The Friends of the P.I. Nixon Medical Historical Library are committed to the development and use of an exceptional collection of books and manuscripts relating to the history of medicine and the health sciences.

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“Patient Decisions: A History of Diabetes Since the Discovery of Insulin”

Kirsten Gardner, PhD to Speak at Annual Dinner

The speaker for the 2016 Annual Friends Dinner Presentation will be Kirsten Gardner, PhD, Associate Professor of History at the University of Texas at San Antonio. Dr. Gardner teaches in the Department of History, the Program of Women’s Studies, and the American Studies Program. She earned a B.A. from Georgetown University; an M.A. and a Ph.D. from the University of Cincinnati; and a graduate certificate in Women’s Studies from the University of Cincinnati. Her research focuses on issues of women's health, technology and healthcare, and women and the military. Dr. Gardner is a member of the UTSA Academy of Distinguished Teaching Scholars, a winner of the President’s Distinguished Teaching Award for Core Curriculum, and a 2015 UT System Regents’ Outstanding Teaching Award recipient.

Her talk will explore transitional moments in diabetic care since the discovery of insulin in the early 1920s and will trace early diabetes care guidelines that included nutritional directives, urinalysis guidelines, dosage recommendations, and more. It will also highlight the discovery of oral hypoglycemic agents, the transfer of blood glucose monitoring to the home, and innovations in insulin infusion. Through a historical examination of diabetic manuals, patient narratives, and medical records and reports, this presentation will examine patient experiences and practices in diabetic care throughout the twentieth century.

46th ANNUAL DINNER MEETING AND PRESENTATION

“Patient Decisions: A History of Diabetes Since the Discovery of Insulin”

Kirsten Gardner, PhD

Wednesday, November 2, 2016
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.)

Cost: $55 per person; $35 for students
Paid sponsorships for students are available on request.
Advanced registration is required.
RSVP by October 21, 2016. A reservation form is enclosed.
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Nominees for the Executive Board for 2016-2017

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 2, 2016. Three openings on the Executive Board will be filled: one for Vice-President/President Elect, and two for Members-at-Large. Information about nominees can be found below.

Eithan Kotkowski, MD/PhD student, is the nominee for Vice-President/President Elect. Eithan has served as a Member-at-Large on the Friends Board for the past two years. He has also worked as a teacher in the School of Medicine's Intermediate Medical Spanish course elective and volunteered with Frontera de Salud, a health outreach and education program with the mission of improving the health of underserved communities in San Antonio and South Texas. Additionally, Eithan was named a 2014 Presidential Ambassador Scholar.

Anand Karnad, MD, nominee for Member-at-Large, is Chief of the Division of Hematology-Oncology in the Department of Medicine at UTHSCSA and the Cancer Therapy & Research Center. Dr. Karnad received his medical degree from Madras Medical College at the University of Madras in India and completed his medicine residency at the VA Medical Center in Johnson City, Tennessee, as well as Post-Doctoral Fellowships at Boston City Hospital and the William Bosworth Castle Hematology Research Laboratory. His clinical research interests include sarcoma, hematological disorders, and geriatric hematology-oncology.

Nominee for Member-at-Large, Colonel Lark A. Ford, PhD (Retired) distinguished herself through meritorious service in the US Army for over 33 years. Dr. Ford received her BS in Nursing from the University of Maryland at Baltimore, an MS in Nursing Administration from Marymount University, and a Master’s and a PhD in Human and Organizational Development from Fielding Graduate University. In 2006, she retired from active duty as the Deputy Commander for Nursing at the Brooke Army Medical Center and joined the nursing faculty at UTHSCSA. Dr. Ford was also inducted into the San Antonio Women’s Hall of Fame in 2015.

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 Medical Historical Library blog at http://library.uthscsa.edu/category/treasures/ to learn about some of the interesting items in our collection!
Upcoming Events

Danny Jones History of the Health Sciences Student Essay Competition

This year the Friends of the P.I. Nixon Medical Historical Library will once again sponsor a student essay competition in memory of Danny Jones, MLS, who served as Head of Special Collections at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio and who 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 interns, residents, and fellows. Unpublished essays on any topic related to the history of the health sciences are eligible for submission. A prize of $500 will be awarded to the best essay as chosen by a panel of 3 judges. Essays should be no longer than 2500 words.

The deadline for entry is October 1, 2016.

The prize will be presented at the Friends Annual Dinner on November 2, 2016.

History of Medicine Society Meetings

The History of Medicine Society is a student-led interest group of the Friends of the P.I. Nixon Medical Historical Library. It meets on the third Thursday of the month during academic semesters at 6:00 pm in the Howe Conference Room on the 5th floor of the Briscoe Library to discuss the historical development of the health sciences and to explore the impact of medicine on society. Membership is free, and meetings are open to the general public.

The following meetings have been scheduled for the 2016-2017 academic year:


October 20, 2016  Orthopedic Eponyms. Fred Olin, MD.

January 19, 2017  4th Annual History of Medicine Trivia Contest led by Jack Flores, MS IV.

February 16, 2017  The History of Brain Mapping. Eithan Kotkowski, MD/PhD student.


April 20, 2017  4th Annual History of Medicine in Poetry. Original and classic poetry readings, in partnership with Sara Noble, MS IV and Jae Eun Yoon, MS IV, editors of Connective Tissue.

Exhibit

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August 19 – History of Medicine Society meeting with Irene Bober-Moken, DMD, MPH presenting Dentists: Prisoners of the Rising Sun

September 1 - September 16 – History of the Health Sciences Scavenger Hunt: Discover Hidden Treasures in the Briscoe Library sponsored by the Friends of the P.I. Nixon Medical Historical Library

September 16 – History of Medicine Society meeting with Charleen M. Moore, PhD and the Garden Health Interest Group presenting Potent Potions and Healing Herbs: Medicinal Practices of the Renaissance

September 29 – Library presentation The Winds and Words of War by Allison Hays Lane, Archivist, University Health System

October 21 – History of Medicine Society meeting with Daniel Rosenthal, MD presenting The History of Breast Cancer and Its Treatment in conjunction with Breast Cancer Awareness Month

November 5 – 45th Annual Friends of the P. I. Nixon Medical Historical Library Meeting & Dinner at the Old San Francisco Steak House with Francine Mary Netter presenting Medicine’s Michelangelo: The Life and Art of Frank Netter, MD

December 3 – Library presentation Suffering and Progress: A History of the HIV Epidemic in the United States by Gregory Anstead, MD, PhD in conjunction with World AIDS Week

January 20 – History of Medicine Society meeting with Jack Flores, MS III leading the 3rd Annual History of Medicine Trivia Contest

February 24 – History of Medicine Society meeting with Irene Bober-Moken, DMD, MPH presenting Dentists Gone Bad

March 23 – History of Medicine Society meeting with Shirley Nah, MS II, Charleen Moore, PhD, and Philip Valente, MD presenting Morbidity & Mortality and Morgagni: An Eighteenth-Century M & M Conference a la Giovanni Morgagni

April 14 – Library presentation Highlights in the History of the Army Nurse Corps by Lark Ford, PhD, RN

April 27 – History of Medicine Society Meeting presenting History of Medicine in Poetry: Original and Classic Poetry Readings, led by Eithan Kotkowski, MD/PhD student and Chris Yan, MS IV

2015 Danny Jones History of the Health Sciences Student Essay Winner

Medical student Walter Humann was the winner of the 2015 Danny Jones History of the Health Sciences Student Essay Competition. His essay Medical Progress in the West: A Historical Perspective addressed the three eras of history in which medical developments struggled against societal norms. Walter received his $500 prize and certificate at the Friends of the P.I. Nixon Medical Historical Library Annual Dinner on November 5, 2015.
Visits to the P. I. Nixon Medical Historical Library

Girl Scout Troop 128 from St. Matthew Catholic School visited the Dolph Briscoe, Jr. Library and the P.I. Nixon Library on September 17, 2016. They viewed rare books from the historical collection and looked through slides in the early 20th-century stereoscope. Their troop leader, Sandra Sanchez-Reilly, MD is a member of the faculty in the School of Medicine at the UT Health Science Center San Antonio, and troop co-leader Stephanie Rowan RN, MSN is a research nurse in the UTHSCSA School of Dentistry.

On December 2, 2016, forty resident physicians from Mexico who are part of the University of Texas at San Antonio Bicultural Bilingual Medical English Program visited the P.I. Nixon Medical Historical Library. In addition to anatomical atlases, such as *De Humani Corporis Fabrica Libri Septem* by Andreas Vesalius (1543) and *Tables of the Skeleton and Muscles of the Human Body* by Bernhard Siegfried Albinus (1749), special collections staff displayed interesting texts from the collection in Spanish, including *Medicina Precortesiana* published in Mexico and a 1940 reprint of *The Badianus Manuscript: An Aztec Herbal of 1552*.

The P.I. Nixon Medical Historical Library also hosted a display of 50 rare and historical anatomy books, along with two stereoscopes, accompanying multi-dimensional slides, and a rare tintype of surgeon and pharmacist Dr. Crawford Long, for fifteen members of Dr. Charleen Moore’s History of Anatomy Class and five members of the institution on April 12, 2016. Highlights of the event included a chance to view a 1st edition of anatomy classic *De Humani Corporis Fabrica Libri Septem* (1543) by Andreas Vesalius, *Micrographia* (1667) by Robert Hooke, and a collection of early nineteenth-century illustrated books on surgery by brothers, Charles and John Bell.

A group of Dental students and faculty members from Japan toured the P. I. Medical Historical Nixon Library on August 16, 2016. Their visit was part of the Japanese Exchange Program sponsored by the School of Dentistry at the UT Health Science Center at San Antonio every August. Treasures from the rare book collection were on display, including dental classics, *The Natural History of the Human Teeth* by John Hunter (1778) and *The History and Treatment of the Diseases of the Teeth* by Joseph Fox (1806).
Donations to the P.I. Nixon Medical Historical Library

Incoming Friends President, Daniel R. Rosenthal, MD, has made a substantial donation to the P.I. Nixon Medical Historical Library. He has graciously contributed over 350 titles from his personal collection of rare and historical books dedicated to the history and the development of the health sciences. Treasures in his collection include: a 1649 English edition of The Workes of that Famous Chirurgion Ambrose Parey; the 1862 first American edition of Commentaries on the Surgery of the War in Portugal, Spain, France and the Netherlands; many masterpieces on surgery, especially in the treatment of hernia; and a vast collection of classic medical texts in French. A heartfelt Thank You to Dr. Rosenthal for his amazing generosity and service to the P.I. Nixon Library.

Long-time supporter of the P.I. Nixon Library, Marvin Forland, MD from the Center for Medical Humanities & Ethics has donated a Dunning Colorimeter in a wooden case to the Library Archives impressive collection of antique medical instruments. Much appreciation to Dr. Forland for his gift to the library, as well.

Library Exhibits

The P.I. Nixon Library staff created several interesting exhibits this year. Tools of the Trade: Antique Medical Instruments from the P.I. Nixon Medical Historical Library is on display in the glass cases on the Main Floor of the Library. This exhibit of 16 medical tools includes a scarificator and cupping device used for bloodletting, an ophthalmological lens set for eye exams, and a Spencer Monocular microscope produced by the first American microscope manufacturer. This exhibit will be ongoing but may be removed temporarily for special events. Staff will rotate the selection of instruments periodically, so check back for new items.

Two exhibits in the wooden cabinet on the Main Floor were also produced this year to commemorate designated months. African-American Achievements in Medicine celebrated Black History Month by highlighting Dr. Leonidas H. Berry, Frederick M. Jones, Dr. Patricia Bath, Alice Augusta Ball, Dr. Marie M. Daly, Bessie Blount Griffin, and Vivien Thomas. Women’s History Month 2016 featured Dr. Lisa Meitner, Mary Anning, Dr. Nettie Stevens, Hedy Lamarr, Dr. Rosalind Franklin, and Gertrude Elion.

The library also hosted a display of World War I Posters from the San Antonio Public Library in the Fall of 2015, as well as two National Library of Medicine Traveling Exhibits: Surviving & Thriving: AIDS, Politics, and Culture in October-December 2015 and Pictures of Nursing: The Zwerdling Postcard Collection in April and May 2016.

Research Requests

The P.I. Nixon Medical Historical Library received many fascinating research inquiries this past year. The most significant came from French researcher Dr. Jean-Gaël Barbara who expressed interest in the Archives collection of the Papers of French neurophysiologist Louis Lapicque. This collection includes seven handwritten notebooks and a variety of letters, correspondence, and notes all primarily written in French. Library staff worked diligently to digitize these papers for a total of 1,555 digitized pages. Images were loaded into the Library’s Online Digital Archive, and Dr. Barbara is currently providing English translations of the documents to add to the Digital Archives. View this fascinating collection at http://edm16941.contentdm.oclc.org/edm/search/collection/medicine/searchterm/Lapicque/.

Numerous researchers also visited or called the library during the year searching for information on subjects such as the Cholera epidemic in San Antonio in the 1860’s and the founding of the School of Public Health in San Antonio. Requests were also made for copies of images from the collection, including permission to use an image of the Library’s rare tintype of Crawford Long’s ether demonstration for a history display in front of Emory University in Atlanta.
Friends Members Honored

Congratulations to Friends Life member, Rajam Ramamurthy, MD, professor emeritus in pediatrics, who received the Distinguished Alumnus award from Bangalore Medical College in Bangalore, India. Dr. Ramamurthy joined the UT Health Science Center San Antonio faculty in 1977, holding the Rita and William Head Distinguished Professorship in Environmental and Developmental Pediatrics until her retirement in 2014. Dr. Ramamurthy previously received the UT Regents Outstanding Teaching Award in 2013.

Congratulations also to Friends Past-President, Adelita G. Cantu, PhD, RN, for receiving a 2016 Presidential Teaching Excellence Award from the UT Health Science Center San Antonio. Dr. Cantu is an Associate Professor in the Department of Family and Community Health Systems in the School of Nursing and an avid supporter of the P.I. Nixon Medical Historical Library, the History of Medicine Society, and several library collaborative projects, such as One Community One Book.

Finally, congratulations to Friends Board Member and 3rd year medical student Shirley Nah who was honored with the Student Government Association Community Service Award at the annual SGA Awards Night. Shirley also coordinated the Boys and Girls Club and UTHSCSA SGA Partnership Pilot Program, one of four projects recognized as Top Community Service Learning Projects at the Annual Community Service Learning Workshop sponsored by the Center for Medical Humanities & Ethics.

Rajia Tobia Retires as Executive Director of Libraries

Rajia Tobia, Executive Director of Libraries, retired on January 8, 2016. She began her career as a health sciences librarian at the University of South Alabama Biomedical Library in Mobile, AL where she met and married her late husband, Danny Jones. Rajia was employed in various capacities in the UTHSCSA library for over 35 years. She began in 1980 as the librarian for the Robert B. Green branch library and in 1984 became the Assistant Library Director for Public Services. In 1998, she became Associate Library Director for Collection Development during the time when the library began migrating its print collection into online formats. In 2008, Rajia assumed the role of Executive Director of Libraries. She has also been a strong supporter of the P.I. Nixon Medical Historical Library and a long-time member of the Friends of the P.I. Nixon Medical Historical Library. Best wishes to Rajia on her much-deserved retirement!

Farewell to Longtime Friend

Col. Janice Mendelson, MD, ardent supporter of the P.I. Nixon Medical Historical Library and Past-President of the Friends of the P.I. Nixon Medical Historical Society, passed away on June 25, 2016 at the age of 93. Dr. Mendelson was one of the first female physicians to serve in a MASH unit during the conflict in Vietnam, earning a Bronze Star for her service to her country. She specialized in treating combat burns and invented an artificial skin to deter infection. Dr. Mendelson also founded the International Folk Culture Center at Our Lady of the Lake University and was a member of the San Antonio Council of Presidents and the Episcopal Church of the Reconciliation. Her warmth and compassion will be greatly missed. The Friends send their deepest condolences to her family and friends.
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### Friends of the P.I. Nixon Medical Historical Library: Become a Member

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 for the Annual Dinner and Presentation each November and periodically throughout the year for lectures. Since Fall 2012, a student-led History of Medicine Society has participated in the planning of programs. These events often take place in the evening and are attended by affiliates of the health science center and members of the greater community.

Membership in the Friends 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, please contact the P.I. Nixon Medical Historical Library or fill out the enclosed membership form.