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Greetings from the Chair

The MLA annual meeting fast approaches and we are ready! I think **Joan Stoddard** has put together a great program this year, "Remember, Rethink and Reinvent." The History Section program will be held on Monday, May 16, 3:00 to 4:30. **Then immediately following from 4:30-6:00 pm, we'll hold our Business Meeting.** Yes, no bleary-eyed early morning meeting this year! I'd like to encourage attendance. The two Bylaws amendments recently passed by electronic vote will be ratified in accordance with current practice, after which we should have our Bylaws electronic-vote ready and compliant.

In addition, I'd like to organize the ad-hoc Advocacy Committee into a more permanent body. We had great success with our initial effort. We not only created an excellent guide and roadmap for advocacy of history within MLA, but the recent January all-history issue of *JMLA* was a product of that initiative. (I hope you enjoyed the issue as much as I—we had some great contributions.) So I really don't want this to simply fade into the sunset. I think there's much more we

could do and I'd like each of you to consider serving on such a committee.

Congratulations are in order for **Susan Sanders**, currently our Membership Chair, who will follow Chair-elect **Joan Stoddard** in that position, and to **Deidra Woodson**, who will follow **Dee Jones** as our Secretary/Treasurer. I want to thank them both for their willingness to serve. I also want to thank **Debra Scarborough** for chairing the Nominating Committee. We had 66 percent return on this election—the national elections should do as well!

I am looking forward to seeing everyone in Minneapolis at MLA'11 "Rethink" May 13-18.

Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee held two elections this year. The election for the incoming Chair-Elect and Secretary/Treasurer concluded on December 1, 2010. **Susan U. Sanders** of the University of Mis-

souri – Kansas City was elected incoming Chair-Elect. **Deidra Woodson** of LSU Health Sciences Center – Shreveport was elected incoming Secretary/Treasurer.

The election for the two amendments to the HHSS Section Bylaws concluded on February 23, 2011. One amendment covered the changes to the duties of the Immediate Past Chair. The other permitted electronic voting. Both must be ratified at the annual meeting.

In addition, the HHSS Nominating Committee has the responsibility of choosing the Section's nominee for potential candidate for membership on the MLA Nominating Committee. **Patricia E. Gallagher** of the New York Academy of Medicine Library was chosen.

Congratulations to Susan, Deidra, and Patricia.

Debra Scarborough



Michael Flannery

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Remember to renew your membership if you haven't already. Onward and upward Section colleagues!

HHSS Membership Pins

All new members should receive a pin and a bookmark. If you're a new member and haven't received these items, please ask one of the HHSS board members at MLA Annual or contact **Susan Sanders**, Membership Committee Chair, at sanderssu@umkc.edu. We want everyone to proudly display their membership in HHSS!

ResearchRaven and ScanGrants

I would like to share with my fellow readers of *Incipit* two resources that I work on here at the Samaritan Health Services Center for Health Research and Quality that may assist them in their efforts to find funding for research in the history of the health sciences and in their hunt for places to publish and otherwise disseminate the results of their researches.

ResearchRaven <http://www.researchraven.com/> is a free online database of calls for papers for meetings and for publications in the health sciences. We include on ResearchRaven several categories that might be of interest to those who study the history of the health sciences: History, History of Nursing, History of Medicine, and History of Science (as well the related categories of Social Science, Medical Humanities, Literature and Medicine, and so on). I try to list on ResearchRaven whatever I come across on those topics.

All the categories on ResearchRaven can be subscribed to for free via email alerts or RSS. Many of the announcements on ResearchRaven can be seen on comparable discussion lists such as H-Sci-Med-Tech <http://www.h-net.org/~smt/>, but often I come across something that has not been listed on H-Sci-Med-Tech and not only do I send it there, I list it on ResearchRaven as well. Thus, I recommend that readers of *Incipit* follow both my own ResearchRaven and

H-Sci-Med-Tech for calls for papers.

And for those looking for funding such as fellowships, travel grants and the occasional essay award in the history of the health sciences, I would like to recommend the other resource I work on, ScanGrants <http://www.scangrants.com>, which includes the categories History of Medicine, History of Nursing, and History of Science. As we are all very well aware, only a few such funding opportunities are offered each year and I make a great effort to list whatever I find. I am gratified, now that ScanGrants has been around since 2008, to receive emails from those offering such opportunities asking me to list them on ScanGrants. I also both find such opportunities on H-Sci-Med-Tech and share what I find with that list.

I spend many hours on the Web and in my email account looking through the many lists I subscribe to via the H-Net network <http://www.h-net.org/>. Often I come across history of health sciences announcements in unexpected places (e.g., H-Asia <http://www.h-net.org/~asia>) with a call for papers on the history of medicine in East Asia or a conference announcement via Google about the concept of the monster in history where the organizers solicit papers from researchers in disability studies and in the history of medicine.

One of the goals, indeed, of ResearchRaven is to facilitate interdisciplinary synergies among those in the social sciences, humanities, and health sciences. It is fascinating, for instance, to see how such fictional characters as Sherlock Holmes and Dracula and the emerging concepts of transhumanism and posthumanism are being employed by those in the fields of popular culture and literary studies to illuminate how disease and its victims and outlier groups were portrayed compassionately or cruelly caricatured. It is such announcements as these that I list in the medical humanities and literature and medicine categories in ResearchRaven, and I recommend that historians of the health sciences consider subscribing (remember—doing so is free!) to those categories as well, given the valuable insights historians can offer to those in English studies, media/cultural studies, and related fields.

And do feel free to send me announcements of meetings and calls for papers to list on ResearchRaven or prizes, fellowships, stipends, etc. to list on ScanGrants. There are submission forms on both sites.

Happy reading!

Hope Leman

Facts and Figures about the History of the Health Sciences Section

The coffers of the History of the Health Sciences Section are quite healthy with a balance of more than \$5,000. Our expenses are few and are mostly associated with the MLA Annual Meeting. Our income is generated solely through membership dues and our membership rolls remain fairly consistent with 101 loyal folks. Twenty-seven of these members have joined our ranks since January 2010, and we'd like to extend a warm welcome to them all. Our member with the longest tenure is **Lucretia McClure** who joined the Section on November 7, 1988. Lucretia has served the Section admirably over the years and we appreciate her knowledge and generous spirit.

Dee Jones
HHS Secretary/Treasurer

UT Southwestern Library Debuts Historical Photo Collection Online

The Library of the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center has just debuted an online collection of 500+ historic photos documenting the development of medical care and medical education in Dallas. This online repository, titled **"Dallas Medical History, 1890-1975: A Digital Collection,"** is viewable on the web at <http://www4.utsouthwestern.edu/library/speccol/dmh/>

The Digital Collection consists of two complementary parts:

"Dallas Medical Images, 1890-1975": A repository of 500+ images from the Library's collection which portray institutions, people, and events that have played a role in Dallas medicine. Each photo is dated and accompanied by searchable descriptive information. About 200 of the images portray the history of UT Southwestern's predecessor institutions (e.g., Southwestern Medical College). Another 200 illustrate the history of St. Paul Hospital (now part of UT Southwestern) from 1896-1975—including many fascinating photos of the St. Paul interior and exterior around 1905—and the St. Paul School of Nursing from 1900-1971. The remaining 100 or so images document other institutions, people and events in Dallas medicine, including about 40 images of Parkland Memorial Hospital and the Parkland Hospital School of

Nursing, which operated from 1914 to 1955.

"Medical Care Milestones in Dallas, 1890-1975": An exhibit of 60 high-interest images, arranged in chronological order, showing highlights in the development of medical care in Dallas. Expanded descriptions explain the significance and context of the subject matter. Most of these images are also in the repository, but—to enrich the exhibit—thirteen have been added from the Dallas Public Library Texas/Dallas History and Archives collection and from other sources.

The CONTENTdm software used for the repository allows users to download images for use in PowerPoint presentations. The exhibit's OMEKA software allows users to share photos with others on Facebook.

Items within the **"Dallas Medical Images, 1890-1975"** repository and the **"Medical Milestones in Dallas, 1890-1975"** exhibit are provided by the Library for non-commercial, personal, or research use. For these purposes, materials may be reproduced (printed, photocopied, or downloaded) without prior permission. Unless another source for the item is noted, please credit [Library, University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas](#) as the source.

For further information, contact **Bill Maina**, Archivist and History of Medicine Librarian, at the Library, University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas, via email at bill.maina@utsouthwestern.edu or phone 214-648-2629.

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Listserv Moderator Wanted!

Have you ever wanted to moderate a Listserv? Or just wanted to expand your technology experience? Or your CV? HHS needs a Listserv Moderator. The Moderator is a member of the Web Committee. Interim Moderator Patricia Gallagher said it doesn't take a lot of work, and she'd be very happy to help you get started.

If interested, please contact **Patricia Gallagher** at PGallagher@nyam.org and/or **Mike Flannery** at flannery@uab.edu. We'd really like to have this position filled before the section business meeting.

Call for Papers: Medical History of WWI

Over 23-25 February 2012, the U.S. Army Medical Department Center of History and Heritage will co-sponsor a conference with the Western Front Association (USA) on the medical history of WWI. It will be hosted at the Army Medical Department Museum in San Antonio, Texas.

Deadline: 1 September 2011

Most papers will be allotted 50 minutes, including Q&A, but panels on closely-related topics are welcome, as are shorter and more tightly-focused papers. Presentations on all facets of medicine and the war are sought, including consideration of the repercussions of the war on the practice of medicine. Please send a short précis and curriculum vitae for consideration.

Conference website: <http://www.wfa-usa.org/new/fgsww2012jointseminar.htm>

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UIC Library of the Health Sciences Makes Collection of Paul De Kruif Letters Available

The UIC Library of the Health Sciences Special Collections Department has recently made available a collection of correspondence by **Paul De Kruif** (1890-1971), the bacteriologist, science writer, and advocate of polio research.

De Kruif, author of *Microbe Hunters* (1926) and numerous other books on aspects of medicine and health, was heavily involved in the promotion of polio research in the late 1930s. The close to 100 letters and over 70 telegrams in the collection consist of De Kruif's communications to Basil O'Connor, the chairman of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis (more widely known as the March of Dimes) and a close friend of Franklin Roosevelt.

The tireless De Kruif suggested research methods, made personnel recommendations, and offered financial and administrative advice to O'Connor.

A finding aid for this collection is available on the web site of the UIC Library's Special Collections Department. <http://www.uic.edu/depts/lib/specialcoll/services/rjd/findingaids/MSDeKrNOF.html>

Kevin O'Brien

HHSS Listserv

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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 major-domo@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 Web Chair Patricia Gallagher at pgallagher@nyam.org

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