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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Looking at the program for our upcoming meetings reminds me of why I love the American Association for the History of Medicine. Whether your interests lie in colonial medicine, medical technologies, hospitals or reproduction, there are terrific panels for you. And these topics just scrape the surface. The program committee, co-chaired by Sarah Rodriguez and David Herzberg, has done a terrific job of selecting and grouping papers.

Specific sessions that have jumped out at me are ones on disability and rehabilitation, topics we too infrequently discuss in the history of medicine. And, building on the AAHM's recent efforts to promote antiracism, historical assessments of race and racism appear throughout the program, including a Friday afternoon roundtable on race and medicine featuring an impressive group of scholars: Evelyn Hammonds, Vanessa Northington Gamble, Jim Downs, and Rick Mizelle.

Speaking of the roundtables, I want to go to all of them! Another is on the very topical (and controversial) issue of historical medical collections including human remains. The third roundtable is a new innovation, which the Program Committee is calling "First Book Author Lightning Round," in which first-time authors whose books are less than three years old will give four-minute presentations on their work.

I can't go over the whole program but please look at the preliminary version on our website. As always, popular events such as the education and outreach workshop, the graduate student reception and breakfasts for women historians and clinician historians will occur. As these breakfasts are concurrent, several women clinicians may have to scurry between rooms. I am especially looking forward to the President's New Member Breakfast, where first-time attendees will be subject to my bad jokes and intense nostalgia. If you meet any of these folks at the meeting, please make them feel especially welcome (and try to go to their papers and posters.)

Did I just mention posters? We are again having poster sessions, also on Friday. I loved the energy at last year's meeting as presenters and attendees gathered for quick presentations on fascinating topics. I'm sure the sessions will be even better this year. And don't forget to go to the book exhibit and chat up the antiquarians and publishers who make our meeting even more interesting. And forget you own a Kindle as you purchase books authored by your fellow AAHM members that you can actually hold in your hands!

As usual, two highlights of the meeting will be our plenary session (the president gets this year off, thankfully!) and the Garrison lecture. As most of you know, this year's Garrison speaker is AAHM stalwart Beatrix Hoffman, whose topic will be "The Menace to Immigrants." Speaking of Beatrix, she has also been a longtime member of the Sigerist Circle, which will again meet on Thursday afternoon. This year's Sigerist topic: "The Future of Medical History." They will no doubt solve this issue with plenty of time left for refreshments.

And I am really looking forward to our plenary—on a topic that became even more pressing with the COVID epidemic and its coverage in the media: "The Obligations and Dangers of Being a Public Historian of Medicine Now." Among those participating in this event will be a local University of Michigan star, Lisa Harris, as well as two of our members whose interactions with the public have been especially prominent and, I believe, pathbreaking: Susan Reverby and Alice Dreger.

And keep an eye out for a special session: a tribute to one of the all-time AAHM's greats, the University of Michigan's Marty Pernick—featuring Marty Pernick! Who of us have not read Marty's seminal work on topics such as informed consent, pain and eugenics? As I write, the best place on the program for this important event is still being determined.

I won't go into detail about the social aspects of the meeting. Please see the last newsletter for all of the great events and opportunities being offered by the Local Arrangements Committee both at the University of Michigan and around Ann Arbor. Suffice to say, it has not been easy to organize a meeting in 2023 that was supposed to happen in 2020. But Joel Howell, Laura Hirshbein, Alex Stern and the rest of the LAC has done an amazing job creating an inviting four days. And yes, you have to stay and go to all of the Sunday morning sessions.

But what if you cannot make it to Ann Arbor? Our 96th annual meeting is not only in-person. On

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Saturday, May 20, 2023, the meeting will continue with an all-day virtual component that will have papers on topics including abortion, public health, biopower and patient-practitioner interactions. Not much good came of COVID, but it has highlighted the need to appreciate the barriers that many of our members have when it comes to travel. And do not think for a minute that the virtual component is an “add on.” I hope that the AAHM continues to have yearly in-person and virtual meetings. After all, who doesn’t want to hear as many history of medicine papers as possible? I hope many of us get to attend both meetings.

Lastly, the AAHM, like so many organizations, is committed to making our meetings as affordable as possible, especially for students and others with limited means. Prepare to hear a bit of a “hard sell” from me in Ann Arbor about our upcoming 100th meeting, which our colleagues in Boston have graciously agreed to host in 2025, and our ongoing fundraising efforts. And don’t about forget Kansas City in 2024! As you will see, we have lots of exciting news about ways to make our organization more solvent and exciting—and how you can help.

See you in Ann Arbor and on Zoom!

Barron Lerner
AAHM President

AAHM NEWS

AAHM in Ann Arbor

We look forward to welcoming you to Ann Arbor in early May 2023!

We are excited that most of the conference will take place at the historic Michigan Union, which has been recently renovated. Its central location, abundant formal and informal meeting spots, and multiple places to obtain food and beverages within the building make it the perfect place both to listen to a

paper and to grab a coffee in the airy courtyard and reconnect with old friends.

This meeting will differ from many previous AAHM gatherings given that the primary venue, the Michigan Union, is located about two miles away from the main conference hotel, the Kensington Hotel. The Kensington is the site for the Thursday afternoon events, including the opening reception, and for the Sunday morning sessions. Activities on Friday and Saturday will be at the Michigan Union, including the book exhibit and award ceremony. The awards ceremony will once again take place at lunchtime on Saturday to leave room for impromptu evening gatherings. The Garrison lecture, delivered by Beatrix Hoffman of Northern Illinois University, will also take place in the Union with a reception across the street at the University of Michigan Museum of Art.

Since the busiest days of the conference will take place away from the home hotel, we have put great care and energy into arranging for accessible and regularized transportation options. We want to ensure that everyone has the necessary information to navigate the conference and enjoy their time in Ann Arbor. We will have volunteers and detailed maps and instructions to make movement between sites as seamless as possible. The program itself is designed to optimize your time at the conference.

Getting to Ann Arbor: Ann Arbor is accessible via plane, train, bus, and car. Detroit Metropolitan Airport (DTW) is about twenty miles east of Ann Arbor; travel from the airport usually takes under thirty minutes. There are two terminals: McNamara (a hub for Delta) and Evans (formerly known as North, home for most other airlines). Once you arrive to DTW, you can catch a cab (such as Metro Cab) or request Lyft or Uber. [The Michigan Flyer](#) provides reliable and affordable transportation to and from the airport with multiple trips a day. Ann Arbor has a centrally located Amtrak station with daily trains to/from Chicago and Detroit. MegaBus and Greyhound also service Ann Arbor. Depending on your proximity to Ann Arbor, this might be a good

time to drive to an AAHM meeting. Ann Arbor is right off of I-94. There is free parking at the Kensington and adjacent Even hotels, and reasonably priced public parking is available in several lots in downtown Ann Arbor (less than \$2 an hour and free in the evenings and on Sundays).

Lodging: The main conference hotel is the Kensington, with accommodations also available at the adjacent Even Hotel. For those AAHM-ers who don't want to miss leg day the Even Hotel might be the ideal fit. Even Hotel offers 24-hour access to a complete in-house gym with stationary bicycles, free weights, weight machines and yoga mats/balls and of course, the old standby, treadmills. Both of these hotels are located about two miles south of the University of Michigan campus, with abundant and free parking.

Shuttles: We will have a well-organized, regularly scheduled, convenient shuttle service running every 10-20 minutes from the Kensington Hotel to the Union. Our shuttles will make getting from the hotel to the Union easy and fun and AAHM-ers will have plenty of time to talk and catch up as they move around town. So, dust off those elevator pitches! The trip takes about 10 minutes, door to door.

Other Transportation Options: Both Lyft and Uber operate in Ann Arbor and offer fast and easy rides (which will take about 10 minutes from the hotel to the Union and cost about \$8-10).

Getting Around: AAHM student representatives will be on hand at the conference hotels and the Union to help attendees find their way. In addition to our bus service, the city of Ann Arbor has a bus system that connects downtown Ann Arbor, various locations on the university campus (including the Union), and Briarwood mall, which is near the Kensington.

Food: Ann Arbor has a plethora of dining options, from local vegan takeout to gourmet sit-down to national chains. There is a food court in the basement of the Michigan Union and a coffee shop right next

to the AAHM registration area in the Union. There are many restaurants within easy walking distance of the Union. Near the hotel, there are food options in and around Briarwood Mall.

Graduate Student Meetup: We're excited to cap the first night of the conference off with a lovely dinner for graduate students. The Graduate Student Meetup will take place on Thursday, May 11, following the opening reception at the Kensington. It starts at 7:30 pm at Los Amigos (625 Hilton Blvd), an easy walk from the Kensington Hotel. Registration will cost \$5 and dinner at Los Amigos is included. We hope to break bread and break ice! So please come and get to know your fellow graduate students. Everyone needs a conference buddy! Find yours here. Sign up for the Graduate Student Meetup when you register for the meeting.

Honoring Martin Pernick: AAHM members are invited to honor Martin Pernick at a special session at the Ann Arbor Annual Meeting, from 7:15 to 9:00 pm on Thursday 11 May. Marty recently retired from the University of Michigan. His stellar academic career was marked by pathbreaking work on the history of eugenics, anesthesia, and disability, by mentorship and friendship that has touched the lives and careers of countless medical historians throughout the world, and by being selected to give the 2011 Garrison Lecture. Students, colleagues, and friends are invited to an informal gathering in Marty's honor, which will follow the opening AAHM reception, from 7:15 to 9:00 pm in the Kensington Hotel. Heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served. Please join us to thank Marty for all that he has done for the field and for AAHM.

Exciting and Informative Excursions: The campus of the University of Michigan is historic and picturesque. The Diag, at the center of the main campus, was the epicenter of student protest in the 1960s and continues to be a hub of political and social activism, including the annual "Hash Bash," which takes place a month before the AAHM. This heart of central campus is less than a block away from the Union. Across the street from the Union is the

University of Michigan Museum of Art where the amazing curators have assembled four special collections related to the history of medicine and health. Curated by UMMA staff specifically for the AAHM and LAMPHHS conferences, two guided object-viewing sessions will examine medical objects and art related to illness and healing from around the world, focusing on the following themes: [Causes of Disease](#), [Treatment & Healing](#), [Medicines & Remedies](#), Sickness & Suffering, and Diagnosis. To register for this and other tours, please refer to UMMA's full list of events and sign-up information.

The museums and libraries of the University of Michigan offer conference attendees a variety of experiences with collections related to the history of medicine. Locations range from close walking distance from the Union (Clements Library, Hatcher Graduate Library, the Kelsey Archeology Museum, the University of Michigan Museum of Natural History, and the Sindecuse Museum of Dentistry) to short bus/car trips away (the Bentley Historical Library and the Gerald Ford Presidential Library).

The University has a number of other locations of interest, including the Matthaei Botanical Gardens medical and herb garden, the Michigan League (funded by alumnae donations specifically to house women's student organization), and an expansive north campus with outdoor sculpture landscaping. For those interested in sports, the University of Michigan has the largest-capacity stadium in North America. The Big House seats over 110,000 every football Saturday in the fall. A tour of the Big House is available for a small fee on Thursday (a link to register will be available soon).

Family Activities: Ann Arbor is the perfect AAHM for those attending with kids. The [Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum](#) open Tues-Sun 10-5 pm (located at 220 E. Ann St, Ann Arbor) is a short walk from the Michigan Union and boasts several interactive kids exhibits such as the Steam Park where kids use the interactive machine exhibits to experiment and learn how they work. There are also several lovely parks located around Ann Arbor.

For families with access to a car or Uber/Lyft, the [Domino's Petting Farm](#) (located at 3001 Earhart Rd., Ann Arbor, MI) has all the cuddliest animals to dote on from alpacas, goats, and sheep to the most lovable barn cats.

Weather: The weather in Michigan in May can be highly variable. While we hope for May flowers and highs in the 60s, sometimes we experience rain and cooler weather. We recommend wearing layers during your visit, and we will be distributing free umbrellas to those who register for the conference.

Volunteer Opportunity: The Local Arrangements Committee is currently looking for graduate student volunteers to help with the conference. Student Conference Aides' duties include: wayfinding, registration and information, and organizational responsibilities. Volunteers will receive free registration as compensation for their time. Ideally work commitments will be limited to 2-3 hours, but this depends on the number of volunteers available. This is a great opportunity to network with peers and, of course, gain experience with conference organization and implementation (which can also be added to a CV/resume). If you are interested in helping with this year's AAHM, please contact Cheyenne Pettit (ckpett@umich.edu) or Gianna May Sanchez (gianna@umich.edu).

Accommodations Statement: The AAHM aims to deliver inclusive and accessible experiences to all participants. The main conference hotel, the Kensington, has two elevators located across from the executive boardroom. The Kensington has three double and five king ADA-compliant sleeping rooms. Two of the kings have a roll-in shower. The Kensington has one family restroom on site. The Michigan Union has two entrances with ramps and three spacious elevators, making the building quite accessible. The elevators are on either side of the AAHM registration area and travel from the lower level (where the food court is located) to the upper levels. There will be a designated lactation room and relaxation room during conference hours.

[The University of Michigan interactive campus map](#) includes information on accessibility for many buildings on campus, including ramps and elevator access. Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD) also provides [a list of accessible bathrooms](#) on campus. Ann Arbor city buses are lift and/or ramp-equipped and UM's Department of Parking and Transportation website includes [a list of accessible transportation](#) options.

ASL will be provided during the Garrison and Plenary sessions, and CART will be provided upon request. The event program will be housed on the same digital platform used during the AAHM meeting in Saratoga Springs last year.

Please make your reservations and register for the meeting by April 12th to take advantage of reduced rates.

Attendees are welcomed and encouraged to post on social media about the conference with the hashtag #AAHM2023. We are looking forward to seeing you in A²!

The 2023 Local Arrangements Committee

The University of Michigan is located on the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe people. In 1817, the Ojibwe, Odawa, and Bodewadami Nations made the largest single land donation to the University of Michigan, offered ceremonially as a gift in the text of the Treaty at the Foot of the Rapids so that their children could be educated. Through these words of acknowledgment, their contemporary and ancestral ties to the land and their contributions to the University are renewed and reaffirmed.

Program Committee

The Program Committee received a large number of abstracts, and we are excited about the breadth and scope of topics that will be discussed in Ann Arbor this May, 2023. Amidst the variety, several themes are visible, including (especially) gender and reproduction and race and medicine, as well as

power, protest, knowledge, and practice. The Committee is also pleased to note the geographic diversity of the papers as well as the scope of time periods represented. Finally, we look forward to our plenary this year, a panel discussion in response to the question: what does it mean, or what can it mean, to be a public intellectual as a historian of medicine in the 21st century?

AAHM Nominations

The report of the AAHM Nominating Committee appears on page 11. Biographies for the nominated candidates appear below. The election will take place at the business meeting during the annual meeting in on Saturday, 13 May.

Candidate for Treasurer

Scott Podolsky received his undergraduate and M.D. degrees from Harvard. He has been a primary care physician and internist at Massachusetts General Hospital for over twenty years, and is a Professor of Global Health and Social Medicine at Harvard Medical School. Since 2006, he has served as the Director of the Center for the History of Medicine at the Countway Medical Library. His research has often focused on the history of therapeutics, and includes such works as *Pneumonia before Antibiotics: Therapeutic Evolution and Evaluation in Twentieth-Century America* (2006) and *The Antibiotic Era: Reform, Resistance, and the Pursuit of a Rational Therapeutics* (2015). He is presently working on a book-length examination of the linked histories of the medical journal and the medical profession in America. He joined the AAHM while a medical student in 1994, has served on council, and has served on numerous AAHM committees, including co-chairing (with Sarah Tracy) the Program Committee for the 2016 annual meeting in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Candidate for Secretary

Sarah Handley-Cousins is an Assistant Teaching Professor of History at the University at Buffalo. She

earned a B.A. in American Studies and Creative Writing at Wells College, an M.S.Ed Secondary Social Studies Education at Niagara University, and an M.A. and Ph.D. in History at the University at Buffalo. A scholar of gender, disability, and medicine during the American Civil War era, Handley-Cousins is the author of *Bodies in Blue: Disability in the Civil War North* (UGA, 2019) co-author of *Spiritualism's Place: A Reflective History of Lily Dale, NY* (Cornell, forthcoming), an article and several book chapters. She is the executive editor of the digital history publication of *Nursing Clio* and a producer of *Dig: A History Podcast*.

Candidates for Council Member:

Prinisha Badassy holds a PhD from the University of KwaZulu-Natal and currently lectures in the History Department at the University of the Witwatersrand. Her research interests include the social medico-legal history of infanticide and abortion in the late nineteenth and early twentieth century Natal; the study of the domain of the family and childhood; the political economy of reproduction; medico-jurisprudence; and gendered discourses of criminality. She has also published on the history of Indian interpreters within the British Empire as well as, on the complicated, sometimes lethal, relationship between masters and servants in colonial Natal. She teaches on the historical processes of globalisation; historical transnational flows and networks that give rise to the United States as a superpower during the twentieth century; the emergence and historical overview of African urbanism; modern South Africa; theory and methods for historical research and the history of sex. She currently serves as Editor of the *South African Historical Journal*, Exco member of the Southern African Historical Society Executive Council, Editorial Board member of *Historia*, and list editor for the H-Africa Discussion Network. She served as Program Co-Chair of the 2020 African Studies Association annual conference.

Pratik Chakrabarti is the NEH-Cullen endowed chair in History & Medicine at the University of Houston (since January 2022). Before that he was the Chair in History of Science and Medicine and the Director of the Centre for the History of Science, Technology and Medicine (CHSTM) at the University of Manchester, UK. Pratik did his PhD in History at the Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India. He has contributed widely to the history of science, medicine, and global and imperial history, spanning South Asian, Caribbean, and Atlantic history from the eighteenth to the twentieth century. He is the author of five research monographs, *Western Science in Modern India: Metropolitan Methods, Colonial Practices* (2004), *Materials and Medicine: Trade, Conquest and Therapeutics in the Eighteenth Century* (2010), and *Bacteriology in British India: Laboratory Medicine and the Tropics*, (2012). His most recent research monograph, *Inscriptions of Nature: Geology and the Naturalization of Antiquity* (2020) was awarded the Pickstone Prize in 2022. He was one of the editors of the journal *Social History of Medicine* from 2010 to 2018. He was one of the panel members for History for REF2021, the national quinquennial review system for assessing the quality of research in UK higher education institutions. He was also one of the judges of the Dan David Prize on the History of Health and Medicine, 2020-2021 and on Past Forward 2022-23. He is currently setting up his chair research program in "Health is Politics". The program seeks to trace the history of political activism that has shaped community healthcare globally. It also initiates discussions on how the future of global and community healthcare depends on political activism and thereby refers to several such political roles that are defining healthcare in the contemporary period.

Deborah Doroshov is Assistant Professor of Medicine (Medical Oncology) at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai. She holds an A.B. in History and Science from Harvard College. She earned her Ph.D. in History (concentration in the History of Science and Medicine) from Yale

University in December 2012, winning the Edwin W. Small prize for outstanding dissertation in American History and the Pressman Career Development Award from AAHM. Her book, *Emotionally Disturbed: A History of Caring for America's Troubled Children*, was published by the University of Chicago Press in 2019. Additional historical work has included a history of insulin coma therapy for schizophrenia (*Journal of the History of Medicine and Allied Sciences*, 2017), a study of bedwetting alarms and parenting practices in mid-twentieth century America (*Isis*, 2010), and a history of laws mandating premarital syphilis testing (*Social History of Medicine*, 2019). She has been active in AAHM since 2003 and has served on the Osler Prize Committee (2013), Welch Prize Committee (2017), Annual Meetings Committee (2018-2021), and Finance Committee (2021-present). She earned her M.D. from Harvard Medical School in 2013 and completed her residency in internal medicine and fellowship in hematology and oncology at the Yale University School of Medicine. At Mount Sinai, she cares for adults with lung cancer and leads targeted therapy development in the Early Phase Trials Unit.

Abena Dove Osseo-Asare is a Professor of History at the University of Texas at Austin where she also holds a courtesy appointment in the Department of Population Health at the Dell Medical School. She received her A.B. and Ph.D. from the Department of the History of Science at Harvard University. *Bitter Roots: The Search for Healing Plants in Africa* (Chicago, 2014), her first book, examines efforts of drug companies, African scientists, healers, and rural communities to transform six plants into pharmaceuticals. It received several awards including the American Historical Association Pacific Coast Branch Book Prize, and the 2015 Herskovits Prize for the best book in English in African Studies. Abena's second book is a study of Ghana's medical isotopes and nuclear energy program, *Atomic Junction: Nuclear Power in Africa after Independence* (Cambridge University Press, 2019). It received the 2020 Martin Klein Prize in African History from the American Historical Association. She serves on the editorial boards of *Endeavour*, *Social History of Medicine*, and the

Bulletin for the History of Medicine. She has served on the program committee for the American Association for the History of Medicine (2014) and chaired the Public Health section of the Program Committee for the African Studies Association (2015). She has participated in many sessions at the AAHM meetings since 2006 and at the 2017 meeting in Nashville spoke on the "Why Diversity Matters" panel. Additionally, her research in Ghana, South Africa, and Madagascar has been supported by the Fulbright Foundation, Harvard Academy for International and Area Studies, and Dibner Institute for the History of Science and Technology formerly at MIT. Her classes at UT Austin include Global History of Disease, Drugs in World History, Medicine in African History, Medicine in Empire and Diaspora, and African Fashion History.

Centennial Campaign-Development Committee

I'm happy to report that your Development/Centennial Campaign Committee has been actively engaged in fundraising for our Centennial Campaign, which was created to ensure that the AAHM can thrive and grow for at least another hundred years. The committee is tasked with working with our membership to raise \$1 Million by 2025, the year of our 100th birthday. The campaign is centered around the two essential priorities that will enable the AAHM both to function effectively and to meet the challenges of the next century: The Executive Director Endowment Fund (allowing the organization to create a durable structure with a professional executive director); and the creation of a General Endowment Fund. (This unrestricted endowment will make it possible for the AAHM to support existing and emerging priorities.)

Success will only come with strong support from our members. We know that it will likely not be possible to raise \$1 million from within the AAHM alone, and we look forward to approaching foundations and the larger philanthropic community. But to do so effectively, it is important that we demonstrate as wide a commitment from our own membership as

possible. Over the past several months, we have been in touch with all of you, and the committee is delighted to note that we have received a number of generous contributions, ranging from gifts of \$50 and \$100 to \$5,000, as well as several multi-year pledges. We urge as many of you who are able to join your friends and colleagues in contributing to the campaign.

There are multiple ways to participate. You can make a one-time monetary gift to one of the two funds, or a percentage to each, online at aahm.press.jhu.edu/membership/contribute. You can give by check, which you can mail to Dr. Scott Podolsky, AAHM Treasurer, 185 Horsepond Road, Sudbury, MA 01776. You can also make a contribution through a donor-advised fund; give a gift of stocks, bonds, or an IRA distribution; make a legacy gift from a will or trust; or make a pledge involving a two, three, four, or five-year commitment. For information making a gift in one of these ways, please Scott Podolsky. His email address is Scott_Podolsky@hms.harvard.edu

The Committee expresses its deep gratitude to the members who have given to the Campaign.

*Margaret Marsh
Chair, Development/Centennial Campaign Committee*

NEWS OF MEMBERS

Ken Ludmerer was elected to the Johns Hopkins University Society of Scholars. He was also elected to the Board of Directors of the Foundation for Barnes-Jewish Hospital, which in 2021 distributed \$75 million to medical and health-related causes.

ARCHIVES/LIBRARIES/MUSEUMS

Archives and Special Collections in the **Augustus C. Long Health Sciences Library** is pleased to announce that the [Michael Merson Collection on the Global AIDS Response](#) is now available for research. Former Executive Director of the World Health

Organization's Global Programme on AIDS (1990-1995), Dr. Merson is a recognized leader in global health policy. The collection will serve as an important resource in the history of the worldwide response to the HIV/AIDS epidemic.

After leaving his position at WHO, Merson began research on a history of the international response to the AIDS pandemic, specifically WHO's Global Programme on AIDS, and conducted over a hundred interviews with past colleagues and others involved in the program. The resulting book, *The AIDS pandemic: searching for a global response*, coauthored with medical historian Stephen Inrig, was published in 2017 by Springer.

The collection includes WHO and GPA administration records, memoranda, progress reports, travel reports, organizational charts, registry files, facsimiles, printed-out emails, speeches, appointment books, and publications. An important part of the collection are the materials documenting the research and writing of Merson's book, especially the transcripts of the oral histories he conducted.

For more information on Dr. Merson and the Merson Collection please read the on our blog, [Primary Sources](#).

[Experiencing History | Holocaust Sources in Context](#) is an open-access primary source tool that offers theme-based collections designed to support university-level study of complex topics through the Holocaust and the history that surrounds it.

This multimedia resource allows students to connect with the human experience of the Holocaust through personal accounts and artifacts curated around purposeful themes that break down complex bodies of knowledge into short, contextualized areas of exploration. Through the study of these compelling first-hand accounts, students are prompted to uncover profound questions and deeply examine the world we live in.

This [collection of primary sources](#) explores the challenges faced by medical providers with the rise

of the Nazi regime and the onset of the Holocaust. Oral histories, photographs, diaries, and other primary sources illustrate how healthcare professionals throughout Europe responded amid violence and upheaval. These materials address the experiences of doctors, nurses, and others providing medical care in a variety of contexts from 1933 to 1945.

Manual de Historia de la Medicina, València, Ed. Tirant lo Blanch [Tirant Humanidades], 2023. 670 p. ISBN: 978-84-19588-18-0. This Handbook of the History of Medicine was coordinated by Josep L Barona with the participation of twenty authors, Spanish professors of history of medicine together with colleagues from Brasil and México.

Conceived as a reference work with a broad perspective, this Manual on the History of Medicine avoids a chronological perspective from Antiquity to the present, taking into account the plurality of original contexts, epistemological foundations, languages, traditions and appropriations, patients and diseases. It analyzes the methods and instruments of medicine, the arsenal of healing resources, healing spaces, professionals and global health. It pays attention to the great cultures of Antiquity, but also to medieval Islamic medicine, medical colonialism and colonial medicine, psychotherapy and the empire of technology. It talks about societies, acculturation processes, health policies and the political use of health, about the construction of bodies and domination over bodies. It offers transversal perspectives that range from economic history, demography or anthropology, going through the objects and spaces of medical practice to highlight the importance of health and illness as factors of crisis, stability and social change in the history. Medical professionals, students, sociologists, historians and politicians will find in the pages of this Manual a useful instrument of analysis, where new perspectives establish bridges with old traditions.

New from the National Library of Medicine

A People's History of Pandemic: AIDS, Posters, and Stories of Public Health www.nlm.nih.gov/exhibition/aids-posters/index.html is a new online exhibition which covers the NLM archive of public health posters about AIDS rooted in the cultural output of artists, activists, and community workers. Their work, specifically the use of personal narrative as a visual-art strategy, along with language and the collective process of creating AIDS posters, continues to broadcast the message that, 40 years after the crisis began, attention to AIDS has not diminished. Profiles in Science now includes a curated collection of digitized primary source materials related to the United States National Commission on AIDS, dating from the mid-1980s through the early 1990s.

African Americans have always practiced medicine, as physicians, healers, midwives, or “root doctors.” Early black physicians became skilled practitioners, trained generations of physicians, surgeons, and nurses, and improved health care for African American communities. Today's African American doctors continue the traditions of achievement and mentorship. [Opening Doors: Contemporary African American Academic Surgeons](#) celebrates the accomplishments of African American medical pioneers and highlights contemporary surgeons and educators who exemplify excellence in their fields and teach future African American physicians. This online exhibition is an adaptation of a 2007 display produced by the National Library of Medicine, in partnership with the Reginald F. Lewis Museum of Maryland African American History and Culture.

The National Library of Medicine has a [rich new set of digital resources](#) for researchers interested in the history of global health and health disparities, women's health and history, anthropology, and international development. During the last year, NLM has digitally preserved nearly 250 rare films addressing these topics, with a particular emphasis on birth control, family planning, and social

determinants of human health and overpopulation. Many titles have soundtracks in multiple languages, as they were designed as a direct-to-the-people educational tool, and were distributed worldwide chiefly through non-governmental organizations (NGOs).

The NLM aims to release five to ten of these newly-preserved titles per month in NLM Digital Collections, each one captioned

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Prinisha Badassy

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Respectfully submitted and with our gratitude to all the nominees for their willingness to continue to serve AAHM in this way

Aparna Nair, Sharrona Pearl, and Lauren MacIvor Thompson (Chair)

