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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

For the past two years, the AAHM's academic gatherings, committees, council meetings, and scholarly activities have happened in virtual space. Vibrant, engaging, but remote. But now, these years of living virtually are coming to an end. How strange: for me, the digital presidency that began with a Zoom meeting in May 2020 is about to "get real" in Saratoga Springs, just before I hand the gavel to incoming president, Barron Lerner.

Because of the extraordinary work of the Local Arrangements Committee led by Stephen Casper at Clarkson University, and the Program Committee co-chaired by Julie Fairman at University of Pennsylvania and Richard Mizelle at University of Houston, we will gather in Saratoga Springs, New York for our 95th annual meeting (our first in-person meeting since 2019). The AAHM is deeply grateful to Stephen, Julie, Rick, and the many volunteers on their committees and the many other committees who have contributed time and energy to make the meeting possible. The work of AAHM could not happen without you!

As I've written before, Saratoga Springs is a fitting locale for this year's gathering. A destination town that once promised mineral spring healing now offers renewal of spirit and academic community. Bearing in mind the town's old-style promise of bodily health and wellbeing, we embrace the past (*Come, Take the Waters!*) while modernizing the exhortation: *Take the Shot*. That is to say, the AAHM requires meeting attendees to be COVID vaccinated.

As always, the meeting promises to be wide-ranging and intellectually stimulating. Scanning the program, I see discussions of *early medieval knowledge, disability rights and technology, occupational medicine, therapeutic knowledge*, and much more. Fittingly, the Saratoga Springs program features sessions on pandemic-related themes: *vaccine trust and mistrust, epidemic histories*; and *pandemics and the state*. The program also advances much-needed, timely conversations about race, inclusion, and equity in health and society, with sessions on the *history of indigenous health, disease and the carceral state*, and *racism, medicine, and medical education* spanning multiple contexts and time periods.

The return to in-person meeting offers a break from the virtual routine – walking through an actual book exhibit; holding new works in hand; reconnecting face to face (safely masked) with colleagues and friends; and creating a new kind of non-virtual "normal." For AAHM members unable to make the pilgrimage, the Local Arrangements Committee has arranged a scattering of hybrid sessions (remote and in-person) throughout the program – building on the virtual connections we created these past two years.

These past two years have left a deep and lasting impression on each of us. Our members insights about past pandemics have become salient and tragically timely. As a professional association, the times also have challenged us to reflect on our organization, and to be more inclusive. At the 2021 meeting, an association-wide discussion was held on racism and memory in the history of medicine. Over the past year, the AAHM council has held multiple meetings (led by an insightful subcommittee, Rana Hogarth, Rebecca Kluchin, and Mariola Espinosa) to reflect on these questions of inclusion. At this year's meeting in Saratoga Springs, we will discuss the result of those conversations: a set of practices and policies we commit to within the association, including: ensuring a diversity of perspectives in conferences, committees, and workshops; studying more closely the attitudes and legacies of those we honor through our awards and prizes to ensure that the awards reflect the values of our organization; and rebuilding membership with an eye toward academic diversity, equity, and deliberate inclusion. Text of the proposed practices is included elsewhere in this newsletter, and there will be opportunities for further comment in Saratoga Springs.

For all these reasons, the 95th AAHM meeting in Saratoga Springs promises intellectual engagement, learning, rebuilding ties, healing, and renewal. I hope to see you there!

Keith Wailoo
AAHM President

AAHM NEWS

Annual Meeting

Our Annual Meeting for the American Association for the History of Medicine fast approaches. On April 21-24 many of us will come together in Saratoga Springs, New York to take the waters. It has been too long! On behalf of Clarkson University's Local Arrangements Committee, I want to be the first to welcome you to the Capital Region of New York State.

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Saratoga Springs' motto is *Health, History, Horses* and upon arrival you will find a town eminently walkable, friendly, and filled with picturesque historic attractions – one's tailor-made for our interests in medicine and health. You will also find Saratoga well supplied with bistros, bars, bookstores, and boutiques, all available even as our terrific intellectual program, plenary sessions, vendors, and receptions promise to keep you occupied all day long. Check the weather as you pack your bags. It should be early spring, but central New York can still have an errant snowstorm that time of year.

In this message of welcome, I want to focus your attention on some important details. Please spend some time and read it all. Firstly, getting to Saratoga Springs New York. Secondly, our registration process and meeting plan. And, finally, our Thursday and Saturday tours.

Getting to Saratoga Springs New York

We will be offering an Airport Pick-up Shuttle from Albany International Airport on Thursday. We will be offering an Airport Drop-off Shuttle from our Conference Hotel on Sunday. The cost will be \$30.00.

Driving: For those of you who live in the northeastern United States consider driving to our meeting and indeed consider carpooling with friends, colleagues, and students. Saratoga Springs is located not far from many institutions of higher education. You may well find that driving is the most efficient, fun, and economical way for you to come to the annual meeting. If you carpool, it will also have the added benefit of being environmentally friendly. To help facilitate carpooling, consider joining this Slack channel set up by Lara Freidenfelds to locate riders: join.slack.com/t/aahmsaratoga-carpool/shared_invite/zt-14jc8ioqp-7U9Kgz_JlgDP5k2iPYrDoA

Train: Secondly, for those of you who live or near New York City, the Ethan Allen Express ([Train](#)

[Schedules & Timetables | Amtrak](#)) departs Penn Station daily at approximately 2:00 p.m. and arrives at approximately 6:00 p.m. in Saratoga Springs. Return trips from Saratoga Springs leave at approximately 1:30 p.m. and arrive at approximately 5:45 p.m. in New York City. If you are arriving from Canada, the southbound Amtrak train from Montreal is still not operating because of the pandemic. Continue to check for changes in Amtrak scheduling as this may well change by March.

Flight: Of course, many of you must fly to attend our meeting. You will be arriving at Albany International Airport www.albanyairport.com/. Albany is served by all major US Airlines www.albanyairport.com/airlines. Approximately 65 flights arrive daily. Flights begin arriving at 8:00 a.m. and continue to arrive until around midnight. The last departures leave before 8:30 p.m. Do note that if you intended to fly into New York City airports, then you could take the train to Saratoga.

Albany Airport to Saratoga Springs Hotel: We will be offering an Airport Pick-up Shuttle from Albany International Airport on **Thursday**. We will be offering an Airport Drop-off Shuttle from our Conference Hotel on **Sunday**. If you are unable to arrive on Thursday, taxis and lift services are readily available from the airport. The drive is approximately 35 minutes. Costs range from \$50-\$100 depending upon traffic. Car rentals are also available.

Attendance and Registration Requirements

Attendees must register from the meeting. Registration will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Register early for a steeply discounted rate.

Programs: There will be no printed programs. Attendees should plan on using a smartphone app to access the conference program.

Vaccination and Masks: All attendees must be vaccinated. Attendees will be asked to present a vaccine card for visual inspection at the time of

registration. Masks will be worn throughout the program.

Virtual Option

For those who are unable to travel to Saratoga Springs, AAHM is over limited content for virtual attendees. We will stream one panel in each concurrent session block from Friday through Sunday. Virtual attendees will be able to ask questions of the speakers through chat.

Thursday Tours

Walking Tour of Health History in Saratoga Springs (11am and 2pm): A 2 hour guided-walk of the town that focuses on Saratoga's past with an emphasis on its place in health history, healing waters, and fountains. You will love this. Max attendance is 20 each.

Difficulty: Mild. Some hills and stairs. Wear good shoes or weather appropriate boots.

Cost: \$20

Hiking Tour of Saratoga Springs State Park (2:00 p.m.). A 2½ hour tour of spa buildings at the Saratoga Spa State Park and their stories. Weather conditions permitting, the tour will include a long hike to the park's geyser. Most of the buildings in the park date to the Works Progress Administration that were part of interwar spa culture. *Difficulty: Moderate. Hills, biking, and distance make this tour moderately challenging. Wear appropriate footwear for trails.*

Cost: \$20

Saturday Haunted Saratoga Ghost Tour Ghost Walk (7:00 p.m.; 7:15 p.m.) Take advantage of our free Saturday night to see Saratoga Springs on a guided tour. This tour is as much about the history of the city and the spirits of the characters who contributed to Saratoga's development as it is about ghosts. The tour takes about 90 minutes. In addition to giving a great introduction to the history of Saratoga, it will be a lot of fun. Go with friends. Grab dinner and drinks afterwards.

Difficulty: Mild. Some hills and stairs. Wear good shoes or weather appropriate boots.

Cost: \$20

Stephen Casper

Chair, Local Arrangements Committee

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, April 23.

Candidate for Vice President:

Mary E. Fissell is Professor in the Department of the History of Medicine at the Johns Hopkins University, with additional appointments in History and History of Science. She received her Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania, where she studied with Charles Rosenberg. Before coming to Hopkins, she was a Lecturer in the Wellcome Unit for the History of Medicine at the University of Manchester. Her scholarly work explores how ordinary people in early modern England and America understood health, healing, and the natural world. Her first book, *Patients Power, and the Poor* (Cambridge 2001), examined health care for the poor in an 18th century British city. Subsequently, in *Vernacular Bodies* (Oxford, 2004), she used cheap print to analyze how early modern people understood their reproductive bodies. She is currently completing a book about the long history of *Aristotle's Masterpiece*, a popular manual about sex and babies. She has published and podcasted widely on topics including the histories of vermin; print and reading; midwifery; abortion; and women in medicine. She co-edited the *Bulletin of the History of Medicine* for 15 years; served on a WHO Foresight Think Tank on the History of Pandemics in 2020-21; and has co-curated various exhibitions. Fissell has been a Fellow at the Shelby Cullum Davis Center at Princeton; the Folger Shakespeare Library; Clare Hall, Cambridge; and the Marie Jahoda Visiting Chair in International Gender Studies, Ruhr Universität.

Candidates for Council Member:

Adam Biggs is a postdoctoral research fellow in the History of Medicine department at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, an Instructor of History and African American Studies at the University of South Carolina Lancaster (on leave,) and a Scholarly Fellow at the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History. He holds a doctorate from the History of American Civilization program at Harvard University and a Bachelors of Arts degree in Afro-American Studies and English from the University of Pennsylvania. His research examines black doctors and the desegregation of Harlem Hospital between 1919 and 1935 and explores the various ways black practitioners used professional medicine as a tool to promote racial improvement. His current book project is titled *Strange Cures: Black Doctors, Harlem Hospital, and the New Negro in American Medicine, 1919-1935*. His work has also appeared in the clinicians' journal, *Pediatrics*, the history blog of the New York Academy of Medicine, and the *Lancaster News*. At University of South Carolina Lancaster, he co-chairs the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee and teaches introductory courses in African American history and culture, civil rights activism, U.S. history, and race and the history of medicine. He has participated in the AAHM since 2007 and served on the Program Committee, Shryock Award Committee, and Education and Outreach Committee.

Mary Augusta Brazelton is an associate professor in the Department of History and Philosophy of Science at the University of Cambridge. She holds a Ph.D. in History with a concentration in History of Science/History of Medicine from Yale University and a B.A. in History and Science from Harvard University. Her research focuses on transformations of science and medicine in twentieth-century China. At Cambridge, she is also a Trustee of the Needham Research Institute. She is the author of *Mass Vaccination: Citizens' Bodies and State Power in Modern China* (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2019). Her

research has appeared in journals such as *Technology and Culture*, *History of Science*, *Cross-Currents: East Asian History and Culture Review*, and *Twentieth-Century China*.

Projit Bihari Mukharji is a professor (effective 1st July 2022) in the History & Sociology of Science Department at the University of Pennsylvania. He holds a BA (Hons) degree from the Presidency College, Calcutta, MA and MPhil degrees from the Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi and a PhD from the University of London's School of Oriental and African Studies. Before joining UPenn, he taught at the Universities of Southampton, Newcastle and Oxford Brookes in the UK and McMaster University in Canada. Mukharji is the author of three monographs: *Nationalizing the Body: The Medical Market, Print and Dakitari Medicine* (London, 2009); *Doctoring Traditions: Ayurveda, Small Technologies and Braided Sciences* (Chicago, 2016) and *Brown Skins, White Coats: Race Science in India, 1920-66* (Chicago, Forthcoming in 2022). He has been a member of AAHM since 2011 and served as a member of the editorial board of the *Bulletin of the History of Medicine* (2018-20), member of the Pressman Award Committee (2014-15), member of the Program Committee (2017) and the co-chair of the Program Committee (2021). Mukharji's work is located within the Subaltern Studies tradition and he focuses on issues of marginalization in and through medicine in modern South Asia.

Kelly O'Donnell is a Lecturer in History of Science and Medicine at Yale University. After receiving her B.A. from Sarah Lawrence College, she earned her M.A., M.Phil., and Ph.D. in History, with a concentration in History of Science and Medicine, from Yale University. In 2020-2021, she was the NEH Postdoctoral Fellow at the Consortium for History of Science, Technology and Medicine. Her research blends the history of medicine and women's history, focusing broadly on gender and health politics in the modern United States. She is completing two book projects: *The Pill Hearings: Science, Politics, and Birth Control* (to be published with Rutgers University Press), and a new history of American medicine written from the perspective of

the doctor's wife. Her research has appeared in the *Bulletin of the History of Medicine*, the *Journal of Women's History*, the *Journal of the History of Medicine and Allied Sciences*, *Social Science & Medicine*, and *Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society*. She teaches courses in the history of reproductive health, the history of health activism, and gender and technology in the history of medicine. She currently serves on the Shryock Medal Committee (2021-22), and has been a member of AAHM (and enthusiastic Women's Breakfast attendee) since 2010.

American Association for the History of Medicine Anti-Racism Statement

Draft of March 2022

We are a professional organization with an international membership made up of a diverse group of scholars, archivists, librarians, allied professionals, retired people, and students who share a commitment to studying the history of health, healthcare, and medicine. The events of the past few years have led us to reflect on our organization's identity and goals for the future. These events include, but are not limited to: the rapid spread of COVID19 around the globe, the racial and ethnic disparities in who has been impacted by the virus in the United States, the blaming of China and Chinese Americans for the virus and violence against Asian-Americans that has followed; the extra judicial killings of Black people and people of color in the United States, the inhumane treatment of migrants on our southern border including the separation of migrant children from their families, the continued attack on LGBTQ+ rights, and the gender disparities exaggerated by COVID19 shutdowns.

We are making a choice to adopt anti-racism practices and policies in our organization. While we have stated our opposition to racism and racial violence, our words need to be supported by actions in order for them to have meaning and impact. As historians, we emphasize change over time and grapple with complicated events and figures. We

choose to apply the tools of our profession to our own history, to examine how our organization has evolved since its inception in 1925 and to recognize and confront our organization's own biases and racial legacies. We look backwards in an effort to chart a path forward as an organization that confronts and resists racism within our ranks and within our society. We recognize that our history is complicated and confronting it can be uncomfortable. We also recognize that this is an ongoing process; a onetime solution is not enough to dismantle years of deeply ingrained inequities.

In the spirit of pushing ourselves to be better; to be more inclusive and to orient our organization towards justice, we choose to practice anti-racism and foster diversity in the following ways. At the time of writing, we define diversity as the intersection of race, sex, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, age, socioeconomic status, disability, ethnicity, religion and creed, national origin or ancestry, family status, or veteran status. Recognizing that standing committees have already engaged in this work, and the definition of diversity is likely to evolve, Council and AAHM will revisit this statement every other year.

Annual conference

We aspire to sharing a diversity of perspectives and include a diversity of participants.

1. Starting in 2021, we will develop and host pre-conference and/or conference workshops about diversifying syllabi annotated bibliographies, and digital collections/exhibits in all educational settings. For example, the Education and Outreach Committee will host a Workshop on Inclusive Citation Practices in the History of Medicine. We foresee this type of programming as a regular feature of our conferences.
2. The Program Committee will ensure conference panels and sessions include a diverse range of scholars and scholarship.

Applications for panels and papers will include a short diversity statement that the Program Committee will use to facilitate diversity within and among panels. Program Committee members will discuss how to read and evaluate these statements in advance of their review. The committee will also include a statement about diversity within its final report in which it will offer suggestions for increasing diversity at subsequent meetings that it develops in consultation with the Diversity Committee.

3. The Travel Grant Committee will establish a fund to support inclusion work at the annual meeting. This money will support recruiting new members, funding travel of underrepresented students at institutions with insecure funding, and establishing a new award to recognize the study of underrepresented groups.
4. At the opening reception, we will celebrate members' newest publications (published within the last two years), exhibits, and collections with a champagne toast. This will prioritize the work of first-time authors/junior scholars and/or librarians/archivists and offer them a forum through which to showcase their work to a broad audience. This event will build community, connect junior and senior scholars, and encourage the newest voices in our field. The presses at our book exhibit will be encouraged to participate.

Study the attitudes and legacies of those we honor through our awards and prizes. We will ensure that the values of our organization are reflected in the awards and prizes we offer.

1. We will review the legacies of the practitioners and/or scholars for whom our awards are named. This will involve a formal process of evaluation--through an ad hoc committee created by AAHM leadership in consultation with Council--that draws on the most recent

scholarship in our field and the expertise of our members.

2. If some of the individuals for whom our awards are named are found to have had problematic and/or harmful attitudes inconsistent with ideas of inclusion, diversity, and equity and whose legacy undermines the core commitments of our organization, we will create a review committee tasked with determining whether or not specific awards should be renamed.
3. The committee's recommendation will be put to a vote among our membership.
4. If the majority of AAHM members agrees with the committee's recommendation, the award will be renamed.
5. The renaming process will be a multi-step and transparent process.
6. It will begin with the creation of a committee of experts from a range of fields who put together a list of historical figures whose legacies reflect the values of the award being renamed.
7. Committee members will research these figures and develop a document that summarizes their accomplishments as well as the pros and cons of renaming the award after each figure.
8. The document will go to Council to review and Council's comments will be used to revise the document.
9. The document will be distributed to members in advance of the annual meeting.
10. Two sessions at the annual conference will be devoted to discussion of this document. The first will include a presentation of the document and the committee's explanation for its choices of figures to be considered. This will

be followed by a question and answer session. The second session will be an open forum in which the committee and Council seek public comment on the document.

11. The committee will revise the document after the annual meeting in response to comments received.
12. It will then send the revised document to Council for consideration and then put to a vote of the general membership.
13. Future annual meetings will continue to feature forums for careful reflection on problematic and important legacies within the history of medicine and public health.
14. We will encourage our members to evaluate similarly fraught situations and problematic figures within their home institutions.

Membership

The Association will make sure that rebuilding membership is undertaken with an eye towards academic diversity, equity, and deliberate inclusion.

1. We will expand our membership in a way that brings diverse scholars, librarians, allied professionals, retirees, and students to the organization.
2. We encourage our members to actively reach out to colleagues in other institutions who might have graduate students and colleagues working on topics relating to the history of medicine, but who would not otherwise know of the value and networking that our association provides.
3. We recognize that it is not enough to simply broaden our membership. We must also support new members, especially those from underrepresented groups.

4. We can reduce membership and/or conference registration fees for underrepresented students and scholars at institutions with insecure funding and for members without institutional affiliations.
5. We will embrace the inclusion of new members, including those with a range of methodological approaches to the study of the history of health, healthcare and medicine.
6. We will encourage new members to attend the new members and women's breakfast at our annual meeting where they can meet mentors and gain support. We will increase the visibility of these opportunities and possibly expand them.
7. We will use our website and social media to highlight diversity within the organization and reach new members.

Governance and committees

We will formalize the existing practice of AAHM leadership and the Nominating Committee to ensure and enhance the diversity of committee membership.

1. We will create guidelines to assist leadership in the process of nominations and selection of committee membership to ensure that committees and council are themselves diverse groups.

Resources

We will support the endeavors of the different committees that work towards diversity, equity, and inclusion.

1. In consultation with the Education and Outreach Committee, we will create a webpage on the histmed.org site where diversity, equity, and anti-racist pedagogy is promoted. This site

will include updated comprehensive exam lists to represent scholarship (especially recent scholarship) by and about Black, Indigenous and People of Color, queer and trans people, and people with disabilities.

2. We will create a public facing directory of areas of expertise to strengthen connections, to promote the work of junior scholars, and to facilitate our contributions to contemporary discussions about health, healthcare and medicine.
3. We will maintain a collection of our members' contributions to public policy and media on the AAHM website and make these resources available to members seeking to contribute to media outlets.

NEWS OF MEMBERS

The National Institutes of Health has named **Dr. Kim Pelis** as Director of the Office of NIH History and Stetten Museum (ONHM)

Warwick Anderson has been awarded an Australian Research Council Discovery Grant (2022-25), along with Sverker Sörlin (KTH Stockholm), Jakelin Troy (Indigenous Studies, Sydney), and Tony Capon (Monash Sustainable Development Institute), for critical historical studies of the new planetary health, which focuses on the health impacts of climate change and global environmental degradation. The AUD667,000 (USD480,000) grant will also support research to reveal alternative Indigenous conceptual genealogies of environmental health and disease ecology.

ARCHIVES/LIBRARIES/MUSEUMS

The University of California, San Francisco Archives & Special Collections (A&SC) is excited to announce that it was awarded a grant by the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC) in support of the project

titled *Pioneering Child Studies: Digitizing and Providing Access to Collection of Women Physicians who Spearheaded Behavioral and Developmental Pediatrics*.

The \$149,814 award will support the creation of a digital collection on [Calisphere](#) containing materials from five collections held at UCSF documenting life and work of five women physicians and social workers, Drs. [Hulda Evelyn Thelander](#), [Helen Fahl Gofman](#), [Selma Fraiberg](#), [Leona Mayer Bayer](#), and [Ms. Carol Hardgrove](#), who were pioneers in the developmental-behavioral pediatrics research, patient care, and public-health policy. These materials will enable researchers and general public to understand evolution of social policy and cultural norms as they relate to special education, people with disabilities, and equitable access to health care.

A relatively new field in medicine, developmental-behavioral pediatrics came out of an increased demand for mental health services in pediatric care starting in the 1920s. While infant and child mortality rates declined in part due to public health campaigns and medical breakthroughs, concerns over behavioral problems and developmental delays grew as pediatrics began to look beyond mere survival and started to consider the whole child.

Documents from these five collections often illustrate the work of their creators on the same or similar projects and collaboration between the creators; these will be digitally “reunited” in the course of the grant by being posted on the same digital platform, Calisphere and being linked through extended metadata.

As part of this project UCSF archivists will engage with communities of women physicians, researchers, and health care providers, discussing how to document their voices that have been underrepresented, absent, or excluded from the history in general and history of their institutions (including UCSF) or professions in particular.

McMaster University’s Health Sciences Archives has acquired the records of pioneering physician, Dr. May Cohen, a Canadian family

physician, women's rights activist, and faculty member in McMaster University's Faculty of Health Sciences. Cohen's collection includes both personal and professional material **spanning her life from medical school to the present**. Included are presentation and teaching materials, writings, speeches, reports, minutes, video recordings, photographs, correspondence, flyers, research material, McMaster University Women's Health Office records, and records related to Cohen's involvement in various professional associations. Among the many highlights in the collection are pro-choice letters Cohen exchanged with editors, politicians, journalists, and corporations. Also of note are journals she maintained during her sabbatical in Australia. These detailed journals offer a fascinating look at the sexual health and women's health landscape in Australia at the time. Cohen's collection reflects a wide range of topics related to history of women's health care, gender differences in the medical profession, and sexual health education. Please contact us for more information at hslarch@mcmaster.ca (a finding aid is available here: <https://www.archeion.ca/may-cohen-fonds>)

The Medical Center Archives of New York-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medicine is pleased to reopen its onsite research room for fully vaccinated external researchers beginning March 14, 2022. Official proof of full vaccination and a government-issued photograph ID must be provided upon arrival. Researchers are required to wear medical-grade masks at all times during the onsite research visit.

Please reach out to email-archives@med.cornell.edu to schedule an onsite research appointment. Only researchers with confirmed appointments who have completed the Visitor COVID-19 Vaccination Attestation form (provided by the Medical Center Archives upon confirmation of appointment) in advance may come onsite.

The Medical Center Archives continues to provide thousands of digitized archival items through our website for remote researchers. To view digitized

images go to: library.weill.cornell.edu/archives/image-collections. For digitized historical publications such as annual reports you may connect to them at library.weill.cornell.edu/archives/digital-historical-publications. You can also learn more about the history of the medical center here library.weill.cornell.edu/archives/history-medical-center, the history of the institutions which comprise the medical center located here: library.weill.cornell.edu/archives/history-institutions, and how the medical center has responded to previous crises over the past 250 years in the blog series "Courage Under Crisis" library.weill.cornell.edu/archives/archives-blog?term_node_tid_depth=56.

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: www.library-archives.cumc.columbia.edu/finding-aid/michael-merson-collection-global-aids-response-circa-1985-2001. 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 this entry from our blog, Primary Sources: www.library-archives.cumc.columbia.edu/blog/2022-03/michael-merson-collection-open-research.

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.

The AAHM Nominating Committee is pleased to provide you with our slate for AAHM Officers and Council-- for circulation in advance to the AAHM membership through the *NewsLetter* and for voting at the next Business Meeting on 23 April 2022.

Vice President: Mary Fissell (two-year term)

Council Members (three-year terms beginning after the 2022 annual meeting)

Adam Biggs
Mary Augusta Brazelton
Projit Bihari Mukharji
Kelly O'Donnell

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

Jennifer Gunn, Dora Vargha, and David Herzberg (Chair)

