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Center for the History of Medicine
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Summary

This year the Center for the History of Medicine successfully piloted new approaches that can increase its ability and effectiveness in meeting its goals. Overall, but in particular, in acquisitions, description, preservation, and community-building, FY08 was a banner year for the Center. Its success this year was made possible in part by a full complement of staff for the first time in many years, and by support for the employment of part-time student assistance.

Acquisitions:

Archivists have long advocated for early interactions with key records creators to improve the accessibility and preservation of critical evidence, an involvement that is more necessary with the growing reliance on electronic records and record-keeping. This year the Office of the Dean provided funding for the arrangement and description of 100 cubic feet of semi-active records still in its custody, the records of Dr. Joseph B. Martin, HMS Dean from 1998-2007. In addition to rehousing, arranging, and creating finding tools for this collection, project archivist Bryan Sutherland worked with Reference Librarian P. Scott Lapinski and Metadata Librarian Juliane Schneider to establish a DSpace repository, the “Decanal Archives” to provide access and preserve the 1400 associated electronic records. The Flier administration can now easily retrieve information about the decisions, policies, and plans of the prior administration; these records are also secured for future administrators and scholars. The Archive has the potential to become a protected location for the Dean’s current records of archival value, ensuring long term access to authoritative records of the office. Records Manager Darla White continues to provide ongoing assistance to the office as it develops record-keeping policies and practices.

Description:

“More product, less process” techniques being developed by the archival community reduce costs, often through the use of student and pre-professional labor, and offer a lower level of description to researchers in exchange for rapid access. More involved and thus more costly description is completed for collections that are or become the focus of intense scholarly attention. In FY08, as a part of its effort to increase research access to holdings, the Center tested this descriptive approach. The result was an unprecedented level of productivity. Exclusive of the Dean’s records, 243.5 cubic feet of records were described, more than doubling the Center’s past annual descriptive output. In addition to description, students assisted in the preparation of 33 paper-based finding aids that were converted to digital form for encoding and presentation on the Web; and in the re-housing and cataloging of 730 photographs. The cost of student labor needed to accomplish this outcome is approximately one-third the cost of a full-time professional.
Preservation:

For the first time in its history, the Center made preserving its holdings a regular part of its programmatic activities. Funded by sales of duplicate and out-of-scope gift books, 48 rare books were selected by Lucretia McClure and Joan Thomas for treatment by a book conservator and returned to active use. Approaches to expanding this program of preservation are in development for FY09.

Community-building:

Our mission, enabling the historical record to benefit contemporary medicine and society, is best accomplished by outreach activities that bring physicians, scientists, administrators, and other community members into contact with historical records, concepts, and scholars. The Center’s two major events for FY08, “Celebrating Grete Bibring” and “Sectarian (to Unorthodox to Alternative) to Complementary Medicine: What Historical Perspectives Can Tell Modern Medicine,” exemplify this approach, drawing on both groups for the podium and the audience. The desired outcome of this work, increased volume and quality of acquisitions and greater research use of collections, may not be immediately measurable, but reactions of participants have been favorable. When history of science scholar Margaret Rossiter, speaking on the Bibring panel, told a standing room-only crowd about her eureka moments in the manuscript collections of scientists, there was a visceral reaction in the audience. Physician and scientist audience members were encouraged to think of themselves as creators of history, and consider their papers as research resources, using the language of research methods and science that they all understood.

The activities of the Archives for Women in Medicine can provide a different measure of success. The Archives, an initiative of the Joint Committee on the Status of Women and the Countway Library, concluded its third and final year in spring of 2008. The project, funded equally by women faculty and staff and by the Office of the Dean, was designed to capture and provide access to the evidence of women’s contributions to medicine and science. Over the past three years, the Archivist, Giordana Mecagni, has acquired and described collections and coordinated exhibits and events to celebrate the women of the Harvard Medical community. These efforts successfully demonstrated the value of the archival record to records creators and decision-makers; as a result, the chief executive officers of the five affiliated hospitals with the greatest number of professional women on staff agreed to jointly fund the Archives for an additional three years.
Acquisitions

Books Jack Eckert, Lucretia McClure

During the past year, the rare book collection housed at the Countway Library was augmented by gift and purchase.

Dr. John Franklin Donaldson donated copies of Michael Gelfand's *Medicine and magic of the Mashona* (Juta, 1956) and E. S. Russell, *The diversity of animals* (Brill, 1962) to the Harvard collection. Former curator Richard J. Wolfe presented a copy of his monograph, *Charles Thomas Jackson "the head behind the hands"* (Novato, 2007). Dr. Leonard D. Rosenman completed his series of translations of early surgical works and presented the library with a copy of its final volume, *The major surgery of Guy de Chauliac* (Philadelphia, 2007). Dr. Monica H. Green, one of the 2008 Countway fellows, presented a copy of her monograph, *The Trotula: a medieval compendium of women's medicine* (Philadelphia, 2001) to the library. Other gifts included nine volumes from the Immune Disease Institute, formerly the Center for Blood Research, given by Rachelle A. Rosenbaum, Executive Officer for Institutional Relations; *The Panorama of Vesalius, a 'lost' design from Titian’s studio*, created by Terry Cavanagh and presented by Mrs. Susan C. Smith Cavanagh; books from the Library of Oglesby Paul, M.D. (175 vols); nine volumes from the Library of John R. Pappenheimer, Ph.D.; and seven volumes from the Library of Frank J. Breslin, M.D.

Rare book purchases during FY08 augmented our holdings in areas such as cardiology, phrenology, gynecology, neurology, Jungian psychology, public health, sex education, and surgery. Over eighty items were acquired by purchase. Some of the more notable of these acquisitions are:

- Friedrich Cramer, *Die Krankheiten des Herzens* (Cassel, 1837)
- Johann Nepomuk Feiler, *Pädiatrik* (Sulzbach, 1814)
- Adolphe Fosset, *Enciclopedia domestica* (Milan, 1823-1825)
- Jean Grangier, *Oratio de compressa pestilentia* (Paris, 1624)
- Pierre Guerin, *Traité sur les maladies des yeux* (Lyon, 1769)
- Guy, de Chauliac, *Le guidon en francoys* (Lyon, 1538)
- Albert Hamilton Hayes, *Diseases of the nervous system* (Boston, 1873)
- C. G. Jung, *Fundamental psychological conceptions* (London, 1936)

To complement the oral history interviews of its C. G. Jung Biographical Archive, the library collects actively in Jungian-related publications such as this volume of transcripts of a series of lectures on the mind and dream analysis. A revised edition of these addresses, usually known as the Tavistock lectures, was only published widely in 1968, after Jung's death.

David Henry Keller, seven volumes of *The sexual education series* (New York, 1928)

*Ein kurtes, doch sehr nutzliches Regiment, wie sich, zum Zeyten der Pestilenz, zuhalten sey* (Augsburg, 1562)
Henry-François Le Dran, *Traité ou reflexions tirées de la pratique sur les playes d'armes à feu* (Paris, 1737)

Although the library has held copies of the second (1740) and also the 1748 and 1759 editions of Le Dran's famous treatise on gunshot wounds and military surgery, as well as the first English translation of 1743, the first French edition of the text has eluded us until now. With the acquisition of a fine copy of the 1737 printing, with Le Dran's autograph on the title-page, we now hold all Parisian editions of the *Traité* produced during Le Dran's lifetime.

Jacques Minot, *De la nature et des causes des fievre* (Paris, 1684)

William Neilson, *Mesmerism in its relation to health and disease* (Edinburgh, 1855)

Pietro Pezzi, *Saggio sopra le cause della crescente nostra mortalità* (Venezia, 1815)

Kajetán Poor, *Theoria sensuum* (Pestini, 1781)

Lazzaro Spallanzani, *Dell’azione del cuore ne’vasi sanguini. Nuovi oddervazoni* (Modena, 1768)

Dr. and Mrs. Richard Burack funded this purchase in honor of Lucretia McClure.

Johann Friedrich Weissenborn, *Anleitung zur Geburtshülfe für Hebammen* (Erfurt, 1801)

Our extensive holdings related to the works of Oliver Wendell Holmes were also augmented by acquisitions of an edition of his poem, "The chambered nautilus," printed in the report of the National Anti-Slavery Festival (Boston, 1858) and also the weekly issues of *The national peace jubilee, and musical reporter* (Boston, 1869), promoting a concert to assist the widows and children of Civil War soldiers.

A set of four small medical satires by Charles Williams, circa 1825, was purchased through the Altschule fund of the Boston Medical Library to augment the satiric print collection.

*Archives and Manuscripts* Kathryn Hammond Baker

During FY08, the Center acquired 487 cubic feet of records and personal papers from the graduate schools, faculty members, organizations, and associations. The complete list of acquisitions is attached. Highlights include:


Records of Harvard Medical School’s Department of Biological Chemistry and Molecular Pharmacology, Scientific papers and departmental minutes (2008-042), 1905-1951, 6 c.f.


Leder, Philip, Laboratory notebooks (2008-063), 1963-1965, 0.66 c.f.


Museum    Dominic Hall

In FY08 the Museum was offered eighteen total artifacts or collections. Of these, the Museum acquired six and declined six; six donations are still pending. The six collections that were acquired represented significant material including approximately 400 reproductive models created by Robert L. Dickinson, M.D., forty-seven instruments and images of the Thorndike Memorial Laboratory and Heart Station at Boston City Hospital, and three Cohn blood centrifuges from the Immune Disease Institute.

Cataloging & Description

Books    Joan Thomas, Lucretia McClure

This year 1287 titles were cataloged: 22 for the Reference collection, and 1265 for the general collection. Of the 1287, 767 were derived from member copy (non-Library of Congress or National Library of Medicine data), 224 were based on NLM copy, 119 on LC, and 177 represented original cataloging. 59 theses from HMS, HSDM, and HSPH are also included in this number.

The 32 named collections of uncataloged books at the Harvard Depository have been processed. The volumes have been added to the collection or, if not needed, placed in the book sales. The J. J. Longacre collection is being processed at this time. The uncataloged duplicates at the Harvard Depository are also being processed. All volumes are checked against our copies. Those in better condition are exchanged and the poor copy sold. The items not owned and in our subject areas are being added to the collection.

Archives and Manuscripts    Jennifer Pelose

A total of 155.5 cubic feet of records were processed in FY08. These included:

- Edward Bibring, 13 c.f. (Bryan Sutherland)
- Grete Bibring, 46 c.f. (Giordana Mecagni)
- William Gordon Lennox, 1 c.f. (Kim Reynolds)
- New England Surgical Society, 5 c.f. (Kim Reynolds)
Additionally, several collections were listed to provide basic access; for two of these, Hertig and Lader, the listing forms the basis of a finding aid which has been posted in OASIS. These are:

- Arthur Hertig, 38 c.f.
- Lawrence Lader, 21 c.f.
- Leon Eisenberg (boxes 13-42), 29 c.f.

Existing paper-based finding aids were digitized and encoded by a vendor, then corrected, augmented, and formatted by Jennifer Pelose, so they could be posted to OASIS. Of the 33 paper finding aids converted, twelve were completed and posted in FY08. These are for collections created by:

- Fuller Albright
- Hans Zinsser
- National Committee on Maternal Health
- Stanley Cobb
- Henry Beecher
- Robert Latou Dickinson
- Max Rinkel
- Alexander Forbes
- Fanny Katz Bowditch
- Louis T. Wright
- Walter B. Cannon

Other Center processing projects included:

**Dean’s Records Project**

Over the last year, Bryan Sutherland has completed the processing of Dean Joseph Martin’s records resulting from his tenure as Dean of Harvard Medical School. The collection included over 100 cubic feet of semi-active records, and over 1400 electronic files. The records were processed in accordance with Harvard University records standards. The electronic records are being preserved through a DSpace instance running at Countway: the Decanal Archives, a secure instance with access limited to CHoM staff members and Office of Dean staff members. Bryan and Jennifer Pelose consulted with several other institutions regarding the most efficient usage of DSpace for long-term preservation for archival records, and consulted with the University of Minnesota to develop metadata workflow for this project. Bryan continues to collaborate with P. Scott Lapinski and other CHoM staff on the development of Countway’s DSpace instance.
**LHT Processing Projects**

This year, CHoM instituted a program of employing Simmons GSLIS students and part-time employees (or LHTs) to complete basic processing on several collections. We concluded that the LHT workers contributed significantly to the outcomes of the Center, far out of proportion to the actual cost of the program, and we recommend its continuation. Kim Reynolds assisted with the processing of the New England Surgical Society Records, the William Gordon Lennox papers, and the Harvard Medical School Office of the Dean’s Records (Ebert). Elizabeth Cousins processed the Alexander Leaf papers and the David H. Hubel papers (with Michael Dello Iacono and Bryan Sutherland). Cheryl Ostrowski completed boxlists for the Arthur Hertig Papers, the Partners in Health records, the Leon Eisenberg papers, and the Walter Ablemann papers. Suzanne Denison completed the listing of the Harvard Medical School Office of the Dean for Clinical and Academic Programs Records. Bryan Sutherland also listed the papers of Lawrence Lader during FY08.

**LDI Project**

The last three LDI finding aids were completed in August 2007. These finding aids included Harvard School of Dental Medicine Buildings and Grounds and Interiors, Harvard Medical School Affiliated Hospitals, and Harvard Medical School Office of Public Affairs Events Photographs. The finding aids were uploaded to OASIS.

**Portrait Collection Rehousing Project**

As part of a collaborative project between the Weissman Preservation Center and CHoM, Elizabeth Marshak worked from January-June 2008 creating new name authorities for over 7,500 portrait folders, and rehousing any portraits greater than 11x14. Oversized images were captured in our department database. Elizabeth created over 3,000 name authorities, and rehoused over 730 images. Suzanne Denison is resuming the work on this project. Conservators from Weissman are expected to start work on the project in September 2008.

**Harvard Medical School. Office of the Dean. (Ebert)**

After four years of processing, Dean Robert Ebert’s records were completed by Jennifer Pelose in April 2008. The finding aid was uploaded to OASIS, and the HOLLIS record was updated accordingly.

**Museum**

Dominic Hall

WAM continued its comprehensive inventory and cataloging project in FY08. At the end of FY07, 7672 individuals and artifacts had been inventoried and were represented in the Warren Museum electronic database. From October 2007 – July 2008, 564 additional individuals and artifacts were inventoried and added to the database, bringing the total to 8236, an increase of 7.3 percent. Additionally, an upfront digitization effort was built into the inventory process; 491 preparations and artifacts were digitally photographed. Title was secured on four modern accessions including a collar belonging to a patient of Soma
Weiss and critical to his discovery of carotid sinus syndrome and a traveling pharmacy case once belonging to Nobel Prize winner George Minot.

**Preservation, Digitization, and Collections Care**

*Books*  
Lucretia McClure

All books in the Boston Medical Library classed collection have been reviewed for condition. Volumes that are fragile or damaged have been wrapped in acid-free paper to prevent further deterioration. All have the designation Rare Books in the catalog record. The folio portion of the collection is approximately half completed.

The Center for the History of Medicine has engaged John O’Regan to restore books from this collection. During 2007/08 a total of 48 books were restored and made usable for our readers. The books with a bookplate or signature of Oliver Wendell Holmes were systematically reviewed and those needing repair have been restored.

Plans are underway to establish an Adopt-A-Book program. With a gift of $100 or more, a book needing restoration will be chosen. An appropriate bookplate will indicate the name of the donor.

Two book sales were held during 2007/08 and funds so raised used to preserve rare books.

*Archives and Manuscripts*  
Kathryn Hammond Baker

The nineteenth-century records of the Harvard Medical School’s Office of the Dean were sent to the Weissman Preservation Center for treatment. Selected correspondence of the Deans will be repaired, cleaned, and rehoused. Treatment continued into FY09.

The Center digitized a set of three laboratory notebooks donated to the Center by geneticist Philip Leder (1934- ). Leder created the notebooks while he was a postdoctoral researcher working with Marshall W. Nirenberg (1927- ). Leder and Nirenberg developed an experiment in 1964 to allow the mapping of tri-nucleotide sequences, or codons, with amino acids, and help to decipher the genetic code. The notebooks are cataloged in Hollis; images can be viewed in the Page Delivery Service from a link in the Hollis record.

*Museum*  
Dominic Hall

In FY08 WAM made significant improvements in the collections management of several of the Museum’s storage areas. The main storage facility saw the greatest improvement. Time-sensitive lighting was built into the space. Restricted areas were constructed for particularly sensitive material. The wet collections were united in one discrete space. Several large furniture artifacts were placed on heavy duty shelving. An integrated pest management system was initiated in the space for the first time. Additionally, in
conjunction with the experts and scholars at the Harvard Peabody Museum for Archaeology and Ethnology, WAM made further progress towards NAGPRA compliance.

Services

*Records Management*  Darla White

The Records Management team provided archival and RM support and services to over 192 contacts in the Longwood Medical community. This included conducting records surveys, delivery of individual and departmental trainings, consultations on recordkeeping issues for information in all formats, and transfer of materials to the HMS archive. Additionally, over 19 training sessions were given on Harvard’s RM policies and procedures, which were attended by staff members representing HMS, HSDM, and HSPH. The RM staff worked with 23 clients to send 513 cubic feet of records to the Harvard Depository for long term storage and destroy 199 cubic feet in storage. Additionally, forty-one new series of records were added to the HMS archival collections.

In January 2007 the RM team began a multi month service project for the Department of Social Medicine and Partners in Health, who were moving to a temporary location during the renovation of their offices. The project included surveying records at both DSM and PIH, providing training on using the Harvard Depository and records management services, presenting recommendations to staff regarding archiving, off site storage, or destruction of records, boxing, transferring, and accessioning of archival materials to the Countway Library, coordinating meetings with key staff members, and providing on and off site assistance, information, and support to DSM and PIH staff during the weeks preceding the move out. The Archives received three large shipments of records and donated books from DSM and PIH, of which 117 cubic feet were University records.

Darla White joined the Center for the History of Medicine staff as Records Manager in December of 2007. During the year both the Records Manager and the Records Assistant, Michael Dello Iacono, have continued to respond quickly and efficiently to queries from records account holders while seeking to expand and develop the archival holdings of the Medical School. This summer they were recognized for their efforts by receiving the 2008 Team Award for HMS staff. This award was specifically in acknowledgment of their work establishing an archive for the Department of Social Medicine and Partners in Health, and assisting in the move of these two entities.

*Reference*  Jack Eckert

During FY08 the department’s reference and public service program, under the leadership of Reference Librarian Jack Eckert, provided efficient on-site and remote public service. The reference desk was staffed on a regular basis by Jack Eckert, Jessica Murphy, Lucretia McClure, and Joan Thomas.

On-Site Use Statistics
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The number of reader sessions has increased from last year (approximately 7%) though remains lower than several of the past years. The average number of readers per month has also increased slightly over last year (approximately 8%).

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The months of heaviest use of Holmes Hall during the past year were November (78), October (77), and August (64), and these figures probably reflect the presence of the Countway fellows and New England Consortium fellows and also the opening of the Archives of the Orgone Institute, in November 2007.

Remote Use Statistics

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In FY08, the total volume of remote use of the collections increased by 24%, reversing the trend of past years and representing the highest remote use of the collection since FY04. As more print and visual resources become available digitally and more electronic versions of manuscript and archival finding aids are mounted, there will probably be an increase in remote inquiries and a decline in the number of users in the reading room. Telephone inquiries become increasingly rare and such inquiries are typically directed to or continued by email correspondence.
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The number of requests for photographic, generally digital, reproductions during the past year increased by 19.6% and represent an increase over the past few years. Many of the requests continue to originate from the Medical School and medical area, but in the past year, a far greater proportion of requests were received from non-profit organizations or individuals beyond the campus. Very few traditional photographic requests are now processed, however, and the majority of requests for reproduction are for digital files which can be generated in-house rather than contracted out to the Imaging Services division of Harvard's Widener Library.

Use of the Collection

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There has been another slight (5.3%) decline in the number of items retrieved for patrons during FY08; statistics for paging of books and pamphlets has begun to exhibit a decline, probably reflecting the increased digital content available through the OCP Contagion project, the Google Books project, and the growing awareness of the variety of other digital resources available both to the Harvard community and the public. There was another sharp drop in the number of theses consulted, but the number of manuscript and archival requests increased slightly. Statistics in the coming years will probably show a greater parity between the number of requests for printed and non-print items, as researchers will increasingly use the reading room only or principally for access to items which are not available remotely.

The collections continue to be used for research on a surprisingly wide variety of subjects. Notable topics from the past year include: landmark articles in Boston medical periodicals; Nicholas Culpeper imprints; the history of blood transfusion; John C. Rock and ovulation suppression; Boston hospitals for African-Americans; diet, nutrition, and heart disease research; Erich Lindemann and the Cocoanut Grove fire; HMS alumni.
killed in the Vietnam Conflict; American medical students in Paris in the 1830s; plague in 16th century Germany; George Minot's correspondence with Janet Vaughn; the "Green lights to health" radio broadcasts of the 1930s; personal narratives of asylum patients; basic science admission requirements at HMS; O. S. Fowler and the Boston Phrenological Society; E. A. Codman and the Halifax Explosion; the Mallory Institute of Pathology; William James and medical psychology; epilepsy and EEG research; early editions of Samuel Hahnemann's *Organon*; circulation of the *New England Journal of Medicine* in the 1950s; 15th century Ferrara imprints; and the history of radiation exposure.

Biographical research and information were provided on some 58 physicians, nurses, dentists, alumni, and medicine-related figures.

On-site Researchers

In addition to students and faculty members from Harvard College, Harvard University, Harvard Medical School, and the Schools of Dental Medicine and Public Health, Harvard Extension School, the affiliated hospitals, and members of the Boston Medical Library, researchers using the collections during the past year were affiliated with Barnard College, the Boston Psychoanalytic Institute, Boston University, Columbia University, the Library of Congress, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the Moreno Institute East, Oxford University, Rice University, Rutgers University, Universitat Autonoma de Barcelona, Yale University, and the universities of California, Connecticut, Edinburgh, Oregon, Oslo, Tubingen, Wisconsin-Madison.

A statistical analysis of institutional affiliation during the past year indicates approximately one-third of the on-site researchers were faculty or students from other colleges or universities and nearly another third were faculty or students associated with the three Longwood schools and the affiliated hospitals.

| Other college or university | 99 |
| Affiliated Hospitals        | 40 |
| Harvard University          | 34 |
| Unaffiliated or unidentified| 32 |
| Harvard College             | 26 |
| Harvard Medical School      | 23 |
| Other institution           | 23 |
| Harvard other               | 17 |
| Harvard School of Public Health | 14 |
| Harvard School of Dental Medicine | 8 |
| Boston Medical Library      | 3  |
| Massachusetts Medical Society | 2  |

Publications from the Collections
A number of articles and monographs, either recently published or forthcoming, have used manuscript and archival material or images from the collections during the past year. These include:

Manuscript and archival material:

Items from the personal and professional papers of John C. Rock [H MS c161] were used in a biography, *The Fertility Doctor* (Johns Hopkins, 2008) by Margaret Marsh and Wanda Ronner.


Extracts from the records of the Boylston Prize Committee were used by Carla Bittel in an article, "Political Science: the Medical Activism of Mary Putnam Jacobi," in *Health Politics* (Johns Hopkins, 2008).

Papers of E. E. Southard relating to dementia praecox [GA 81] were used by Richard Noll in an article, "Non-Dementia Non-Praecox: Note on the Advantages to Mental Hygiene of Extirpating a Term," in *History of Psychiatry* (2008).

Photographs and Artwork:


Photographs from the Herbert Benson papers were used by Anne Harrington for editions of *The Cure Within* (Norton, 2008).

One of the Rock and Menkin photographs of a human egg in two cell stage was reproduced in a CD entitled *Champix* by the Impact Group (2007).

A photograph of E. E. Tyzzer was used in an article by H. David Chapman, "Coccidiosis in Turkeys," for *Avian Pathology* (2008).
Photographs of the skull, life mask, and tamping iron of Phineas Gage continue to be of high interest and were reproduced in a number of venues during the past year, including several textbooks, *Psychology* (Long Beach City College, 2008); Saul M. Kassin's *Psychology in Modules* (Pearson, 2007); James S. Nairne, *Psychology* (Wadsworth/Cengage, 2008); Cara Flanagan and Mike Cardwell, *Psychology A.S.: the Complete Companion* (Folens, 2008); Carole Wade and Carol Tavris, *Psychology* (Pearson, 2008); an electronic book by L. G. Wade, *Organic Chemistry CourseSmart Ebook* (Pearson 2009); and John Parker's *Phineas Gage* (Harcourt Education, 2007) and Rick Beyer's *The Greatest Stories Never Told* (Readers Digest, 2008).

*Museum Loans, Research, and Reference*  
Dominic Hall

In FY08 there were nine loan requests made of the Warren Museum’s collection, of which five were granted. In 2007 WAM loaned two 19th-century student dental preparations from the former Harvard Dental School Museum to the Center for the History of Medicine’s “Lost Museum” exhibit, eleven 19th-century surgical instruments to a Harvard School of Public Health exhibit on 19th-century African American physicians, and an 18th-century Edinburgh surgical kit to the Boston Public Library’s exhibit, “The Extravagant Ambassador.” In 2008 WAM loaned copies of images from the Harvard Dental School Museum to the Harvard School of Dental Medicine for a permanent exhibit in their Gibbon Conference Room and two models of individuals for the Center of the History of Medicine exhibit, “Masterworks of Chinese and Botanical Medicine.”

While WAM is technically closed to research, the staff was able to answer twenty-two reference requests and accommodate ten researchers in FY08. This research was particularly diverse and included explorations into WAM’s Auzoux model collection, the phrenology cast collection of Johan Gasper Spurzheim, the Harvey Cushing, M.D. plaster hand cast collection, and WAM crania collections. WAM also supported two larger research inquiries: a continued expository project on Phineas Gage and a study of WAM’s collection as a reflection of 19th-century childhood health.

*Presentations, Community Relations, and Tours*  
Dominic Hall

WAM curator Dominic Hall participated in three presentations, two of which included WAM object material. These were a temporary exhibition for the 275th anniversary of the Hersey Professorship of the Theory and Practice of Physic; a small exhibit and presentation on dental history for the annual meeting of the American Academy for the History of Dentistry; and a presentation on museum archives in conjunction with two Harvard archivists for the Harvard University Library Assembly.

Tours of the Warren Museum’s Exhibition Gallery was the Museum’s principal programmatic vehicle, and in FY08 forty tour groups explored the Gallery, representing 567 total attendees. The groups originated from many communities as articulated in the below table.
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Geographically, the majority of the groups were from New England, particularly the greater Boston area. However, there were several groups from outside the region including Tokyo, Korea, Dubai, Los Angeles, and Maryland. WAM welcomed three conference groups into the Gallery, the 17th International Workshop on Vascular Anomalies, the National Science Teacher’s Association, and the American Academy of the History of Dentistry.

WAM collections and exhibitions were included in at least eight publications, video and audio recordings, and electronic presentations in FY08. They are articulated in the below table.

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**Exhibits**

Jack Eckert

In conjunction with the processing and cataloging of the Grete L. Bibring papers in the Archives for Women in Medicine, Jessica Murphy researched and installed an exhibit, *Grete L. Bibring: the Modern Woman*, on the first floor, running from September 2007 through March 2008.
In January 2008, *Grand Delusion? The History of Homeopathy in Boston*, an exhibit chronicling the rise and fall of this sectarian movement, was mounted by Jack Eckert in the Lower 2 lobby exhibit area, adjoining the Center for the History of Medicine. The exhibit, which will continue through December 2008, includes rare books and pamphlets, both supporting and attacking the homeopathic movement; a specimen of documents from an 1871 trial to expel homeopaths from the Massachusetts Medical Society; and an early 20th century homeopathic medicine chest. A second exhibit, *Complementary Therapies: Masterworks of Chinese and Botanical Medicine*, installed in the first floor lobby by Jack Eckert, features some of the collection’s treasures, including the first Western texts dealing with Chinese medicine and acupuncture. This exhibit will be on display through September 2008.

On January 4, 2008, the Medical School celebrated the bicentennial of the Hersey Professorship of the Theory and Practice of Physic, and Dominic Hall and Jack Eckert provided a small temporary display of rare books, manuscripts, and artifacts for this event.

**Events**

Kathryn Hammond Baker

The Center hosted two major events in FY08, each of which drew more than 150 registrants.

On November 15, 2008, the Archives for Women in Medicine held a celebration to open the personal and professional records of Grete L. Bibring, a “second generation” Freudian scholar who played a leading role in the integration of psychiatry with general patient care. As a clinician, teacher, researcher, and administrator, Bibring influenced a generation of medical students, psychiatric residents, physicians, social workers, and nurses, internationally. For “Celebrating Grete L. Bibring,” a distinguished panel discussed the contributions of Dr. Bibring to psychiatry and medicine. Panel members included Sanford Gifford, PhD, Director of Archives at the Boston Psychoanalytic Society and Institute; Evelynn Hammonds, PhD, Senior Vice Provost for Faculty Development and Diversity and Professor of the History of Science and of African and African American Studies at Harvard University; Mitchell T. Rabkin, M.D., CEO emeritus of Beth Israel Hospital and CareGroup and Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School; and Margaret Rossiter, PhD, Marie Underhill Noll Professor of the History of Science & Technology Studies at Cornell University.

“Sectarian (to Unorthodox to Alternative) to Complementary Medicine: What Historical Perspectives Can Tell Modern Medicine,” an afternoon symposium held on March 26, 2008, featured both physicians and historians. Speakers included: Ted Kaptchuk, Associate Professor of Medicine, Osher Center, Harvard Medical School, “From Divination to Evidence-Based Medicine via Unorthodox Medicine and the Countway Library”; Naomi Rogers, Associate Professor of History of Medicine and of Women's and Gender Studies, Yale University: “Homeopathic Hospitals and the Contingency of Institutional Care”; Anne Kirschmann, Lecturer, Department of History, University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth, “Beyond Therapeutics: Homeopathy, Women, and Social
Change”; John S. Haller, Jr., Vice-President for Academic Affairs, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, "Modern Homeopathy: the Power and influence of its Laity"; and Donald B. Levy, M.D., Assistant Clinical Professor of Medicine, Harvard Medical School, and Medical Director, Osher Clinical Center for Complementary and Integrative Medical Therapies at the Brigham and Women's Hospital, "The New Integrative Medicine: “Incorporating Complementary and Integrative Medical Thinking into Contemporary Evidence-based care to Create the Optimal Environment for Health and Healing.”

Fellowship Programs  Jack Eckert

Since 2001, the Countway has been a member of the New England Regional Fellowship Consortium, a collaboration of 18 major cultural agencies that offer a number of awards designed to encourage projects that draw on the resources of several member institutions during the period of the fellowship. As a result of its participation in the NERFC program, the Countway hosted two fellows during the past year, both graduate students. Lynda Domino of Iowa State University (July-August 2007), researched Civil War medicine, surgery, and technology. Loren Broc of the University of Rochester (October 2007-March 2008) consulted the library’s extensive collection of 19th century asylum reports for a study of religious mania.

In September 2002, the Countway inaugurated its first fellowship program, the Francis A. Countway Library Fellowship in the History of Medicine. The fellowship offers an annual stipend of up to $5,000 to a successful applicant to use the resources in the library’s Center for the History of Medicine. In FY08, as in recent years, the Countway awarded two fellowships. One was awarded to Shannon Withycombe, a graduate student at the University of Wisconsin, Madison (November 2007), researching the history of miscarriage, 1850-1900. A second fellowship was awarded to Dr. Monica Green of the history department of Arizona State University (May-June 2008), to pursue her research on women and medieval and early modern surgery.

Collaborative Projects

The Archives for Women in Medicine  Giordana Mecagni

The Archives for Women in Medicine supports the mission of the Center for the History of Medicine and the Joint Committee on the Status of Women by documenting and celebrating the contributions of women to medicine and science. This was the third of its three-year funded project.

Fundraising

The most exciting news of this year is that the AWM committee raised 65% of the money needed to achieve our goal of funding the Archives for Women in Medicine program for five additional years.
This fall, Dr. Eleanor Shore, Senior Consultant to the Office for Academic and Clinical Programs and formerly Dean for Faculty Affairs, acting as a representative to the AWM committee, approached the 5 hospitals with the largest number of senior women whose papers will be solicited. She offered them all the opportunity to help fund the work of the Archives. All 5 CEO’s recognized that AWM was a worthy cause, and together they funded the infrastructure (that is, the support for the archivist) for the next 3 years. We would like to thank Jim Mandell at Children’s Hospital; Gary Gottlieb at Brigham and Women’s Hospital; Ed Benz at Dana Farber Cancer Institute; Peter Slavin at Massachusetts General Hospital; and Paul Levy at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center.

Outreach

The importance of outreach is underscored by Dr. Shore: "The ultimate goal is to create a community of scholars, scientists, historians, archivists, and students who are interested in using the tools of the past to influence the future.”

This year, to celebrate the opening of the Grete Bibring collection, the Center hosted a gala event and exhibit celebrating Bibbring’s life, as previously described.

On May 8, 2008, Monica Green, Professor of History, Arizona State University and Countway Fellow, 2007-2008 spoke on the topic "Why Women Can't Be Doctors: The Medieval Origins of Women's Marginal Status in Medicine." Dr. Green received a fellowship from the Center for the History of Medicine to research origins of gynecological and obstetrical surgery in pre-modern Europe, and generously agreed to lecture for an hour on the topic of her scholarship, medieval medicine, while she was at the Countway Library.

Armed with images from medieval medical texts and a list of famous medical women from the first century BCE to the turn of the last century, Dr. Green entertained and educated the packed crowd. As one attendee remarked, "The entire hour was entertaining, instructive and useful."

AWM Archivist Giordana Mecagni presented a paper entitled “Community and Communication: the Archives for Women in Medicine” to the Women's History Network in September of this year. The Women's History Network, the UK's national women's history group, held its 16th annual conference at the West Downs Conference Centre at the University of Winchester, England.

Kathryn Hammond Baker presented “Closing the Circle: Community-building at the Center for the History of Medicine,” at Future Proof IV, a conference sponsored by the Swedish Royal Academy of Sciences and Cooperation on Archives of Science in Europe, in Stockholm, Sweden, on April 24, 2008.

In addition, two articles were written about AWM:

- "Bibring Celebrated by Women’s Archives Panel" HMS Focus, November 30, 2007. [Read the article]
Fellowship Program

In the fall of 2007, Project Archivist Giordana Mecagni was approached with a wonderful opportunity by the Foundation for the History of Women in Medicine, a Philadelphia-based organization. The AWM was offered the chance to partner with the Foundation to start a fellowship program for scholars interested in researching the history of women in medicine using the collections of the Center for the History of Medicine at Harvard Medical School. The Foundation supports a similar program at Drexel University College of Medicine, and was interested in expanding their program to encourage research in the collections of the Archives for Women in Medicine. For two organizations with very similar missions, it was a natural fit.

The Fellowship awarded two $2000 grants to support travel, lodging, and incidental expenses for a flexible period between June 1, 2008 and May 31, 2009. Preference was given to projects that dealt specifically with women physicians or other health workers or medical scientists, but proposals dealing with the history of women’s health issues were also to be considered.

Cheryl Lemus, a Ph.D candidate from Northern Illinois University, will be studying pregnancy in the 20th century, and Kerstin Bornholdt, a research fellow at the University of Olso, Norway, will be studying the Medical Women's International Association.

Acquisitions

The Archives acquired the records of Carola Eisenberg. Eisenberg (1917-), Lecturer in Social Medicine at Harvard Medical School and practicing psychiatrist, served as Dean of Student Affairs at Harvard Medical School for 12 years, beginning in 1978. Eisenberg received her MD in 1944 from the University of Buenos Aires, and completed a fellowship in child psychiatry at Johns Hopkins University. Prior to her tenure at Harvard, Eisenberg served as Dean of Student Affairs at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (M.I.T.); she was the first woman to serve in that position and the first woman to serve on the Academic Council, its highest academic governing authority. Eisenberg participates in human rights missions around the world, and has served as Vice-President of Physicians for Human Rights, whose mission is to mobilize health professionals to advance health, dignity, and justice and to promote the right to health for all. The organization shared the 1997 Nobel Peace Prize for its work in the campaign against land mines.

Zak Kohane, Director of the Countway Library, generously supported an oral history interview with Eleanor G. Shore. Anyone connected to Harvard Medical School from the 1970s to the present is bound to have crossed paths with Dr. Shore at one point or another. She was an HMS student in the 1950s, graduated from Harvard School of Public Health with an M.P.H. in 1970, was assistant to President Bok from 1972-1980,
was appointed associate dean for faculty affairs at HMS in 1978, and dean for faculty affairs in 1989. In addition to her administrative leadership positions, she also served as a primary care physician from 1959-1996. She was instrumental in forming the Fiftieth Anniversary (of the admission of women to Harvard Medical School) Fellowship Program for Scholars in Medicine in 1995, which was renamed in 2004 by Dean Joseph B. Martin The Eleanor and Miles Shore Fiftieth Anniversary Fellowship. This program has grown significantly since its launch--94 such Fellowships were offered in 2007.

Open Collections Joan Thomas

The Open Collections project, “Contagion,” was released this year. In addition to the public announcements made by the Harvard University Library, the Center publicized the availability of the digitized collection. The project included hundreds of books and manuscript pages from the Countway Library. Announcements were published in Focus (see below), on the Countway website and in the Director’s blog, and in the WebWeekly (see below), web publications that are viewed by thousands of members of the Harvard medical community.

Brigham and Women’s Archives Catherine Pate

Catherine Pate, archivist for the Brigham and Women’s Hospital Archives, posted new and revised digital finding aids for six fully processed sub-collections to Harvard’s OASIS: Brigham and Women’s Hospital, Boston-Lying In Hospital, Free Hospital for Women, Boston Hospital for Women, Affiliated Hospitals Center, Inc., and the Robert B. Brigham Hospital. The seventh and largest collection, comprising the records of the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital, is still being processed. Recent acquisitions are being integrated into the PBBH collection and recorded in the under-construction finding aid.

Many new acquisitions are currently being processed and integrated into the collections. Highlights include a donation by the Friends of BWH group of some of its records dating from 1875 through 1980, and via the Friends, 10 bound volumes of all the Annual Reports of the Free Hospital for Women from 1875 through 1965, an acquisition which significantly expands the available historical material on one of BWH’s founding institutions. Other important acquisitions include the artifacts from the recently dismantled historical display in the 15 Francis St. lobby of the old Peter Bent Brigham Hospital; Dr. Henry A. Christian’s PBBH Medical Staff autographed tablecloth; and the personal library of Brigham radiologist Merrill C. Sosman, which includes rare, autographed medical texts, and original, handwritten hospital and Executive Committee records from 1912–1920.

Reference questions and research support requiring use of the collections have been numerous. One of the larger projects was providing source material and fact-checking for the History of the Robert B. Brigham Hospital by Matthew Liang, M.D., now in the final phases of editing before publication. Other large projects included photo research for a WGBH documentary on heart disease; on hospital history for a BWH Physicians Council event; a new display for the Medical Residency department, and for images displayed at
the Schrafft Center. Frequent requests have included finding facts, source documentation, and photographs to support several lectures, journal articles, and new book projects, including a history of allergy treatment at the Brigham. The archives was also consulted for advice and research on handling old student records in the custody of The Center for Nursing Excellence. Our own reference question, “Where is the time-capsule?” was instigated by evidence in the archives that a time-capsule was created at PBBH in 1963 intended for opening in 2013. The mystery is unsolved and research is ongoing as there is no record yet found of where it was placed.

The PBBH Annual Report Digitization Project was recently completed. All of the annual reports, 1913–1979, for the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital and the Affiliated Hospitals Center, Inc. have been scanned, optically character read, and rendered as text searchable PDF files. This has provided extraordinarily quick access to the contents of our most useful resource for answering questions about hospital history and past employees. The 66 paper volumes were rebound for use at the BWH Medical Library and reproductions were made to complete the archival collection.

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**Attachments:**

FY08 Accessions: Archives
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