

House Call

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Medical Heritage Center collections include over 20,000 rare books dating back to 1555

THE MHC MISSION:

The Medical Heritage Center preserves, promotes, teaches and celebrates the health care legacy of central Ohio as the essential foundation from which the future of the health sciences is born.

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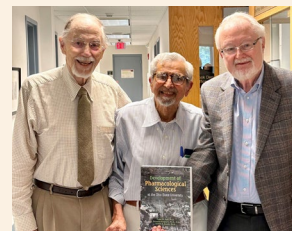
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Notes from the Curator

By Judith A. Wiener, MA, MLIS

It is late summer, and we are busy at the Medical Heritage Center (MHC) preparing for the new academic year while getting caught up on quite a bit of collections-related tasks. Summertime is a busy time for donations at the MHC. Thanks to the generosity of our donors, we are able to build all three of our collection areas (rare books, archives and artifacts) to preserve the rich health sciences history of central Ohio for future generations. In this issue of the newsletter, our collections curator, Kristin Rodgers, shares details about the process of donating materials to the MHC and what happens to them once they arrive at the center. I hope you enjoy this behind-the-scenes peek into the collections and preservation process!

In addition to focusing on collections this summer, we took time to celebrate the publication by former MHC Scholar-in-Residence, Popat N. Patil, PhD, along with his co-authors, A. Douglas Kinghorn, PhD, DSc, and Robert A. Buerki, PhD, of their book, *Development of the Pharmacological Sciences at The Ohio State University*, earlier this year. The book uses resources from the MHC, University Archives, and other historical repositories, and details the history of the Ohio State College of Pharmacy. Patil conducted research for the book while a scholar-in-residence at the MHC from 2012 – 2013. The book can be purchased soon from [Linus Learning](#). We are also preparing to celebrate the accomplishments of more recent scholars-in-residence this fall with an open house reception on October 12, 2023. More details will follow soon!



Left to right: Buerki, Patil and Kinghorn

Moving beyond the summer, I always find great excitement in planning for a new school year and this year is no different. The staff at the MHC has been busy coordinating a full slate of health sciences history programming that ensures there is something for everyone. Our annual Last Lecture was held on August 24 in collaboration with The Ohio State University College of Medicine's Courage to Teach Board and Program for Humanism in Medicine,

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and supported by the James V. Warren, MD, Medical Humanities Fund. This year's lecturer was Sheryl A. Pfeil, MD, FACP, AGAF. The lecture was held in hybrid format and recorded for later viewing. The annual John C. Burnham Lecture will be held on November 9, 2023 as a hybrid event and in conjunction with the Ohio State Department of History. This year's Burnham lecturer is Johanna Schoen, PhD, from Rutgers University. The Burnham Lecture will also be recorded and available for later viewing. See below for more programming details as well as on our [website](#). We hope to see you soon!

Autumn 2023 Programming

All programming is free and open to the public.

Seventh Annual Humanism in Medicine Last Lecture

Presented on August 24, this lecture featured Sheryl A. Pfeil, MD, FACP, AGAF, and her presentation, "Discoveries Along the Road Less Traveled." The lecture recording can be [found online](#).

George W. Paulson Scholars-in-Residence Reception

Join us in person on October 12, from 4:30 – 6 p.m. at the Medical Heritage Center, to learn more about publications from recent Paulson Scholars-in-Residence E. Christopher Ellison, MD, Patricia Temple Gabbe, MD, MPH, FAAP, and Douglas Rund, MD. The scholars will speak about their research experience. There will be refreshments and opportunities to purchase books and obtain author autographs.

2023 John C. Burnham Lecture

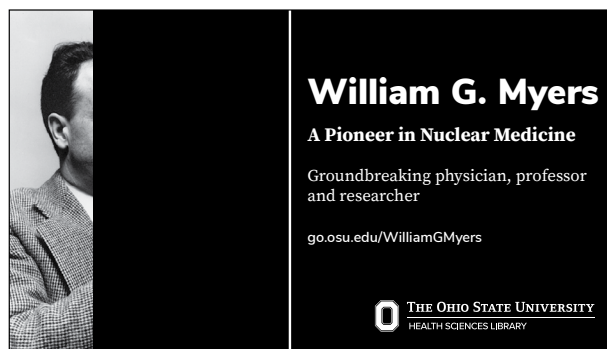
This lecture will feature Johanna Schoen, PhD, and her presentation, "Life and Death in the Nursery: The Establishment of Neonatal Intensive Care Units and Debates in Bioethics." More event details [on the HSL website](#).

New Digital Exhibits

By Kristin Rodgers, MLIS

Enclosed with this issue of House Call are two exhibit magnets. The first highlights the William G. Myers, MD, PhD, digital exhibit. This is a snapshot of Myers' life featuring photographs from his archival papers at the Medical Heritage Center.

Visit go.osu.edu/WilliamGMyers to view this exhibit.



The second magnet highlights the Ohio Medical University (OMU) scrapbook digital exhibit. This scrapbook was created by Dr. David Edward McBroom, a 1907 OMU graduate, and gives us a glimpse into the life of a medical student in the early 1900s.

Visit go.osu.edu/OMUscrapbook to view this exhibit.



Both digital exhibits were created in collaboration with library marketing and Medical Visuals, the library's medical illustration and graphic design department.

Material Donation Lifecycle

By Kristin Rodgers, MLIS

Did you know approximately 95% of Medical Heritage Center (MHC) materials are donations?

A large part of my job as the collections curator is working with donors to acquire this material. I am often asked what happens to materials once they donate. Here is a little glimpse into the material donation lifecycle.



Medical Heritage Center curator Kristin Rodgers, MLIS, shows an amputation kit in the collection

1. Receiving the Donation

The first step is when a person contacts me to express an interest in donating their items. Once it is established that the items someone has are items the MHC can utilize, an appointment to bring the materials to the MHC is arranged. Alternatively, materials can also be shipped to the MHC.

2. Creating an Inventory

Once the materials are received, a listing of materials donated, called an inventory, is completed. Inventories are often completed by student assistants or volunteers. This inventory is then sent along with a thank you letter to the donor. If the donor has already signed a gift agreement form, a copy of the completed form is sent. If the donor has not yet signed a gift agreement form, that form is sent along with the thank you letter to complete the donation.

3. Determining the Collection Area

The MHC has three collection areas: rare books, archives and artifacts. Depending on what is donated and into which collection area it fits, there are various ways it is treated:

- **Rare book donations** are searched within the library catalog to determine if the book is needed or already part of the collection. If needed, the book is catalogued. If the book is not needed, it is sent to [Better World Books](#) (BWB). BWB sells books on our behalf, providing us a percentage of the profits to support

further collection acquisitions. These profits are added to one of our endowments to support the rare book collection, which currently includes over 25,000 volumes.

- **Archival materials** are boxed in acid free boxes, labeled and placed on the unprocessed collections shelving in the archives. I am always working on processing at least one archival collection. The general rule is that it takes eight hours per linear foot of material to process; depending on the size of the collection, processing can take a few hours to a year or more. The archives currently have 265 processed collections and approximately 35 collections waiting to be processed.
- **Artifacts** are added into PastPerfect, our collections management software, labeled and then placed on their appropriate shelf in the artifact area. The MHC currently has over 5,000 artifacts. Examples of artifacts include doctor's bags, wheelchairs, bedpans, amputation kits, surgical instruments and many more.

With the MHC's three collection areas — archives, artifacts and rare books — the possible donation options are numerous. The MHC's collection development policy includes criteria for items accepted and items not accepted and is available on our website: go.osu.edu/mhccdp. If you have materials you are interested in donating, please [email me](#) or call (614) 292-9966.



Recent Donations (January 1 – July 31, 2023)

Material

Richard Barrett (books) • Anthony Bowersock (additions to his archival collection) • Charles Bush Estate (books) • Bruce Crabtree (Frank A. Kapral papers) • Jerome and Bette Dare (artifacts and books) • Delaware County Historical Society (ventilator vests) • Debbie Freece (additions to nursing collections) • Tim Gillis (books and personal papers of Dr. E. M. Bishop) • Karen Lane (addition to Ohio State College of Nursing Records) • Gary McDowell (nursing uniform of Marjorie L. McDowell) • Ohio State Division of Orthodontics (books) • Ohio State Historic Costume and Textiles Collection (eyeglasses) • John Olsen (exhibit by William Myers) • Steven Passoa (articles and books) • William E. Schamadan (autobiography) • Christopher Lee Slocum: in memory of Donald and Mary Louise VanDyke (doctor's bag of Frank Van Dyke, 1914 graduate of Starling-Ohio Medical College) • Bette Jo Stempel: in memory of Laurence E. Stempel (books) • Phillip Trudeau: in memory of Dr. Gwendolyn Campbell Trudeau (antique wheelchair)

Financial

Columbus Medical Association Foundation • Ruth Bope Dangel • Patricia Temple Gabbe • Farrell Hamill • Nancy Hamilton: in memory of Drs. Charles H., Edwin A., and Walter H. Hamilton • Maynard and Miriam Goldmeier: in memory of Dr. George Paulson and Dr. Charles Wooley • Karen Lane: in honor of Ms. Kristin Rodgers • Andrew J. Korsak • Krzysztof Mrozek • Robert Newcomb: in memory of Dr. Richard M. Hill • Ruth Paulson: in memory of Mr. Larry Stone • Michael and Judith Wiener • Chris and Beverly Wooley: in memory of Dr. Charles F. Wooley

Please contact staff at mhcmail@osumc.edu or [visit our website](#) for information on how to make a material or financial donation to the MHC.

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