some changes to the Murray Gottlieb Award for the best unpublished scholarly paper on the history of the health sciences <https://www.mlanet.org/awards/honors/gottlieb.html>. The HHSS sponsors the award and has voted to raise the 2014 cash prize to \$500. Concerned that some of the past jury members have known little about the award, the Section has submitted the following motion to the MLA Board of Directors.

MOVED, that the MLA Board of Directors approves the Section's motion whereby the Chair of the Gottlieb Jury for 2015, and thereafter, will be appointed by the History of the Health Sciences Section from its membership. In support, the Section certifies that this Motion was approved and is made by majority vote of the Section membership.

The Board is expected to consider this motion during the MLA meeting.

HHSS 2014 in Chicago

As HHSS Chair-Elect/Program Chair, my primary responsibility is to plan the HHSS program for the upcoming MLA meeting. The HHSS is the sponsor for "Celebrate" and I did most of the planning and will moderate the session. The HHSS co-sponsored two other programs and I had some involvement in their planning.

Unfortunately, "Celebrate" and "Evolution" are scheduled for the same time. Fortunately, all three programs are scheduled to be filmed so we can watch them later. You are also free to switch rooms between individual presentations.

Here, in chronological order (appropriately for this section), are the events the HHSS is directly involved in. (NOTE: Rooms are subject to change. Check the latest information.)

HHSS Visit to the International Surgical Museum of Science

Friday, May 16

Please contact Joan Stoddart (joan.stoddart@utah.edu) by May 9th if you are interested.

Section/Chapter Posters

Sunday, May 18 @ 3:30-4:30, Columbus Foyer, Gold Level, East Tower

Also, come by @ 4:30 and you can dine with some HHSS colleagues

Evolution of the Librarian: New and Changing Roles

Sponsor: Health Association Libraries Section.

Monday, May 19, @ 10:30 -12, Regency B, Gold Level, West Tower

Description: Just as the styles of buildings that house the books have changed over time, so has the job description of the librarian evolved to meet the changing needs of patrons. This contributed papers session explores the multifaceted roles encountered by the modern health sciences librarian such as: digital data manager, accidental archivist, medical records manager, copyright officer, digital content creator, course manager, instructional designer, and other unique roles not described here. This session offers the opportunity to share the new materials, novel methods, and nontraditional roles encountered in the modern health care environment.

Presentations:

Melissa A. Ratajeski, Carrie L. Iwema, Andrea M. Ketchum, & Bedda L. Rosario, University of Pittsburgh, "You Do WHAT with Your Data?! Opportunities for Librarians to Teach Data Management Best Practices"

Heather Coates, *Indiana University-Purdue University*, "Building the Future of Research Together: Collaborating with a Clinical and Translational Science Award (CTSA)-Funded Translational Science Institute to Provide Data Management Training"

Jamie M. Gray & Susan L. Groshong, Seattle Children's Hospital, "Part of the Team: Librarian Support in Developing Standardized Pathways of Care"

LaVerne Manos, Kristy Johnston, & Heather Collins, University of Kansas Medical Center, "Bridging Gaps in Transitional Care with Knowledge Management and Interprofessional Teamwork"

Pamela L. Shaw, Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, "Evolution of the Librarian as Superhero"

Celebrating Our Information Future Using the Treasures of the Past

Cosponsors: Consumer and Patient Health Information Section, Corporate Information Services Section, Health Association Libraries Section, Technical Services Section, and Osteopathic Libraries SIG

Monday, May 19, @ 2-3:30, Regency B, Gold Level, West Tower

Description: The time to collect and preserve your archival, historical, and special collections is today. Come learn how libraries and associations have collected, preserved (both physically and digitally), and used their treasures to celebrate the past and prepare for the future. Treasures such as archives and special collections, whether in physical or digital format, can help the library provide information about their institutions' histories. They are useful in physical and virtual exhibits. They can celebrate events such as 10th, 25th, and 100th anniversaries and begin or end friends and fund-raising campaigns. Rather than waiting for a last minute request, attend this session and start planning for your organization's future by celebrating its past.

Presentations:

Megan Rosenbloom, University of Southern California, "Branching out of the Rare Book Room: Expanding the Role and Reach of the Health Sciences Special Collections Librarian"

Polina E. Illieva & Karen Butter, University of California, San Francisco, "Preserving the Past for the Future: University of California-San Francisco Library Recipe for Success"

Sarah McCord, Joanne Doucette, Paul Kiritsy, Kathy Krathwohl, & Greg Martin, Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences University, "The New England Prescription Images Database: Building a Strong Foundation for Future Research"

Martha E. Meacham, University of Massachusetts Medical School, "Collaborative Connection to the Past and Future: Introducing an Archival Program and Creating a History and Image Web Exhibit"

Judit Ward and Bill Bejarano, Rutgers University, "Looking Forward, Looking Back: Celebrating Seventy-Five Years of Alcohol Studies"

Promoting Ethical Awareness among Health Sciences Librarians

Sponsor: Consumer and Patient Health Information Section.

Monday, May 19, @ 2-3:30, Columbus GH, Gold Level, East Tower

Description: Health sciences librarians must consider the ethical boundaries of their work on a daily basis, regardless of the environment. Do health librarians engage in patient education, for instance, or is that the realm of other health professionals? Is it ever ethical for librarians to withhold information from a library user? This session will feature contributed papers that "build on our past" approaches to library ethics with an eye toward revealing our future in the process.

Presentations:

Jackie Garner, *Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Chicago*, "Affordable Care Act and the Role of Medical Librarians"

Christine F. Marton, University of Toronto, "Consumer Health and the Provision of Birth Control Information"

Rachel W. Becker & Aileen M. McCrillis, New York University Langone Medical Center, "Health Sciences Librarians, Patient Contact, and Secondary Traumatic Stress"

Jamie E. Peacock, National Library of Medicine, "New Construction and the Evolution of Outreach: Connecting with Family Caregivers on Facebook and Twitter"

HHSS Business Meeting

Tuesday, May 20 @ 7-9, San Francisco, Gold Level, West Tower

Section business meetings are open to everyone and we'd love to have you join us.

I hope to see you in Chicago.

Melissa Nasea, Chair-Elect/Program Chair

The *Heirs of Hippocrates*: the Bibliographic Cornerstone of the University of Iowa's John Martin Rare Book Room

Printed Volume

The current edition of *Heirs of Hippocrates*, 1990, exists as the 3rd edition describing the most important works in the collection at the John Martin Rare Book Room. The original collection of over 3,000 rare medical books was given to the University of Iowa in 1971 by Dr. John Martin. The original catalog of the collection published in 1974 included 394 entries. In 1980 the 2nd edition included 1,196 entries, and the 3rd edition (1990) includes 2,343 entries. The full citation of this bibliography is:

Heirs of Hippocrates: the development of medicine in a catalogue of historic books in the Hardin Library for the Health Sciences, the University of Iowa. 3rd ed. Iowa City, Iowa: Published for the University of Iowa Libraries by the University of Iowa Press, 1990.

The introduction to the 3rd edition nicely outlines the scope of the volume.

“Of the many new books to be found in this edition of *Heirs of Hippocrates*, certain ones are truly rare. Many are outstanding in their place of influence in the story of medical science. Some have a specially interesting provenance. Others, milestones in this history, are, as well, examples of the craft of bookmaking and the art of book illustration. Each has its own particular value.”

Heirs of Hippocrates is organized chronologically by the birth date of the author. Each entry includes bibliographic information, an annotation, and references to selected medical bibliographies or other published works. A bibliography of works cited follows the preface.

Online Version

In 2005 data from the 3rd edition of *Heirs* was converted into a database and added to the Rare Book Room website. Browsing links following each entry to allow users to “leaf” through the pages as they would the printed edition. The database supports keyword searching and searching by standard bibliographic data fields. Searching by language and time period is especially popular. Links to the online catalog offer more detailed bibliographic information. Currently the database includes 2,800 citations, and additional citations are added regularly. <http://itsnt361.iowa.uiowa.edu/hardin/heirs/index.html>

Illustrations

Illustrations reproduced from the cited publications are included throughout the printed volume. Some are full page colored illustrations, some are reduced, and many small illustrations pepper the pages that include citations. Illustrations for 106 authors have been linked to the database.

Newsletter

The Rare Book Room publishes a monthly newsletter for all members of the History of Medicine Society as well as for general campus distribution. *Heirs of Hippocrates* is the typical source of each of the newsletter issues. The newsletter highlights a particular medical author, one or more of his or her works, and illustrations from the publication. The newsletter is popular within our History of Medicine Society and provides an easy venue for the dissemination of information about medical history.

Impact

The print 3rd edition of *Heirs* continues to be heavily used. Both classes and individual researchers search the print volume for materials they want to see. The volume is still for sale at \$125. The online database provides key support for staff answering reference questions and also quick access for administration purposes. We also provide a copy of *Heirs* 3rd ed. to guest lecturers who are always delighted to receive it.

Donna Hirst

Curator of the John Martin Rare Book Room, University of Iowa

HHSS Treasurer's Report May 2013 – March 2014

Membership Chair Claire Joseph reports that the HHSS currently has 73 members.

Date	Activity	Credits	Received From	Debits	Sent To
05/01/2013	Treasurer's Annual Report (Corrected)	6871.96			
05/10/2013	Refund from 1 Speaker Gift Card	75.00	Susan Sanders, Past President		
07/12/2013	Section Membership Dues	167.30	Susan Chesniak, MLA Accountant		
08/29/2013	Section Membership Dues	250.95	Susan Chesniak, MLA Accountant		
10/25/2013	Renewal of HHSS Website Domain			\$210.94	Patricia Gallagher, Website Manager
03/14/2014	Section Membership Dues	\$657.25			
03/31/2014	Balance	\$7811.52			

As mentioned in the mid-year report, one of the speakers at the 2013 Section Program was unable to accept his \$75.00 honorarium, which was in the form of a gift card. Therefore, Susan Sanders, Past President, who had received a reimbursement check from the Treasurer for purchasing the gift card, refunded the amount to the HHSS treasury.

In the fall, Patricia Gallagher, Webmaster, renewed the HHSS website domain for five years for a total cost of \$210.94.

Between Summer 2013 and Spring 2014, HHSS received a total of \$1,075.50 in membership dues.

The HHSS treasury currently has a balance of \$7,811.52.

Deidra Woodson, HHSS Secretary/Treasurer

HHSS Listserv

We invite all HHSS members to join the official HHSS listserv.

The *members-only* listserv will be used to promote and communicate activities of the Section. It may also be used as a forum for its members to discuss relevant issues and concerns.

Be assured that email traffic will not overwhelm any of us. It will, however, provide a convenient means to communicate. While joining the listserv is an optional benefit of being a member, we strongly urge members to sign on.

Instructions for Signing On

- Send an email message to majordomo@mlahq.org
- Leave the subject line blank
- In the body of the text, enter: subscribe hhss@mla-hhss.org your email@place.org
- Respond to the email you receive to authenticate
- Receive confirmation and begin participating

Questions? Contact Listserv Chair Donna L. Hirst at donna-hirst@uiowa.edu

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