

Trent Associates Report History of Medicine Collections

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Summer in the History of Medicine Collections

Contrary to popular belief, summer can be an incredibly busy time in special collection libraries, as was the case at the Rubenstein Library this summer. Faculty, graduate students, and other researchers take the opportunity during summers to do research, which is more difficult during a busy semester.

Along with visiting researchers, the History of Medicine Collections was able to work with an age group we don't often see: **teenagers**. Duke University launched and continues to host the Talent Identification Program (TIP), a program which includes summer immersion programs for 7th through 10th graders. This summer, six different TIP groups had introductory sessions getting hands-on time with the History of Medicine Collections. These students were attending summer programs related to medicine, focusing on topics such as anatomy and physiology, cancer biology, and medical ethics. Their curiosity and questions were refreshing and invigorating.



John Hope Franklin Young Scholars
examine items related to yellow fever

Another group that had multiple visits to interact with primary sources from the History of Medicine Collections were students from the John Hope Franklin Young Scholars program. The Young Scholars Program began in 2009 as a collaborative project between Duke University and the Durham Public Schools, giving teens first-hand experience in exploring history.

This year's group of about twenty-five students chose the history of medicine as their focus. Their visits included viewing materials related to pellagra and hookworm, two diseases which impacted Durham residents, as well as items on yellow fever and women's health. Each year, the Young Scholars complete a project related to their focus. The final project this year is for each two-student team to broadcast an interactive history of medicine lesson aimed at 5th graders through the NC School of Science and Mathematics Distance Education studios. Students are covering eleven different lessons on topics such as pellagra, hookworm, yellow fever, eugenics in North Carolina and



John Hope Franklin Young Scholars
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HOM in the Classroom

The following classes used materials from the HOM for course instruction.

History:

- Magic, Religion, Science since 1400
- Visual Culture of Chinese Medicine

Theater Studies

- Playing Doctor

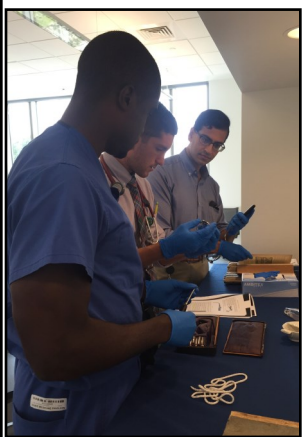
Visual Studies

- Visual Cultures of Medicine

Second-Year

Medical Students:

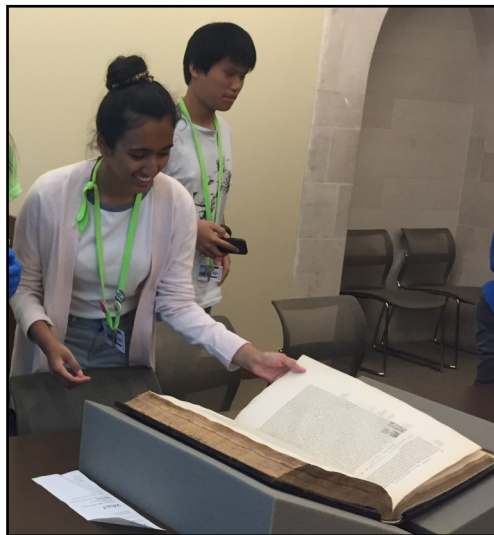
- Pre-clerkship classes in the following: Obstetrics, Pediatrics, Surgery
- MS IV History of Medicine elective



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more. In addition, the Young Scholars are creating web pages with background material to supplement the program.

While our primary users are often more seasoned in using primary sources and grounded in long-term research projects, it is refreshing to have younger audiences encounter our materials for the



A TIP student enjoys examining Vesalius' *De Fabrica* (1543)



John Hope Franklin Young Scholars
Photo by David Stein

first time and realize how the history of medicine and science continue to play such an important role in current health practices.

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, November 30, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

“Exploring the Maria de Bruyn Papers in the Rubenstein Library’s History of Medicine Collections through a Humument Lens”

Last year, the History of Medicine Collections received the collection of medical anthropologist Maria de Bruyn. Dating from 1988-2012, de Bruyn’s collection includes material related to her work for non-profit organizations as well as international NGOs and United Nations agencies in the field of sexual and reproductive health and rights, with a special focus on HIV and AIDS and health-related human rights. This fall, these papers will be the focus of several events. Duke Global Health Institute professor Kearsley Stewart is collaborating with the History of Medicine Collections on an interactive three-week assignment for undergraduate students in Stewart’s fall seminar on HIV/AIDS.

In addition, the Franklin Humanities Institute will promote their new Health Humanities Lab with a special World AIDS Day event featuring a keynote address by Maria de Bruyn and a lecture by poet and writer Kelley Swain on **Wednesday, November 30, starting at 3 p.m. in the Holsti-Anderson Family Assembly Room, Room 153** of the Rubenstein Library. The event is free and open to the public.

Recent Acquisitions

Galen. *Claudij Galeni Pergameni, medicorum omnium ferè principis Opera, nunc demum à clarissimis iuxta & eruditis uiris Latinitate donata...* Basileae : Per Andream Cratandrum, mense Martio, anno M. D. XXIX. [1529].

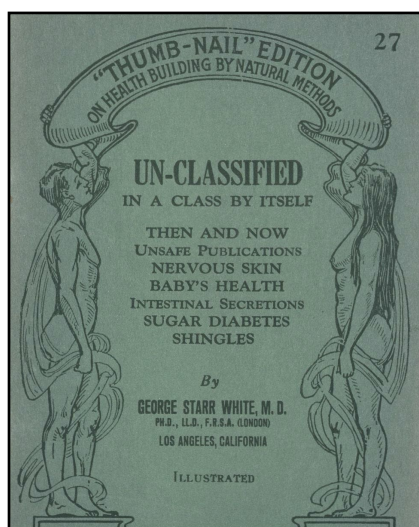
An early unauthorized Latin edition of 27 of Galen's medical works with commentaries by Erasmus, Thomas Linacre, and other influential humanists. The collection also includes Latin versions of Hippocrates' Aphorismi and Prognostica. Included are manuscript notes in Latin penned in red and black in the margins as well as a Greek and Latin index preceding the text.

M. M. Haworth medical diary and journal, 1846-1908. Franklinville, N.C.

Dr. Marmaduke M. Haworth was born 20 January 1823 in Guilford County, N.C., and died 23 March 1894 in Franklinville, Randolph County, N.C. He served the Franklinville, N.C., area as a physician. This work comprises Haworth's medical diary and journal of approximately 156 pages, including his notes on treatment of physical ailments and on childbirth in the rural south before and after the Civil War. Haworth studied medicine at Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia. This record includes 30 pages of remedies and cures. The balance of the volume is, however, a record of over 750 obstetric deliveries from 1846-1894 that Haworth accomplished during his career, some with full case histories.

Ricotti, Mauro. *Storia d'una rara malattia nervosa : con varie annotazioni...* Pavia : Presso Fusi e Comp. success. Galeazzi, 1818.

The sole edition of a case study of a fifteen-year-old girl living in a convent outside Milan who develops a mysterious disease. Ricotti records her myriad symptoms daily, often hourly, for several months [from 7 April to 9 October 1816], when she presents to be out of danger and required no further care. The final pages of his work includes his pharmacological, physiological, and psychological notes and explanations.



White, George Starr. *My little health library: health building by natural methods*. Los Angeles : [George Starr White], [1928]-[1930].

Physician George Starr White wrote voraciously on a number of health and medical topics, often advocating alternatives to mainstream medicine. This acquisition of over 20 pamphlets on a broad array of health topics includes detailed illustrations, charts, naturopathic remedies, and White's personal opinions. The pamphlets are small in size and cover a range of topics, including separate pamphlets on men's, women's, and children's "troubles," along with pamphlets such as "Food Facts" with chapters devoted to fads and fancies; and "Flu Grip" with chapters on the germ theory and 'flu' fear.

New Josiah Charles Trent History of Medicine Intern

We welcome Thomas Gillan as the Josiah Charles Trent History of Medicine Intern for 2016-2017.



Thomas is a Ph.D. candidate in History at the College of William and Mary. His current research includes study on the history of medicine and the body.

Thomas has hit the ground running. He has already participated in numerous instruction sessions and outreach events.

While working on his dissertation, we are fortunate that he is living in Durham.

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