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Notes from the Curator

By Judith A. Wiener, MA, MLIS

As I write this curator's note, we are celebrating the end of the 2023/2024 academic year at The Ohio State University Health Sciences Library! The second half of the academic year brought a lot of activity to the Medical Heritage Center (MHC) including a new staff member, scholar-in-residence and a successful spring programming and exhibit season!

Lisa Wood joined the team as our MHC archivist in December 2023. Prior to arrival, Lisa served as an archivist at the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. She also previously served in archivist and collections-related roles at the Ohio History Connection. Her role as MHC archivist includes processing archival collections in both paper and digital formats. She will also work with University Libraries to have the MHC included in their special collections repository.



Lisa Wood, MLIS

We also were happy to welcome our new George W. Paulson scholar-in-residence, Dr. Joel Weaver, II, DDS, PhD, Emeritus Clinical Professor at Ohio State. Dr. Weaver's research at the Medical Heritage Center will involve writing the history of the Ohio State Department of Anesthesiology. He has already made significant progress in his work as a scholar and we are excited to have him at the MHC!

In this issue, you can find an article by our immediate past scholar, Dr. Douglas Rund, where he details his work on the publication of a new historical book, *A Specialty Indeed: The History of Emergency Medicine at The Ohio State University*. The book is available to purchase [via the form on our website](#).

Our fall programming season kicks off in late August and you can find all the details about our annual Last Lecture and Burnham lecture series. As always, we hope you can attend live but the events will also be livestreamed or recorded for later viewing. More information about these lecture events will be featured on the [Health Sciences Library website](#) as well as sent to mailing list subscribers closer to the event dates.



Autumn 2024 Programming

All programming is free and open to the public.

The MHC fall lecture schedule is set! Please mark your calendars for the following events:

- 8th Annual Humanism in Medicine Last Lecture To Enhance Diversity and Mitigate Racial Bias in Medicine: An Academic Physician's Mission to Incorporate Activism into his Clinical, Educational and Scholarly Work**
 Presented by Quinn Capers, IV, MD, FACC, FACP, Professor and Chair, Dept of Medicine, Howard University College of Medicine on August 29, 2024, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. EDT at the Ross Heart Hospital Auditorium. This lecture is held in partnership with the College of Medicine's Courage to Teach and Humanism in Medicine programs.

- Annual Burnham Lecture**

This lecture will feature Allan Brandt, PhD, Amalie Moses Kass Professor of the History of Medicine and Professor of the History of Science at Harvard University on October 24, 2024, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. EDT at the Ohio State Faculty Club. This lecture is held in conjunction with the Ohio State Department of History.

NLM Traveling Exhibit

The Medical Heritage Center hosted the National Library of Medicine's (NLM) traveling exhibit, *Care & Custody: Past Responses to Mental Health from April 8 to May 10, 2024*. The exhibit explored the treatment of individuals with mental health conditions throughout history. Below are a few images that were featured to tell the story of mental health treatment in our country.



Design proposal of the Sheppard Asylum by Calvert Vaux, 1860
Courtesy National Library of Medicine



President John F. Kennedy signed legislation in 1963 that allocated funds for new community mental health centers

Miracle Cures in the Medical Heritage Center Archives

As archivist Lisa Woods, MLS, and student employees arranged the Paper Dolls and Advertising Collection, they found examples of 1800s and early 1900s advertisements like those shown here. While the ads made extensive claims to cure medical issues, they were seldom tested for effectiveness.

Visit go.osu.edu/MHCB to read more about each advertisement and find additional resources on patent medicines for medical history collections.



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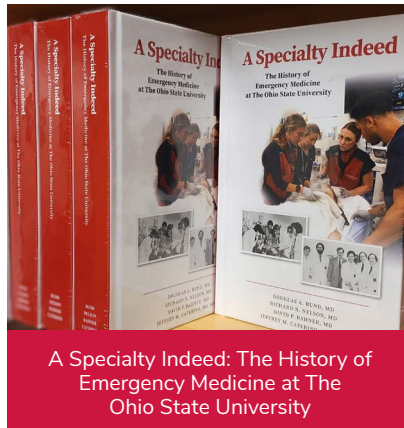
A Specialty Indeed: The History of Emergency Medicine at The Ohio State University

By Douglas A. Rund, MD

The Medical Heritage Center is excited to announce the publication of a new historical book, *A Specialty Indeed: The History of Emergency Medicine at The Ohio State University*. The book is edited by faculty members in the Department of Emergency Medicine: Douglas A. Rund, MD, Richard N. Nelson, MD, David P. Bahner, MD and Jeffrey M. Caterino, MD, MPH. The book includes contributions by key faculty members who witnessed the origin and growth of the department and the development of the specialty and its subspecialties in the university and central Ohio. The book was made possible by the appointment of Dr. Rund as one of two George W. Paulson Medical Heritage Center Scholars-in-Residence for the period 2021 to 2023. The publication of the book was also made possible by support provided by the Department of Emergency Medicine.

The story unfolds with a description of emergency rooms (ERs) and ambulances in the mid-20th century. People were crowding into emergency rooms in record numbers; yet teaching hospitals staffed the ER with interns just out of medical school. Funeral directors provided ambulance care. The growing number of patients accentuated inadequacies. Some physicians expressed the view that the care in the emergency room was the “weakest link” in a chain of survival for trauma victims. There was increasing recognition that things had to change. Death and disability from substandard care was unacceptable. Eventually, hospitals were forced to recognize the need for substantial transformation. In 1977, Ohio State recruited Rund to become the first Director of Emergency Medical Services. The struggles of the first faculty members to attain respect and recognition from the “house of medicine” in the early years were enormous. These happened at a time when many opined that these new doctors were not specialists at all; they just took slices of knowledge from “real” specialties like surgery to treat their patients.

The book recounts the journey to succeed. The early goals were to start a residency program and become a full academic department in the university. Most of the challenges were identical to those faced in all hospitals.



A new breed was wrestling important elements from the grasp of established departments. Emergency procedures were now being performed by emergency physicians and residents — not by trainees in medicine or surgery. The new doctors threatened to take financial resources from the common purse and control the gateway to the hospital. Meanwhile, administrators and other physician leaders had varying degrees of understanding about the mission of the new specialty. To combat

the resistance, the faculty had to develop robust research efforts to create new knowledge unique to the specialty and embrace innovation. Transforming research about early diagnosis of myocardial infarction and out-of-hospital cardiac arrest stood out. At Ohio State, full department status was finally conferred in 1990.

With the belief that it's not history if it's not written down, the tale of our 50-year-old specialty is told by the original faculty: the eyewitnesses who relate the real story through interviews and authorship. The unvarnished recollections of past trainees add texture and humor. Emergency medicine faculty are now leaders in medical centers, in part because of their broad view of all the hospitals' capabilities. Reflections about care during the COVID-19 pandemic and the rapid development of free-standing emergency centers are recent additions to the history.

Medical capabilities in emergency departments have changed dramatically since the early days and patients fare better than ever before. The department has acquired a national reputation for excellence in many areas including body imaging with ultrasound, treatment of opioid abuse disorders and managing geriatric emergencies; yet overcrowding is now an enormous problem and the excessive clinical demands threaten the academic mission. A new generation of leaders will have to create and communicate a vision that promotes continuing progress in a clear and compelling way for future growth despite ever growing challenges.

Purchase a copy of the book by completing an order form on the [HSL website](https://www.hsl.osu.edu/).

Recent Donations (December 1, 2023 – May 15, 2024)

Material

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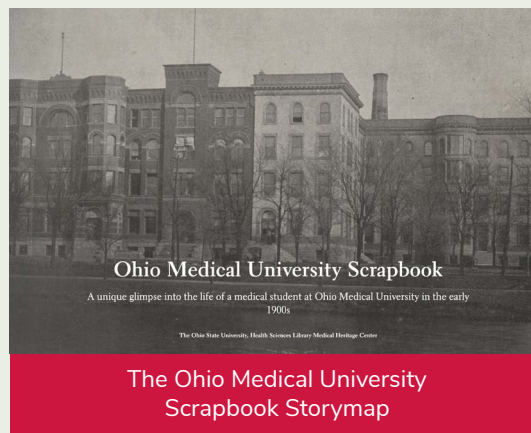


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PR Xchange Awards

We are proud to share that the MHC's digital exhibit, the Ohio Medical University Scrapbook, was selected as a winner from over 325 submissions in the American Library Association (ALA) Core 2024 PR Xchange contest. The exhibit was recognized at the ALA conference PR Xchange event in San Diego in June 2024. [Explore the digital exhibit on our website.](#)

The OMU Scrapbook won in the Exhibits – Born Digital category for how



the HSL team transformed the early 1900s scrapbook from the archives into an online experience. The team created a story map that is embedded on the HSL website so anyone can explore the artifact online. Its pages of rich, first-person history provide historical context for viewers throughout the digital journey.