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Greetings from the Chair

MLA in Washington, D.C.—Reflect and Connect—May 21-26

Although we won't be meeting in exotic Hawaii this year, the GOOD NEWS is that Washington, D.C. is much easier to get to—I hope to see as many of you at MLA this year as possible. The business meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 25, 2010, 7:30 AM - 9:00 AM, Room 2A, second floor of the Hilton Hotel; I hope you will attend. Sorry for the early hour, but that seems pretty par for the course, and coffee will be on hand.

Joan Stoddart has put together some good programs, which she will tell you more about in this issue. But of particular interest will be the panel discussion, "Advancing the History of the Health Sciences Libraries and Librarians: A Report and Reaction." This is a direct result of the section's Advocacy Committee. This will provide an opportunity to examine the issue further and get some feedback from colleagues. The complete report is available on the section's web site; a summary of that report was published in the "Comment and Opinion" section of JMLA's January issue.

New Members

Susan Sanders, our membership chair, has sent out welcome letters to our new members. But I would like to take this opportunity to invite our new members ESPECIALLY to get involved. The best way to do this is to attend

the business meeting and meet the officers and some of the section stalwarts. Also attend our History of the Health Sciences Section sponsored programs.

Papers Needed for Upcoming History Focus Issue!

Another important aspect of the advocacy initiative is an upcoming focus issue on history in JMLA. This is a unique opportunity to get history front and center among our library colleagues. Papers must meet guidelines for submission to JMLA.

For this focus issue papers are not to exceed 6,000 words (not including abstract and references). Deadline for all submissions is June 7, 2010 to meet a target publication date of January 2011. The following topical themes are deemed appropriate:

- History of medical libraries and/or librarianship
- history of the book, printing, and/or reading as they relate to the health sciences and medical bibliography
- history of special collections in health care professions (e.g., nursing, dentistry, pharmacy, veterinary medicine); or articles related to the professional concerns of librarians in managing historical collections (innovations, outreach, best practices).

WITH THE DEADLINE APPROACHING I URGE EVERYONE TO CONSIDER SUBMISSIONS NOW!

Congratulations!

On behalf of the History of the Health Sciences Section and as section chair I would like to congratulate the following history section and history-related awardees: Louise Darling Medal for Distinguished Achievement in Collection Development in the Health Sciences was awarded to **Trenton Boyd, AHIP**, Veterinary Medical Library, University of Missouri-Columbia; Janet Doe Lectureship on the history or philosophy of librarianship for 2011 went to **T. Scott Plutchak, AHIP**, Lister Hill Library of the Health Sciences, University of Alabama at Birmingham; and the Southern Chapter of MLA received the Majors/MLA Chapter Project of the Year Award for their innovative Oral History Project. Also, an award of particular importance to this section is the Murray Gottlieb Prize, which was awarded to **Lindsay E. Blake, AHIP**, Greenblatt Library, Medical College of Georgia -Augusta, for her essay, "The Tuskegee Syphilis Study: Medical Research versus Human Rights." Finally, congrats to our Incipit editor, **Cynthia Kahn, AHIP**, now at Harriet F. Ginsburg Health Sciences Library University of Central Florida College of Medicine.

See you all in DC!



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History Focus Issue JMLA Author and Review Information

[www.mlanet.org/
publications/jmla/
author_reviewer_info.html](http://www.mlanet.org/publications/jmla/author_reviewer_info.html)

Those interested should send mss. in MS Word or MS Word compatible format as an e-mail attachment to Michael Flannery, Section Chair.

Advocacy Committee Report

Read the full report and reaction at

- HHSS: www.mla-hhss.org/
- JMLA "Comment and Opinion" Piece: [www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/
pmc/issues/183881/](http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/issues/183881/)

Written by Diane McKenzie

In July 2010, Suzanne Porter will retire from her position as Curator of the Duke University Medical Center Trent Collection. She has been an active member of the MLA History of the Health Sciences Section since 1989.

Suzanne grew up in Florida and received a BA in English from the University of Florida. She then migrated north, receiving a MSLS in Library Science from Columbia and a MA in Psychology from the University of New Haven. Her career has included collection development, cataloging and administrative positions, and school, public, hospital, and academic libraries. Her first professional positions were in New England but, as a Southerner born and bred, she began accepting positions at libraries that were further and further south and finally ended up in North Carolina, first as the Monographs/Historical Collections Librarian at the Health Sciences Library at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and then as the Curator of the History of Medicine Collections at the Duke Medical Library at Duke University in Durham.

Suzanne was always working on innovative projects and collaborating with other people and institutions to promote the history of medicine. In 1999, she organized the most successful art exhibit ever sponsored by the Duke University Museum of Art. The exhibit brought together over one hundred rare and remarkable objects drawn from the historical collections of the four North

Carolina medical schools - Duke, East Carolina University, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and Wake Forest. The catalog for this exhibit, *The Physician's Art: Representations of Art and Medicine*⁽¹⁾, was given the Gold Award as best in its category from the Southeast Museums Conference. She also re-activated the Trent History of Medicine Society, and co-hosted a monthly collaborative lecture series with UNC Bullitt History of Medicine Club. In 2002-2003 she hosted the Southern Association for the History of Medicine and Science (SAHMS) at Duke University.

She was an early adaptor of new technologies to promote the history of medicine. She made digital photos of realia in the Trent Collection and her 1994 presentation of these photos at MLA was a standing room only session.⁽²⁾ In 2000, she authored an interactive CD-ROM *The Four Seasons*⁽³⁾, that allowed the viewer to actually turn the flaps on this famous set of copperplate engravings from the Trent Collection.

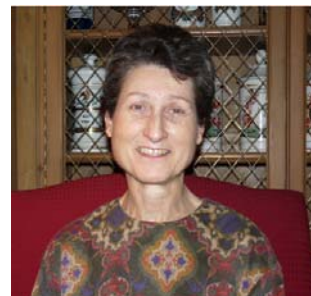
Suzanne has been an active member in library organizations including Archivists and Librarians in the History of the Health Sciences (ALHHS), American Association for the History of Medicine (AAHM), SAHMS, and Librarians at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She has been a long-time member of MLA. She was a founding member of the Collection Development Section, first editor the

Section Newsletter, and also chaired the Daniel T. Richards Prize Committee and the Awards Committee. She was chair of the Gottlieb Prize jury, Editor of Section News in MLA News from 1991-1994, and interviewed Erika Love for the Oral History Committee.

But I want to focus on her work for the History of the Health Sciences Section. Suzanne served as Section Council Representative from 1991-1994 and as Section Secretary/Treasurer from 1997-1999. When lack of funding from her institution limited her attendance at MLA meetings, she found ways to remain active in our Section, serving as Bylaws Committee Chair from 2002-2010, Nominating Committee Chair in 2004/2005 and 2007/2008, and on the recent Advocacy Taskforce. Her ability to contribute to the Section should be a reminder to all of us: Yes, you can be a vital member of the Section even if you are not able to attend meetings. Suzanne has set a sterling example.

Finally, Suzanne goes out of her way to help other librarians. I moved from being a reference librarian to collection development and history librarian in 1999. It was only possible with her help and guidance.

Join me in wishing Suzanne the best in her retirement. "May she travel far and visit as many art galleries as possible, and always get bumped up to first class."



Suzanne Porter

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**Tuesday, May 25, 2010
5:00-6:00 pm**

The 2010 MLA Section Shuffle will be held in the Washington DC Regency Hyatt, Georgetown Room on Tuesday, May 25, 2010 from 5:00-6:00 (that is p.m.—I am not making y'all get up early this year.)

The History of the Health Sciences table will be staffed by *John Shaw Billings, Marcia Noyes, Janet Doe, Fielding Garrison, Estelle Brodman* and maybe some other famous librarians.

It was quite a feat to get all of them to agree to come, so I hope to see all of you at this year's MLA Section Shuffle.



MLA Section Shuffle (2008)

HHSS Programming at MLA '10

www.mla-hhss.org/acts10.html

Sunday May 23, 2:45-4:15pm

Bioethics and the History of the Health Sciences

Moderator: Joan M. Stoddart, AHIP, Deputy Director, Spencer S. Eccles Health Sciences Library, Salt Lake City, UT

Everyday we make decisions about collection development, digitization, user access, security, confidentiality and intellectual property that potentially involve ethical issues. This session will explore these issues with practical examples or theoretical questions within a historical context.

Hippocrates and the Bikers: A Brief Introduction to Bioethics and the History of Health Sciences

Author: **Stephen Greenberg**, Librarian, Public Service Department, History of Medicine Division, National Library of Medicine, Bethesda, MD

Upon Reflection: Is Open Access Communicating Scholarly?

Author: **Helen-Ann Brown Epstein**, AHIP, Head, Education and Outreach, Weill Cornell Medical Library, Weill Cornell Medical College, New York, NY

Evidence-based Bioethics: Available Resources and Tools for Librarians

Authors: **Linda S. Murphy**, Health Sciences Librarian, Reference Department, Science Library, Langson Library; University of California, Irvine; **Brian R. Williams**, Criminology, Law and Society Librarian, Reference Department, Langson Library; University of California, Irvine

How Did My Skin Lesion Get on YouTube?: Privacy and Security on Mobile Devices

Authors: **Elizabeth C. Whipple**, Research Informationist/Assistant Librarian, Ruth Lilly Medical Library, School of Medicine, Indiana University, Indianapolis, IN; **Elizabeth M. LaRue**, AHIP, Assistant Professor, Nursing Informatics, School of Nursing, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA; **Kacy L. Allgood**, Reference Informationist, Ruth Lilly Medical Library, School of Medicine, Indiana University, Indianapolis, IN

Healers at the Pool of Bethesda: Thomas Percival and the Evolution of Medical Ethics in American Medicine

Author: **Michael A. Flannery**, Associate Director, Historical Collections, Lister Hill Library of the Health Sciences, University of Alabama, Birmingham, AL

Monday, May 24, 2:30-4:00 pm

Advancing the History of the Health Sciences Library and Librarian: A Report and Reaction.

Authors: Michael A. Flannery, Associate Director, Historical Collections, Lister Hill Library of the Health Sciences, University of Alabama, Birmingham, AL; Stephen J. Greenberg, Librarian, Public Services Department, History of Medicine Division, National Library of Medicine, Bethesda, MD; Edwin Holtum, Curator, John Martin Rare Book Room, Hardin Library for the Health Sciences, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA; Suzanne Porter, AHIP, Curator, History of Medicine Collections, Medical Center Library, Duke University, Durham, NC; Lucretia W. McClure, AHIP, FMLA, Committee Chair and Special Assistant to the Director, Countway Library of Medicine, Harvard University, Boston, MA

This session will discuss the advocacy report of the History of the Health Sciences Section prepared by a section task force in response to the steadily diminishing presence of the history of medicine in MLA publications and in health sciences schools curricula.

Tuesday, May 25, 7:30-9:00 am

HHSS Business Meeting
Room 2A, second floor of the Hilton Hotel

Tuesday, May 25, 2:00-3:00 pm

E-books and the Health Sciences Library: 4th Annual Lecture on the Evidence-based Practice of Librarianship.

Sponsored by StatRef Presentation. Authors: **Mark Sandler**, Director, Center for Library Initiatives, Committee on Institutional Cooperation, Champaign, IL; **Deborah D. Blecic**, AHIP, Bibliographer, Life and Health Sciences, Richard J. Daley Library, University of Illinois, Chicago, IL

This invited speaker lecture series focuses on significant changes in the evidence base that underpins medical libraries and the support they are able to provide patrons. The last two years have seen the rapid expansion of the availability of digital or electronic versions of books. This year's session will focus on this rapid change and its impact on medical libraries and their collections. Will the focus of publishers still be on collections over individual titles? Will print collections become obsolete? Will federated search engines continue to develop to the point that we will be able to search our e-book collections for specific content? These are some of the questions we will invite knowledgeable speakers to provide librarians with useful information they can take home and use in their libraries.



President Truman and others congregate on the deck of the yacht Williamsburg, August 22, 1946. L to R: General Harry Vaughan, President Truman, Clark Clifford, General Wallace Graham, personal physician to the president.

The papers of Wallace H. Graham, personal physician to Harry S. Truman, are now open for

research. The collection consists of materials related to Graham's personal life, military career, medical career and role as a physician to Harry S. Truman and Bess Truman from 1945 until their deaths.

Please see the Harry S. Truman Library website with the finding aid at www.trumanlibrary.org/

Brought to Life

The new history of medicine website of the Science Museum London has now been completed. In all it now presents 4000 new images of artifacts from the collections linked to 16 specialized themes on medicine across time, written by staff and other professional historians of medicine. Each theme is associated with bibliographies and interactive suitable for teaching at several levels. The themes

are: belief and medicine; birth and death; controversies and medicine; diagnosis; diseases and epidemics, hospitals, mental health and illness, practicing medicine; public health; science and medicine; surgery; technology and medicine; medical traditions, treatments and cures, understanding the body; war and medicine. Under a creative commons policy, the images are available for download.

For more information, contact Dr. Robert Bud, Principal Curator of Medicine, The Science Museum, London +44 207 942 4200



You can find the site at: www.sciencemuseum.org.uk/broughttolife

A New Biography of John Shaw Billings (1883-1913)

James H. Cassidy spent more than 35 years as Historian in the History of Medicine Division of the National Library of Medicine in Bethesda, MD, where he was editor of the annual Bibliography of the History of Medicine. Among his many publications are American Medicine and Statistical Thinking, 1800-1860, Medicine & American Growth 1800-1860, Medicine in America: A Short History, and Demography

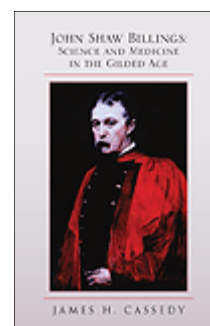
in Early America: Beginnings of the Statistical Mind, 1600-1800.

His latest work is a biography of John Shaw Billings (1838-1913), well-known for his accomplishments in founding and developing medical libraries, including the Army Medical Library.

John Shaw Billings: Science and Medicine in the Gilded Age, was published in February 2010 by XLibris. In it, Cassidy focuses on

Billings many achievements as a physician, and highlights his work as a leader in public health and medicine in the late 19th Century. It emphasizes the many roles he took including physician, scientist, administrator and planner.

The book is available through the Web from XLibris www2.xlibris.com/bookstore/bookdisplay.aspx?



American Hospital Association Center for Hospital and Healthcare Administration History

Gail Warden in First Person: an Oral History is the newest addition to the oral history series of the Center for Hospital and Healthcare Administration History. Having had a long and distinguished career in health care leadership, Warden is currently president emeritus of

Henry Ford Health System in Detroit, Michigan. He is also the chairman and founder of the National Center for Health Care Leadership. Prior to joining Henry Ford Health System, Warden served as president and CEO of Group Health Cooperative of Puget Sound in Seattle, Wash-

ington; executive vice president of the American Hospital Association; and executive vice president of Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Center in Chicago. The full text of Gail Warden in First Person: an Oral History is available here



American Hospital Association (AHA) Relocated

The American Hospital Association (AHA) has relocated within Chicago to 155 N. Wacker. A "green" environment, the 46 story building houses AHA's offices on 4.5 floors. The AHA Resource Center, including the Center for

Hospital and Healthcare Administration History, occupies approximately 3,400 square feet on the 4th floor, with about 4,000 linear feet of shelving for the general and historical collections. Additional materials are stored in

an off-site facility. For information on accessing the AHA Resource Center or the Center for Hospital and Healthcare Administration History, contact the staff at (312) 422-2050 or FMACROBUTTON HtmlResAnchor rc@aha.org.



Turning the Pages

Using touchscreen technology and animation software, the digitized images of rare and beautiful historic books in the biomedical sciences are offered at kiosks at the U.S. National Library of medicine. Visitors may 'touch and turn' these pages in a highly realistic way. They can zoom in on the pages for more detail, read or listen to explanations of the text, and (in some

cases) access information on the books in the form of curator's notes.

Books in the collection include:

- Edwin Smith *Surgical Papyrus*
- Hieronymus Brunschwig's *Liber deArte Distilland*
- Robert Hooke's *Micrographia*

- Conrad Gesner's *Historiae Animalium*
- Ambroise Paré's *Oeuvres*
- Andreas Vesalius's *De Humani Corporis Fabrica*
- Johannes de Ketham's *Fasciculo de Medicina*



The Edwin Smith Surgical Papyrus

The National Library of Medicine is proud to announce its next online Turning the Pages project featuring the Edwin Smith Surgical Papyrus, the oldest surviving surgical text: <http://archive.nlm.nih.gov/proj/ttp/flash/smith/smith.html>.

The Smith Papyrus was written in Egyptian hieratic script around the 17th century BCE but probably based on material from a thousand years earlier. This collaborative online representation features an important new

translation by James P. Allen, formerly of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and high-resolution scans lent by the scroll's owner, the New York Academy of Medicine. Curatorial text was written by Michael North of the National Library of Medicine.

The ancient text is a treatise on trauma surgery and consists of 48 cases dealing with wounds and trauma. Each case is laid out using a carefully prescribed formula: a description of the injury; diagnosis; prognosis; treatment;

and further explanations of the case, which resemble footnotes.

The website also includes a gallery of high resolution images of the papyrus itself which scholars and the public can view more closely: http://archive.nlm.nih.gov/proj/ttp/smith_home.html.

To view other Turning the Pages projects, visit the main webpage: <http://archive.nlm.nih.gov/proj/ttp/books.htm>.

Turning the Pages is online at <http://archive.nlm.nih.gov/proj/ttp/intro.htm>

The Edwin Smith Papyrus is online at: <http://archive.nlm.nih.gov/proj/ttp/flash/smith/smith.html>

Case 4. A head wound with damage to the plates of the skull (2.2 - 11)

Title
Practices for a gaping wound in his head, which has penetrated to the bone and split his skull, you have to probe his wound. Should you find something there, remove under your fingers, should be very much to pain at it, and should the swelling that is on it be high, while he bleeds from his nostrils and his ears, suffers stiffness in his neck, and is unable to look at his arms and his chest, then you say about him: "One who has a gaping wound in his head, which has penetrated to the bone and split his skull, while he bleeds from his nostrils and his ears and suffers stiffness in his neck: an ailment I will fight with."

Examination and Prognosis
If you meet a man for a gaping wound in his head, which has penetrated to the bone and split his skull, you have to probe his wound. Should you find something there, remove under your fingers, should be very much to pain at it, and should the swelling that is on it be high, while he bleeds from his nostrils and his ears, suffers stiffness in his neck, and is unable to look at his arms and his chest, then you say about him: "One who has a gaping wound in his head, which has penetrated to the bone and split his skull, while he bleeds from his nostrils and his ears and suffers stiffness in his neck: an ailment I will fight with."

Treatment
Since you find that man with his skull split, you should not bandage him. He is to be put down on his bed until the time of his injury passes. Sitting in his treatment, with two supports of brick made for him, until you know that he arrives at a turning point. You have to put oil on his head and soften his neck and shoulders with it. You should do likewise for any man you find with his skull split.

Explanations
As for "which has split his skull," it is the pushing away of one plate of his skull from another, while the pieces stay in the flesh of his head and do not fall down.
As for "the swelling on it is high," it means that the bleeding that is on the split is great and filled upward.
As for "you know that he arrives at a turning point," it is to say you learn that he will die or will be revived, since it is "an ailment I will fight with."

Close X



[The first ten cases deal with wounds to the head, and the first seven of these appear to be conditions one would acquire from a sword or knife, leading scholars to believe the text was written or edited to focus on battle wounds. In 1908 B. C. Anquet Egger was going through a period of civil strife, perhaps prompting a physician to order a copy of the text for ready reference in cases of battle.]

Case 5 and 6 describe serious head wounds with skull fractures (in the second one with the brain exposed); the text advises the physician that they are injuries "for which nothing is done," indicating that the physician must know the limits, for his god's sake and probably his own.

Case 6 makes reference to a treatise called "The Nature of Brains," which is now lost. This gives us a clue that medical literature of the time consisted of far more than the text in this papyrus, and certain works were probably widely known among Egyptian physicians.

In Case 8, the text makes the earliest known reference to the brain, comparing its convoluted structure to "ripples that happens in copper through smelting." Such comfortable knowledge of the brain's appearance and its meningeal membranes suggests that the author had experience with dissection and close observation of this vital internal organ.

Head wound with damage to the plates of the skull
Disease: A head wound with damage to the plates of the skull

Head wound with skull fracture
Disease: A head wound with skull fracture

Head wound with skull fracture exposing the brain
Disease: A head wound with skull fracture exposing the brain

Close X



American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), a leading national healthcare organization, has an excellent opportunity to join our Division of Library and Archival Services as an Archivist (full-time) in our Pediatric History Center (PHC). This individual will be responsible for developing, managing and maintaining the PHC, including history production and a computerized database of historical material such as selected institutional papers (archives), pediatric artifacts, and personal papers (manuscripts) of leading pioneers in the field of pediatrics and child health. This individual will also provide reference assistance and guidance for more in-depth research as well as secure funding for various Pediatric History Center initiatives in collaboration with appro-

priate AAP entities and organizations.

A Master's degree in Library Science, Museum Studies or History, including coursework in archival principles and practices required. Certification by the Academy of Certified Archivists (ACA) preferred, along with at least 3 years of successful experience with managing historical materials in an archival setting, including rare book cataloging, database development, oral history production, and using automated library systems. Experience in a medical society is helpful. Knowledge of special collections, history of medicine, and special antiquarian/out-of-print book market strongly preferred. Experience with grant writing and fund raising essential. Must be able to plan and manage

multiple projects simultaneously, work effectively with researchers and donors, work independently, and pay close attention to detail. Good oral and written communication skills are required along with the ability to master new computer software. Working knowledge of Web site design and development desirable. Some travel required.

The AAP offers an excellent work environment, competitive salary, and a very comprehensive benefits package. Additionally, we are an Equal Opportunity Employer (M/F/D/V) that values the strength diversity brings to our workplace. As a reaffirmation to our employee-focused culture, in 2005 & 2006 the AAP was named one of the 101 Best and Brightest Companies to Work for in the Chicagoland area.

Interested candidates should submit their resume, cover letter, and salary requirements to:
 American Academy of Pediatrics

 ATTN: HR/MLA/225
 141 Northwest Point Blvd.
 Elk Grove Village, IL 60007
 Fax# 847-228-5099 or
 E-mail:resumes@aap.org
<http://www.aap.org> EOE

Duke University Medical Center Library & Archives

The Duke University Medical Center Library & Archives is recruiting for the position of Curator of Historical Collections and Services. The Curator administers, develops, and preserves the History of Medicine Collections; interprets those collections and actively promotes their use not only within the Medical Center and the University, but in the broader scholarly community as well. This position is also responsible for planning and implementing new programs and services to enhance the Collection's visibility and strengthen services to

users. Additional roles include coordinating the work of support staff, working as a primary partner in setting and achieving goals of the Medical Center Library & Archives, and serving as a member of the Library & Archive's planning and management groups. Additional information about the position and instructions for submitting an application are available at <http://www.mclibrary.duke.edu/about/jobs.html/#professional>

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www.mla-hhss.org/listserv.html

HHSS Listserv

We invite all MLA and 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 Cynthia Kahn at ckahn@mail.ucf.edu



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