

# House Call

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New rare books shelving –  
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## 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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## Notes from the Curator:

### Spring Semester Reflections and Exciting Fall Plans!

*By Judith A. Wiener, MA, MLIS*

We are excited to reflect on a fantastic spring semester at the Medical Heritage Center (MHC), marked by well-attended lecture events that fostered a spirit of learning and community. A highlight was the 5th Annual Wright Lecture, featuring Kenneth Ludmerer, MD, of Washington University in St. Louis, who provided an informative overview of the history of residency training in the United States.

Another exciting moment from our spring programming was the induction of five exceptional individuals into our Local Nursing Legends Class of 2025: Barbara (Chapman) Achter, Mary Ann Bradford Burnam, Misty Lamprecht, Kathryn K. Peppe and Nancy Rini. You can



Local Nursing Legends 2025

read more about this program on page 3 of this issue of House Call.

In addition to these memorable events, we are pleased to announce the renovation of our rare book room. This revitalized space has welcomed numerous tours, allowing students and community members to experience our treasured collection firsthand. Read all about the project and the benefits to our collection in a featured article within this issue.

As we look ahead to the autumn semester, our enthusiasm continues to grow. We have two exciting lectures on the horizon. The 9th Annual Humanism in Medicine Last Lecture, featuring Mary McIlroy, MD, will be presented by the Medical Heritage Center and The Ohio State University College of Medicine Courage to Teach program on August 28.

We will also co-host the Annual John C. Burnham Lecture with the Ohio State Department of History on November 13. These events promise to bring together thought leaders and scholars in a celebration of knowledge and excellence. Check our [website](#) for more details as we finalize them.



## Notes from the Curator

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We eagerly anticipate another semester of growth, inspiration and community engagement at the MHC. We hope to see you here in autumn for our scheduled programs or anytime for a tour of all that is happening!

## William G. Myers, MD, PhD Endowment Fund Supports Rare Books Shelving Renovation

*By: Kristin Rodgers and Judith Wiener*



Kristin Rodgers, MHC curator, and Lisa Wood, MHC archivist, discuss a rare book in the MHC collection

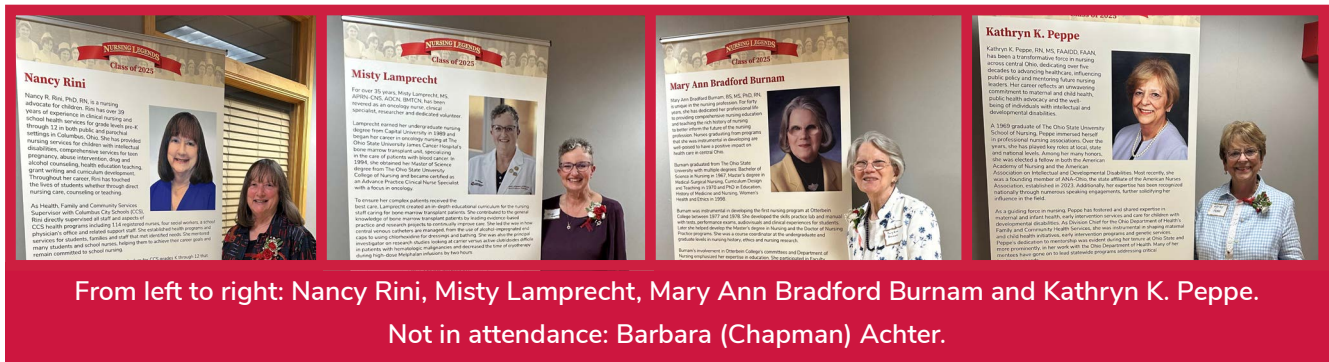
The Medical Heritage Center (MHC) recently completed renovations to improve and expand their rare books shelving. Financial support for this renovation was provided, in part, by the William G. Myers, MD, PhD, Endowment Fund. With the increased capacity, the staff of the MHC looks forward to having growth space to acquire additional volumes in the future. Learn more about the new shelving on our [website](#).

Over the years, the MHC has been grateful for the support of the Myers Endowment Fund on several projects, including processing the William G. Myers collection, creating a William G. Myers [digital exhibit](#) and purchasing physical display cases to showcase the Myers collection. The generosity of donors like the Myers family is crucial in enabling the MHC to continue its mission of preserving and promoting the history of health care.

## Celebrating the Class of 2025 Local Nursing Legends

In May, we celebrated the Local Nursing Legends Class of 2025 by inducting five visionary nurses: Barbara (Chapman) Achter, Mary Ann Bradford Burnam, Misty Lamprecht, Kathryn K. Peppe and Nancy Rini. The Local Nursing Legends program honors nurses who have made a significant contribution to the nursing profession and health care to the residents of central Ohio. This year, we recognize individuals who have achieved life-changing impact in the areas of nursing education leadership, oncology nursing practice, nursing advocacy and the vital role of nursing in primary and secondary schools.

Visit our updated Local Nursing Legends [digital exhibit](#) to learn more about Local Nursing Legends and this year's inductees.



Dr. Kenneth Ludmerer speaking at the 2025 Wright Lecture

The MHC autumn lecture series is set! Please mark your calendars for the following events:

- 9th Annual Humanism in Medicine Last Lecture featuring Mary McIlroy, MD, August 28, 2025, from 4:30 – 6 p.m. EST (reception at 4 p.m.) at the Ross Heart Hospital Auditorium. This lecture is held in partnership with the The Ohio State University College of Medicine's Courage to Teach and Humanism in Medicine programs.
- Annual Burnham Lecture featuring Deirdre Cooper Owens, PhD, from the University of Connecticut History Department on November 13, 2025, from 4:30 – 6 p.m. EDT (reception at 4 p.m.) at the OSU Faculty Club. This lecture is held in conjunction with the Ohio State Department of History.

More details to come on our [website](#)!



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## Recent Donations (December 1, 2024 – May 31, 2025)

### Material

Anthony Bowersock (additions to his archival collection) • Debbie Freece (additions to her archival collection and various nursing archival collections) • Kitty Kisker (additions to the College of Nursing Records) • Karen Lane (additions to the College of Nursing Records) • Linda Lewin: in memory of Grayce Sills (books) • Sally Morgan (additions to various nursing archival collections) • Ohio State College of Nursing (additions to their archival collection) • Ohio State Medical Association Alliance (additions to their archival collection) • Nancy Rini (addition to her archival collection) • Robert Stevenson: in memory of Robert B. Stevenson, Sr, MD (artworks and information about Charles G. Monreith) • Judy Strayer (additions to her archival collection) • Katharine Holzember Wehe, Kathy Harter and Family: in memory of Robert Armstrong Wehe, MD (pediatric scale) • Tom Williams (archival materials)

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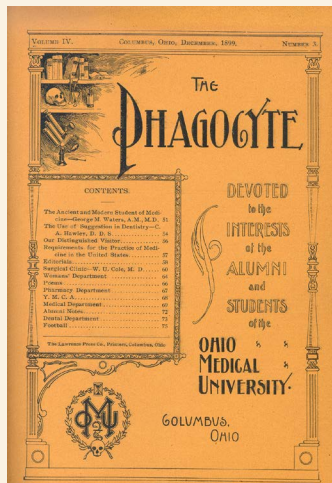
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## Collection Highlight: Phagocyte

By Kristin Rodgers, MLIS



Phagocyte,  
medical journal

Phagocyte was a medical journal produced by the Ohio Medical University (OMU) devoted to the interests of their alumni and students. It was in production from 1896 to 1907, with volumes 1 to 11. The Medical Heritage Center owns copies of volumes 3 to 11.

OMU was one of the predecessor schools to The Ohio State University Colleges of Medicine and Dentistry. It was chartered in 1890, though classes did not begin until 1892. It was located on Park Street across from Goodale Park. It had colleges of medicine, dentistry and pharmacy, with a charter enabling it to establish a department of midwifery and a school for the training of nurses. OMU had about 1,200 graduates and operated until 1907 when it merged with Starling Medical College to form Starling-Ohio Medical College.