“Medicine’s Michelangelo: The Life and Art of Frank H. Netter MD”

Francine Mary Netter to Speak

Frank Netter was both a doctor and artist whose genius was such that he not only grasped the most complex medical concepts, he could also make drawings that made those concepts clear to others. Beginning in the mid 20th century, his books of illustrations — thirteen atlases and over 200 pamphlets — educated doctors and health care professionals the world over. His award-winning Atlas of Human Anatomy is today the most popular and bestselling anatomy atlas in the English language.

Francine Mary Netter, daughter of the famous medical illustrator, will be the guest speaker at the 45th Annual Meeting of the Friends of the P.I. Nixon Medical Historical Library. Drawing not only on her personal remembrances, but also on Dr. Netter’s autobiographical notes, and on hundreds of interviews with family members, artists, and distinguished clinicians and researchers, she will discuss his life and work, and provide a personal introduction to the man behind the art.

45th ANNUAL MEETING

Dinner and Presentation

“Medicine’s Michelangelo: The Life and Art of Frank H. Netter MD”

Francine Mary Netter

Thursday, November 5, 2015

Cash bar: 6:30 p.m. Dinner: 7:00 p.m.
Appetizer, entrée, dessert, coffee or tea

Old San Francisco Steak House, 10223 Sahara Street
(Located north of Loop 410. From San Pedro, turn right onto Sahara Street, then look for restaurant on the left.)

Cost: $55/person; $35 for students. Cost of student dinner includes membership in the Friends of the P.I. Nixon Medical Historical Library. Paid sponsorships for students are available on request. Advanced registration is required.

Please RSVP by October 23, 2015 - A reservation form is enclosed.
Upcoming events

The Danny Jones History of the Health Sciences Student Essay Competition

This year the Friends of the P.I. Nixon Medical Historical Library will continue an essay competition in memory of Danny Jones, M.L.S., who served as Head of Special Collections at the University of Texas Health Science Center, and was also a Past President of the Friends of the P.I. Nixon Medical Historical Library. The contest is open to current students in any of the schools of the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, as well as to affiliated residents or fellows.

Essays can be on any topic related to the history of the health sciences, including history of medicine, dentistry, nursing, public health, or any other health science or profession. A prize of $500 will be awarded to the best essay. Essays should be no more than 2500 words, sent in pdf format to finnie@uthscsa.edu.

The deadline for entry is October 12, 2015.

The prize will be presented at the Friends Annual Dinner on November 5, 2015.

History of Medicine Society Meetings

The History of Medicine Society is an interest group within the Friends of the P.I. Nixon Medical Historical Library. The student-led group meets monthly when exam schedules allow to discuss the historical development of medicine and the health sciences, and the impact of medicine on society. The public is welcome to attend.

The following meetings have been tentatively scheduled for the 2015-2016 year:

August 19, 2015 – *Dentists: Prisoners of the Rising Sun*. Dr. Irene Bober-Moken. 6:00 pm Howe Conference room

September 16, 2015 – *Potent Potions and Healing Herbs*. Dr. Charleen Moore, Alice Yang, medical student, and other members of the Garden Health Interest Group. 6:00 pm Howe Conference room.

October 21, 2015 – *History of Breast Cancer and Its Treatment*. Dr. Daniel Rosenthal. 6:00 pm Howe Conference room.

November 5, 2015 – Friends Dinner. Old San Francisco Steak House. 6:30 pm.

December – no meeting

January 20, 2016 – 3rd Annual History of Medicine Trivia Contest, led by Jack Flores, medical student. 6:00 pm Howe Conference room.

February 14, 2016 – *When Dentists Go Bad*. Dr. Irene Bober-Moken. 6:00 pm Howe Conference room.

March 23, 2016 – *Eighteenth Century M & M (Morbidity and Mortality) Conference a la Giovanni Morgagni*. Shirley Nah, Medical Student. 6:00 pm Howe Conference room.

April 27, 2016 – *History of Medicine in Poetry*. Original and classic poetry readings. Led by Eithan Kotkowski, MD/PhD student, and Chris Yan, medical student. 6:00 pm Howe Conference room.

Exhibits

*World War I Posters*, On loan from San Antonio Public Library, August 6 – October 30, 2015

*Surviving and Thriving: AIDS, Politics, and Culture*, NLM Traveling Exhibit, October 26 - December 5, 2015

*Pictures of Nursing: The Zwerdling Postcard Collection*, NLM Traveling Exhibit, April 4 - May 15, 2016

For more information on any of these events, contact Lisa Finnie, Assistant Records and Archives Librarian, Briscoe Library, UT Health Science Center at San Antonio. Phone: 210-567-2406 Email: finnie@uthscsa.edu
Visits to the P. I. Nixon Medical Historical Library

The History of Anatomy class taught by Dr. Charleen Moore, Ph.D., Professor in Cellular & Structural Biology, visited the Nixon Library on April 8 to view some of the most important works in the history of anatomy. In addition to the anatomical atlases such as Albinus’ *Tables of the skeleton and muscles of the human body*, John Hunter’s *The natural history of the human teeth*, William Hunter’s *Anatomia uteri humani gravidi tabulis illustrate*, and Vesalius’ *De humani corporis fabrica libri septem*, many other classics were displayed including the first edition of Charles Darwin’s *On the Origin Species*, Charles Bell’s *Illustrations of the great operations of surgery*, Harvey’s *Anatomical exercitations concerning the generation of living creatures*, and Hooke’s *Micrographia*. After the visit by the class, the public was also allowed to view and enjoy these treasures.

The Nixon Library staff displayed the library’s rare dental books for Julie Schiavo, Head of the Dental Library at LSU University Health Science Center, and Sonjia Lauren, author of *The Covered Smile*.

On Earth Day, April 22, 2015, the Nixon Library’s rare herbal books were displayed for the public, along with a live foxglove plant to go with the beautiful illustration in William Withering’s *An Account of the Foxglove*. On June 4th, UT San Antonio art students visited the Nixon Library to view herbals and other books in preparation for an art project for the UT Health Science Center Healing Garden located in front of the Briscoe Library. A group of 13 Japanese dental students and faculty toured the library on August 11, 2015 to view dental books, anatomical atlases, and other rare books.

Numerous researchers also visited or called the library during the year searching for information on the history of polio in San Antonio, the Spanish Flu of 1918, photographs of early heart and lung transplants at the university, and the establishment of the first hospital in San Antonio, as well as copies of numerous pictures from our collections. Displays and tours of the Nixon Library may be arranged by contacting Lisa Finnie, Assistant Records and Archives Librarian, email: finnie@uthscsa.edu, phone: 210-567-2406.
Nominees for the Executive Board for 2015-2016

The business meeting of the Friends of the P.I. Nixon Medical Historical Library will take place at the Annual Dinner and Presentation on the evening of November 5, 2015. Two openings on the Executive Board will be filled: one for Vice-President/President Elect, and one for Member-at-Large. Information about the nominees for these positions can be found below.

Daniel R. Rosenthal, M.D., is the nominee for Vice President/President-elect. Dr. Rosenthal has been very active in the Friends, serving as President during 1998 - 1999 and recently donating five surgical texts published in the 1700’s and 1800’s to the Nixon Library. Dr. Rosenthal received his Doctor of Medicine in June 1960 from the French Faculty of Medicine, St. Joseph University in Beirut, Lebanon. He served in the military from 1969 - 1989, retiring from the U.S. Army medical service in 1989 to enter private practice in San Antonio. He has many years of experience both as a surgeon and as a teacher. He has also retired from teaching surgery at both the University of Texas Medical School at San Antonio and the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in Bethesda, MD.

Shirley Nah, 2nd year medical student, has been nominated for Member-at-Large. Shirley is a medical student at the School of Medicine at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio where she also serves as a Student Government Association (SGA) representative for her medical school class of 2018. She has great interest in the history of medicine and works as a science mentor with the Boys and Girls Club of San Antonio to bring a health and basic science focus to their STEM program. Prior to starting medical school, she worked as a research assistant and graduate student in the Murphy Lab at the Center for Regenerative Medicine (CReM) at Boston Medical Center while receiving a Masters in Medical Science from Boston University. Her research focused primarily on the use of human induced pluripotent stem cells (hiPSCs) as a means for recapitulating patient-specific diseases in vitro, specifically those of the motor-neuron and erythroid lineages.

Friends of the P.I. Nixon Medical Historical Library

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Don’t forget to read the Treasures of the P.I. Nixon Library blog at http://library.uthscsa.edu/category/treasures/ to learn about some of the really interesting items in our collections!
Work Study Students Help in Many Projects

The P. I. Nixon Medical Historical Library and the University Archives were very fortunate this year to have four work study students helping on special projects. This program provided much needed money for students’ tuition and other expenses, and it also provided extra manpower to complete library projects on hold due to lack of staff. Students came from three of the UT Health Science Center’s schools (Medical, Nursing, Graduate) and worked to organize and scan old newspaper clippings, organize photos and negatives, inventory rare books, clean shelves, and add entries to the Treasures of the P. I. Nixon Medical Historical Library blog on interesting books in the collections. Many of the students will be returning in the Fall to continue these projects and help with other projects to preserve the books and archives in the Special Collections.

World War I Posters on Display

The Briscoe Library at the UT Health Science Center at San Antonio is hosting an exhibit of World War I posters from the San Antonio Public Library from August 7 - October 30, 2015. The exhibit of beautifully colored posters demonstrates the patriotism and spirit of giving and sacrifice of the American people as they not only fought in the war but also worked at home to support our soldiers overseas. The artists for the exhibit were pulled from all walks of life and used their talent to inspire recruitment, buying bonds, donating to or joining the Red Cross, growing Victory Gardens, and many other efforts to help the war effort.

Farwell to an Old Friend

Arthur Storer McFee, M.D., one of the founding faculty members of the UT Health Science Center, died June 20, 2015. Dr. McFee was a member of the Friends of the P. I. Nixon Medical Historical Library for many years and served as President of the Friends for 1999 – 2000. He joined the faculty of the Health Science Center in 1968 and became chief of the Division of General Surgery in 1996. He was a renowned surgeon and educator and a mentor to hundreds of surgical residents. He was a senior member of the American Surgical Association, the Halsted Society, the Southern Surgical Association, the Western Surgical Association and the Texas Surgical Society, serving as President of both the Western Surgical Association and the Texas Surgical Society. He will be greatly missed by the Friends of the P. I. Nixon Medical Historical Library.
P.I. Nixon Medical Historical Library: Events from the Past Year

- August 15—September 14 - Exhibit on Wilhelm Conrad Röntgen – The Discoverer of X-Rays
- August 20 – History of Medicine Society meeting with Eva Galvan, medical student, presenting Early Days of X-Rays and Radiation.
- September 10—History of Medicine Society meeting with Charleen Moore, Ph.D., faculty, presenting Treasures of the P. I. Nixon Medical Historical Library and display of several books from the Nixon Library.
- September 15 – November 30 - Exhibit on Civil War Medical Figures
- September 29 - November 8 - NLM Traveling Exhibit Life and Limb: The Toll of the American Civil War.
- October 1 – History of Medicine Society meeting with Ruth Stewart, RN, Ph.D. and retired faculty, presenting Nurses in War, Civil War to Present. Followed by viewing NLM traveling exhibit Life and Limb: the toll of the American Civil War and staff exhibit Civil War Medical Figures.
- November 6 – Friends of the P. I. Nixon Medical Historical Library Annual Meeting & Dinner at the Old San Francisco Steak House with presentation by Michael A. Flannery, Associate Director for Historical Collections, Lister Hill Library of the Hill Sciences, and professor at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, on Fighting the Third Army: Combating the Ailments and Injuries of the American Civil War.
- January 14 – History of Medicine Society meeting with Ally Hertz, medical student, leading the Second Annual History of Medicine Trivia Contest.
- February 11 – History of Medicine Society meeting with Janet Paleo from Prosumers International presenting History of the Mental Health Prosumer Movement.
- March 1 - June 30 - Exhibit in conjunction with Women’s History Month on Leaders in the Role of Women in Medicine and Nursing featuring Florence Nightingale, Clara Barton, Elizabeth Blackwell, and Elizabeth Garrett Anderson.
- March 25 – History of Medicine Society meeting. Presentation by Corrine McLeod, medical student, of her winning essay from the Danny Jones History of the Health Sciences Student Essay Contest Sex Reassignment Surgery: the Early Years.
- April 8 - Display of 42 rare anatomical and other texts for UT Health Science Center History of Anatomy class
- April 22 - Display of 10 rare herbals for Earth Day.
- April 22 – History of Medicine Society Meeting. Ethan Kotkowski, M.D./Ph.D. student, lead the 2nd annual History of Medicine in Poetry session with readings by authors of their original poems.
- August 7 - October 30 - WW I War Posters, exhibit on loan from San Antonio Public Library.
Friends Purchase English Translation of Ophthalmology Classic

The Friends of the P. I. Nixon Medical Historical Library purchased an 1996 English translation by Donald L. Blanchard, M.D. of *Ophthalmodouleia*, originally published in 1583 in German by George Bartisch. Bartisch is often called the Father of Ophthalmology because his book was the first comprehensive ophthalmology textbook written for practitioners and heads of household taking care of eye diseases. The Nixon Library owns the 1583 German first edition with its wonderful layered illustrations, some providing a 3-D look at parts of the eye and brain. Blanchard’s translation contains these same illustrations, but in color. The translation also makes it much easier to interpret the procedures in the illustrations.

![Illustration of cataract surgery in 1583 edition](image1)

![Illustration of cataract surgery in 1996 translation](image2)

Nixon Library Receives Donation of Surgical Texts

Daniel R. Rosenthal, MD donated 5 surgical texts published in the 1700’s and 1800’s to the Nixon Library in October 2014 and January 2015. The books describe the work of noted surgeons Pierre Franco (*Chirurgie de Pierre Franco de Turliers en Provence composée en 1561*), Antonio Scarpa (*Traité pratique des hernies* 2 vols.), August Gottlieb Richter (*Traite des hernies*), and A. Berard and C. Denonvilliers (*Compendium de Chirurgie pratique, ou traité complet des maladies chirurgicales et des opérations que ces maladies réclament*). The books are a wonderful addition to the collection and will be used by the medical faculty and students for many years to come. Thank you, Dr. Rosenthal!
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The Friends of the P.I. Nixon Medical Historical Library provide a forum for individuals who are interested in the history of the health sciences. The Friends meet periodically throughout the year for lectures, films and for the Annual Dinner and Presentation that takes place each November. Since Fall 2012, a student-led History of Medicine Society has participated in the planning of programs. Programs of the History of Medicine Society often take place in the evening and are attended by affiliates of the health science center and other members of the San Antonio community.

Membership is open to everyone! Dues are $10/year for students, $25 for individual members, $50 for patrons (includes spouse), and $2500 for life members. If you are interested in joining or would like to know more, please contact Lisa Finnie, Assistant Records and Archives Librarian, at 210-567-2406 or finnie@uthscsa.edu or fill out the enclosed membership form.