Summary  Kathryn Hammond Baker

In many ways, this has been an extraordinary year. For the first time, our descriptive output has significantly outstripped the volume of archives and manuscripts acquired (612 cubic feet described; 500 cubic feet acquired, a slight rise over last year’s 487). A record number of rare books have been acquired and cataloged (1401). Patron visits and transactions exceeded last year’s totals and research requests for manuscript materials have never been higher, exceeding last year’s demand by 16%. The Center hosted seven research fellows, nearly twice as many as in previous years. The numbers of people attending onsite events and receiving Center mailings continues to climb (now over 1,700). We received a prestigious “Hidden Collections” award from the Sloan Foundation for $212,000, funding that allowed us to initiate a major acquisitions and processing project focusing on the Harvard School of Public Health.

But the Center has also had a year of doing business as usual, with collaboration being the hallmark of our activities. Although we rarely remark upon it, the Center participates in many collaborations both within and outside its parent organizations and community. Our collaborations are ‘business as usual’—they are not in addition to our work, but how we do our work.

Each year, staff identifies those objectives in which progress is critical to advance the Center’s mission. The collaborative workplan that results reflects the expertise and vision of all. In FY09, the Center made progress in several shared objectives, including the establishment of a DSpace repository where it can support discovery and delivery of digitized images, documents, and recordings (see the results at: http://repository.countway.harvard.edu/xmlui/handle/10473/7). This effort required the contributions of every staff member as well as significant assistance from Scott Lapinski, Halip Saifi, and Juliane Schneider of the Countway library staff.

In addition to an ongoing program of records management activities for all HMS offices, Center staff has worked collaboratively with the Office of the Dean to establish a new recordkeeping regime to ensure that paper-based, digitized, and electronic records are captured, organized, usable, and preserved. The final product includes a file plan for shared server space and filing guidelines. Investment of recordkeeping effort prior to the creation of records results in the greatest return. Engaging the Dean’s staff in this way makes it both a beneficiary of the administrative efficiencies of effective files management and a collaborator in protecting the school’s legacy. Work with Dean Flier’s office completes the Center’s decanal records initiative: records of the Office of the Dean, from 1828 to the present have now been described.

The Boston Medical Library provided special support for preservation of rare books again this year. Weissman Preservation Center’s photograph preservation project staff has been a major collaborator in preserving and rehousing an estimated 20,000
photographs this year. Two conservation technicians, Maggie Wessling and Andrea Youngfert, spent 250 hours in the Center’s workroom over four months, assessing the condition of and rehousing images. They will return in FY10 to flatten and rehouse rolled and oversized panoramas and to assess and rehouse the Jean-Martin Charcot glass plate negative collection. The Center is a member of the Harvard University Library (HUL) email archiving pilot project led by the HUL Office of Information Systems and the University Archives and involving representatives from many Harvard special collections, including the Houghton and Schlesinger Libraries. The project group spent FY09 developing user requirements and workflows and acquiring collections of email that will be used in FY10 to test the software that results from the project. The Peabody Museum continued to assist the Warren Museum towards the goal of compliance, completing three published notices this year. Relevant individuals have been identified, registered, and prepared for repatriation, involving many hours of effort by Warren Curator Dominic Hall and Peabody Museum staff members Patricia Capone, Michele Morgan, Olivia Jane Herschensohn, Christina Hodge, Diane Loren, and Sandra Dong.

Beyond Harvard, the Center collaborated this year with peer medical special collections, including Yale, Columbia, and the National Library of Medicine, to formulate a proposal for funding of a “Medical Heritage Library,” a freely available digital library of rare medical texts. The proposal, now in the hands of the Sloan foundation, is the first of what we hope will be many joint endeavors. Our partnership with the Foundation for the History of Women Medicine deepened over the past year. The home for the Foundation’s oral history recordings, the Center also became the beneficiary of the Foundation’s first fellowships. The new program brought two fellows to conduct research in Center collections on topics related to women in medicine. No overview of collaborators would be complete without a mention of our fruitful partnership with the Simmons Graduate School of Library and Information Science. Simmons interns and student workers benefit from their experiences with the Center’s holdings and staff; likewise, our holdings and staff benefit from students’ enthusiasm and dedication.

A sample of our collaborations with users are also worthy of mention. This year, in response to a request from a fellow, Sarah Tracy, we prioritized the processing of the Records of the Harvard Fatigue Lab. The collection, particularly rich in studies of metabolism and physiology, has long lingered on the “to be processed” list. Dr. Tracy was able to add to our knowledge of the value and usefulness of the newly processed collection. Artist Matthew Jackson, inspired by the Phineas Gage skull in the Warren Museum’s holdings, sought permission to create a 3-D digital scan of the Gage skull which would be used to fabricate a facsimile. Jackson’s installation in MIT’s List Visual Arts Center incorporated the facsimile skull, bringing new attention to this fascinating historical and medical event. Additionally, the Warren was able to acquire the 3-D digital file which will be of value to future researchers. Harvard University history of science professor Jeremy Greene targeted the Papers of Richard Pearson Strong for his History 148 class, History of Global Health. The class, a combined on campus and distance education course, required remote access to digitized manuscript materials. We worked with Dr. Greene to select materials and methods. Using student workers, we were able to scan a sample of the collection for deposit and delivery in DSpace. A part of this
collaboration will be a user survey to capture information about how students used the
digital materials and the DSpace interface in the Fall 2009 class.

Donors are among our most important collaborators. The Center thrives, in large measure,
because it is embedded in the medical community, documenting, serving, and drawing
support from the teachers, researchers, clinicians, scientists, health care workers,
administrators, and activists in Harvard medicine, the regional medical community, and
beyond. These supporters, in addition to being a major source of acquisitions and funding
needed to make those collections accessible to research publics, also form the largest
single group of users, conducting more than one-third of all research activity. The
Archives for Women in Medicine (AWM) provides an exemplar of these relationships.
Initiated by faculty and staff at the Medical School in 2000, the AWM was funded by a
grassroots movement of those most affected by its mission—women faculty, department
chairs who employ and recruit outstanding women, and the Dean of the Medical Faculty.
These collaborators spoke in support of the AWM, donated their papers, and nominated
their mentors and mentees for inclusion in the archives. Last year, the CEOs of the major
hospital affiliates provided funding to extend the project another three years. The Joint
Committee on the Status of Women, a partner in establishing the archives, used AWM
collections in preparing for its 35th anniversary in FY09. The affiliated hospitals will host
AWM events in their institutions starting in FY10, thus triggering another round of
greater awareness, promotion, use, and acquisitions.

We are grateful to our collaborators and continually seek to extend our reach and deepen
these important relationships.
Acquisitions

Rare Book Acquisitions

Jack Eckert, Lucretia McClure

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

Dr. Herbert Morgan presented the library with a previously unrecorded 1803 broadside announcing the formation of the Royal Jennerian Society. This complements a number of Italian and German titles which were purchased to enhance our already considerable holdings on the subjects of smallpox, cowpox, and vaccination. These include some works contemporary with Jenner, such as Alessandro Moreschi, Conferma della mirabile facoltà della vaccina (Venezia, 1801); Heymann Goldschmidt, Allgemeine uebersicht der Geschichte der Kuhpocken (Frankfurt am Mayn, 1801); Johann Valentin Müller, Beweiss dass die Kuhpocken mit den natürlichen Kinderblattern in keiner Verbindung stehen (Frankfurt am Main, 1801); and also Ignazio Lotti, Instruzione popolare per la cura domestica del vajuolo (Venezia, 1794) and Adolf Kussmaul, Zwanzig Briefe über Menschenpocken- und Kuhpocken-Impfung (Freiburg, 1870).

The library’s collection now includes a complete set of all five volumes of On the fabric of the human body, the newly completed English translation of Andreas Vesalius’ De humani corporis fabrica, and we further augmented our anatomical holdings with the acquisition of a very rare illustrated Spanish treatise, Francisco Suárez de Ribera’s Theatre chyrurgico anatomico (Madrid, 1728).

The Boston Medical Library has long held a superb collection of works by and about Italian physician Domenico Cotugno (1736-1822), and we were able to add to it a copy of Mario Giardini’s memorial volume of addresses and poems, Onori funebri resi alla memoria del cavaliere Domenico Cotugno (Naples, 1823).

A 19th century pamphlet, George Carroll’s The Manchester tragedy: a sketch of the life and death of Miss Sarah H. Furber, and the trial of her seducer and murderer (Manchester, 1848) proved to be one of the year’s most interesting acquisitions. Purchased to complement the library’s holdings in both legal medicine and abortion, the pamphlet details the investigation into the death of New Hampshire millworker, Sarah Furber—but we were unaware of the story’s connection to Harvard. Seduced, betrayed, and abandoned, Sarah died following an abortion, and her physician then packed up the body, brought it to Boston, and attempted to sell it to Harvard for anatomical dissection. Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes and the Medical School’s janitor, Ephraim Littlefield, were involved in the subsequent investigation—and both were, of course, called as witnesses during the murder trial of Dr. John White Webster just two years later. We plan to feature the pamphlet during the coming year, as part of the exhibit commemorating the bicentennial of the birth of Oliver Wendell Holmes.
Additional rare book purchases during FY09 increased our holdings in areas such as phrenology, gynecology, etherization, quackery, hydrotherapy, psychology, neurology, ophthalmology, birth control, public health, and botanical medicine, and added several Boston imprints to the collection as well. Nearly forty items were acquired by purchase.

Some of the more notable of these acquisitions are:

Andreas Starck, *Von der Pestilentz* (Erffurd, 1597), is a very early plague tract and work on urinalysis.

Morton Prince, *La dissociation d’une personnalité* (Paris, 1911). The rare first French translation of Prince’s landmark 1906 work had not been available previously here at the Countway, despite our extensive print and manuscript holdings relating to Morton Prince and his work.


Ignatio de Ciebra, *Opusculum spiritualismum* (Burdigalae, 1850), is a refutation of Franz Joseph Gall and phrenology from France.


Marie Stopes, *Preliminary notes on various technical aspects of the control of contraception* (London, 1930).

*A defense of John St. John Long, Esq. in the case of the late Miss Catherine Cashin* (London, 1831). Another legal medicine addition, this pamphlet outlines the medical evidence in a murder trial and complements John St. John Long’s *A critical exposure of the ignorance and mal-practice of certain medical practitioners, in their theory and treatment of disease* (London, 1831) which has been part of the collection for many years.

Pedro Lagleyze, *Cromatoscópia* (Buenos Aires, 1882), a medical thesis from the Universidad de Buenos Aires, includes thirteen albumen photographic prints of the interior structure of the human eye.

*Treatment of the apparently drowned* (Boston, 1871), a portable pocket edition for cases of resuscitation.

Santiago Ramon y Cajal, *Manual de anatomia patologica general* (Madrid, 1896). This is a second edition of Ramon y Cajal’s famous textbook on microscopy and pathological anatomy and the only specimen in our collection.

Thomas R. Crosby, *Chart of poisons, for the use of families and physicians* (Boston, 1846).
Thomas Onwhyn, *Pleasures of the water cure* (London, [1857]) is an illustrated work, taking a satirical look at the hydrotherapy movement.

Alfred E. Hedley, *Craniognomy, or the science of character* (Philadelphia, 1879).

Gifts of modern secondary sources were received from Dr. Homer Cheng, Andreas Frewer, Dr. Thomas A. Horrocks and Beth Carroll-Horrocks, Dr. Lewis P. Rowland, Dr. Henning Schmidgen, Barbara Wallace, and a number of antiquarian duplicate titles were donated by Dr. Norman J. Selverstone.

*Archives and Manuscripts*  Giordana Mecagni

This year the Center acquired 45 collections comprising 500 cubic feet of manuscripts and archives. Notable among these is the personal papers of John Rock, M.D. (24 cubic feet, 1915-1981). The Center opened Rock’s professional records to research access this year; during the course of preparations for the opening exhibit and event, the Rock family agreed to donate Rock’s personal papers. The gift, with the assistance of Margaret Marsh, Dean, Rutgers-Camden Faculty of Arts and Sciences, and co-author of *The Fertility Doctor: John Rock and The Reproductive Revolution* (2008), was executed shortly after the opening. Other manuscripts acquisitions include:

- Personal and professional records of nephrologist Franklin H. Epstein, M.D. (1924-2008), William Applebaum Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School;
- Personal and professional records of Dr. John D. Stoeckle, Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School and a primary care physician at Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH) who helped establish the hospital’s first teaching group practice, Internal Medicine Associates;
- Case files of the James Jackson Putnam Children’s Center for Infants and Preschool Children, an early center for the long-term treatment of autistic children;
- Personal and professional records of Robert A. Good (1922-2003), a founder of modern immunology and a pioneer in bone marrow transplantation;
- Personal and professional records of Paul Goldhaber (1924-2008), long term Dean of the Harvard School of Dental Medicine and bone biology expert, who had the distinction of being the first Jewish Dean at Harvard University;
- Professional records of Henry Philip David (b. 1923), clinical psychologist and the founder (1972) and director of the Transnational Family Research Institute. The collection principally consists of records resulting from David’s research on international population studies;
- Records of the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene, whose mission is to prevent and control tropical diseases through research and education.

Notable archival acquisitions from the Harvard Medical School include:

- Department of Continuing Medical Education, Course records;
- Office of the Dean, Faculty Council Meeting records;
Museum  Dominic Hall

The Warren Anatomical Museum relies on donation and transfer to augment its collection and FY09 proved to be a successful year with the addition of several engaging gifts. The museum received a collection of approximately 65 intra-uterine devices, representing many different countries, compiled from the 1960s-1990s population research by Jo Eliot, MD of the Department of Population Planning of the University of Michigan. A collection of surgical instruments customized by Massachusetts General Hospital surgeon Robert R. Linton, MD was donated to the Warren. Linton was a pioneer in vascular surgery and the museum acquired 20 instruments used in his operating theater.

The museum continued its tradition of acquiring instruments formerly belonging to members of the Harvard Medical School (HMS) and HMS Affiliate community in FY09. Artifacts of this type include HMS pathologist and bacteriologist S. Burt Wolbach, MD’s autopsy kit and an E. Leitz Wetzlar brass microscope with case and a hemocytometry kit owned and used by former Anatomy Department chair George B. Wislocki, MD.

The museum also accessioned a historical mandible and maxilla preparation formerly on loan from the Harvard Odontological Society to the long ago dissolved Harvard Dental School Museum. The individual was acquired for the sole purpose of NAGPRA repatriation and was included in the museum’s continued effort towards NAGPRA compliance.

The museum also solidified its internal CHoM transfer procedure and acquired several artifacts and historical instruments from the HMS archives and Harvard Medical Library personal paper collections. Some notable transfers include two Fenwal fractionated blood packets from the Blood Research Institute, a test tube of proteolipid B isolated by HMS biochemist Marjorie Lees, and a 1953 physician sample of Dexamyl Spansule from the William H. Forbes papers.

Cataloging & Description

Books  Joan Thomas

1409 titles were cataloged in FY09, including 83 theses. 302 titles required original cataloging in OCLC; the remainder was represented by National Library of Medicine cataloging (363 titles), Library of Congress (115) and member copy (629). This represents an increase in cataloging activities approaching 10 percent, and a doubling of titles requiring original cataloging. The discovery in the secure stacks of a cache of rare and uncataloged pamphlets contributed to this outcome.
This year, the Center for the History of Medicine arranged, described, and improved access to over 612 cubic feet of archival records and manuscript collections. In the Center’s ongoing effort to address its backlog of unprocessed collections, reassess how staff can achieve intellectual control over new accessions of substantial extent, and better define its processing and description practices, it strategically utilized both the skills of its processing archivists and a number of part-time employees (or “LHTs”) to improve collections access. The Center successfully employed Simmons GSLIS students and LHTs to complete basic processing on several collections, improve access to collections with minimal descriptive information, and provide preliminary access to new acquisitions. LHT workers contributed significantly to the outcomes of the Center, far out of proportion to the actual cost of the program, and its continuation is recommended.

This year, three manuscript collections and seven archival accessions were arranged and described, a total of 96.5 cubic feet of records processed. They are:

- The papers of T. Berry Brazelton (1918-), 1949-2007 (inclusive), 1971-2004 (bulk), 77.65 cubic feet (Bryan Sutherland)

- The papers of Alan Macy Butler, 1916-1986 (inclusive), 1930-1969 (bulk), 7.5 cubic feet (Michael Dello Iacono)

- The papers of William H. Forbes (1902-1995), 1941-1978 (inclusive), 1948-1957 (bulk), 1.3 cubic feet (Meghan Bannon and Bryan Sutherland)

- Archival series related to the Harvard Fatigue Laboratory (Meghan Bannon and Bryan Sutherland):
  - Series 00132. Writings and publications, 1940-1949, undated, .45 cubic feet
  - Series 00300. Professional correspondence, 1929-1950, 2 cubic feet
  - Series 00301. Research records, 1916-1918, 4.5 cubic feet
  - Series 00302. Reports, 1935-1947, 1.1 cubic feet
  - Series 00303. Administrative records, 1938-1950, undated, .6 cubic feet
  - Series 00304. Publicity photographs, 1944-1946, undated, .8 cubic feet
  - Series 00305. Collected clippings, reprints, and publications, 1935-1952, .6 cubic feet

178 cubic feet of archival records and manuscript collections (either in their entirety or in part) were folder listed for improved access, including:

- The papers of Elizabeth D. Hay, 5 cubic feet (Pam Lowy)

- The records of Partners in Health (Organization), 1992-2006, 50 cubic feet (Cheryl Ostrowski)
• Films held by Wilhelm Reich, 2 cubic feet (Cheryl Ostrowski)

• The papers of Ernest Elmer Southard, 12 cubic feet (Pam Lowy and Stephanie Spano)

• The papers and slides of Richard P. (Pearson) Strong (1872-1948), 1911-2004 (inclusive), 1911-1945 (bulk), 69 cubic feet (Pam Lowy). See also below section: Preservation, Digitization, and Collections Care

• The papers of Simeon Burt Wolbach (1880-1954), 1901-1961 (inclusive), 7 cubic feet (Pam Lowy)

• Harvard School of Public Health. Records, 1913-1976 (bulk), 33 cubic feet (Stephanie Spano)

280 cubic feet of FY09 archival and manuscript accessions were box and folder listed upon receipt, including:

• The papers of Henry Philip David, 15 cubic feet (Pam Lowy)

• The papers of Franklin H. Epstein, 29 cubic feet (Pam Lowy)

• The papers of Paul Goldhaber, 20 cubic feet (Pam Lowy)

• The papers of Robert A. Good, 67 cubic feet (Cheryl Ostrowski)

• Harvard Medical Alumni Association. Harvard Medical Alumni Bulletin visual resource records, 4 cubic feet (intern Bart Admonius)

• Harvard Medical Alumni Association. Publications. Alumni Bulletins, 1 cubic foot (Stephanie Spano)

• Harvard Medical School. Department of Social Medicine (Cheryl Ostrowski):
  o Course Development, Evaluation, and Administrative Records, 4 cubic feet
  o Course Guides, 1990's, 2 cubic feet
  o Executive files, 8 cubic feet
  o Fellowship Records, 1995-2006, 4 cubic feet
  o Freeman Fellowship Records, 1990-2004, 2 cubic feet
  o Institute for Health and Social Justice, 1990's, 3 cubic feet
  o R. A. Moore Lecture Records, 1994-2003, 1 cubic foot
  o Symposia, Colloquia, and Lecture Series Records, 4 cubic feet

• Harvard Medical School. Office for Faculty Affairs (Meghan Bannon):
  o Faculty appointment, promotion, and review case files, 2 cubic feet
Faculty Council Records, 1 cubic foot

- Harvard Medical School. Office of Public Affairs. Photographs, 19 cubic feet, (Stephanie Spano)

- Harvard Medical School. Office of Research Issues (Cheryl Ostrowski)
  - Faculty committee on conflict of interest records, 3 cubic feet
  - Harvard Name Policy Files, 1 cubic foot

- Harvard Medical School. Office of Resource Development. Executive administrative records, 8 cubic feet (Stephanie Spano)

- Papers of Tessa Hedley-White, 12 cubic feet (Pam Lowy)

- Records of the James Jackson Putnam Children's Center for Infants and Pre-School Children, 58 cubic feet (Cheryl Ostrowski)

- Papers of John Rock, 16 cubic feet (Stephanie Spano)

Additionally, the papers of cardiologist and International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War (IPPNW) founder Bernard Lown were arranged, re-housed, and listed. Final description for the collection, which has a volume of 58 cubic feet, will be completed in FY10.

Three new finding aids created by staff in FY09 were edited and posted this year. These are for collections created by:


Other Center processing projects included:
- DSpace Initiative
  This year, the Center collaborated with members of Countway’s Collections and Knowledge Management team to improve the Center’s DSpace workflow. This included reviewing and revising our descriptive metadata practices, developing file naming and deposit specifications, and planning for a new contextually-driven model for creating and displaying collections. A new site hierarchy will be launched in FY10, with the digitized records of Richard Pearson Strong serving as the first collection to test the workflow.

Museum Dominic Hall

WAM continued its comprehensive inventory and cataloging project in FY09. At the end of FY08, 8880 individuals and artifacts had been inventoried and were represented in the
WAM electronic database. From July 2008 to June 2009, 150 additional individuals and artifacts were inventoried and added to the database, bringing the total to 9030, an increase of 1.6% percent. Additionally, 220 preparations and artifacts were digitally recorded.

**Preservation, Digitization, and Collections Care**

**Books**     Lucretia McClure

The Center for the History of Medicine has engaged John O’Regan to restore rare books from the collection. During 2008/09 a total of 13 books were restored and made useable for our readers. Funding for this important effort was provided by the Boston Medical Library.

**Archives and Manuscripts**     Emily Gustainis

**Scan on Demand for Classes**

This year, the Center scanned over 500 pages from the papers of Richard Pearson Strong for students of Harvard University History of Science professor Jeremy Greene. These scans will be deposited to DSpace, where students will be able to view and print pages from reports and letters, as well as photographs. Additionally, two films were digitized and deposited in DSpace for student access. This marks the first of what the Center hopes to be many collaborative projects with Harvard University and Harvard Medical School faculty and students that promote the use of original documents, facilitate distance education, and reduce the handling of the original papers. This project enabled the Center to consider and respond to issues related to digitization on demand, namely: scanning workflow; scanning specifications; digital object tracking; equipment; delivery systems; the contextually appropriate presentation of collections; and time management.

**Portrait Collection Rehousing Project**

Work was completed on the collaborative project with the Weissman Preservation Center to rehouse and preserve the photograph collection. Suzanne Denison worked from July 2008 through April 2009 creating new name authorities and rehousing any portraits greater than 11x14. Oversized images were captured in our department database. Weissman conservation technicians Andrea Youngfert and Margaret Wessling rehoused all images 11 x 14 and smaller in specially-designed folders and boxes, annotating a folder list spreadsheet with the number of items and detailed information about condition. The spreadsheet is the first effective retrieval tool for this heavily-used collection of images and is the core of a future online finding aid.

**Museum**     Dominic Hall
In FY09 WAM made significant improvements in the collections management of its two major storage facilities. A new location and shelf numbering system was introduced into the museum section of the CHoM climate-controlled storage facility. Similarly, shelving was upgraded in WAM’s off-site storage facility, allowing for the elevation of certain collections. Progress was made in isolating Warren collections by material type. A WAM library collection was formalized for the accumulation and later assessment of books found in the museum. Similarly, certain manuscript collections were transferred from the WAM archives and general storage into more appropriate CHoM personal papers collections.

The museum isolated funding for the purchase of supplies and implementation of a storage enclosure project for instruments in CHoM storage and for the covering of all off-site storage shelving with Tyvek to guard against particulate matter and accidental sprinkler discharge. Additionally, in conjunction with the experts and scholars at the Harvard Peabody Museum for Archaeology and Ethnology, WAM continued its significant progress towards NAGPRA compliance and published three notices of inventory completion in the National Park Service register.

Services

Records Management

Darla White

The Records Management team provided archival and records management support and services to over 100 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, 12 training sessions were given on Harvard’s records management policies and procedures, which were attended by staff members representing HMS, HSDM, and HSPH. Staff worked with 19 clients to send 682 cubic feet of records to the Harvard Depository for long term storage and destroy 38 cubic feet in storage. Additionally, 24 new series of records were added to the HMS archival collections.

Of particular note has been work with the Office of Anatomical Gifts. Records Management worked with the department to draft a special schedule for their donation records. This included surveying the records, working with the office to identify a proposed retention plan, drafting the schedule, and working with the office to obtain approval prior to sending the proposed special schedule to the University Records Management Office for approval as a new University policy.

Additionally, Records Management has been working with the Dean’s Office to create and implement a new comprehensive file plan. During the summer we met with the Dean’s Office over several weeks, seeking approval, input, and implementing the new shared electronic files prior to the arrival of a new Chief of Staff in August 2009. Current
work continues in the drafting of a File Guide, providing specific examples and instructions on the filing system for the Dean’s Office.

**Reference and Loans**  
Jack Eckert

During FY09 the department’s reference and public service program, under the leadership of Public Services 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, Bryan Sutherland, and Joan Thomas.

**On-Site Use Statistics**

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The number of reader sessions has increased from last year (approximately 5.2%) and is higher than any year since FY04. The average number of readers per month has also increased very slightly over last year (approximately 4.5%).

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The months of heaviest use of Holmes Hall during the past year were March (73), April (71), August (68), June (67) and October (67). The somewhat unusual increase in March and April probably reflects use by Harvard undergraduate students in the A-34 History of Science course, working on a primary source assignment.
Remote Use Statistics

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In FY09, the total volume of remote use of the collections increased slightly by 3.2%, a continuation of the increase first evident in FY08; this again represents 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.

Analysis of the affiliation of remote users can be misleading, since these include requests from the unaffiliated public for tours and general information, both of which are referred to others. Of the 500 requests from affiliated requestors, 23% were from the Longwood community; 13% from Harvard University; 45% from other colleges and universities; and 19% from nonacademic organizations.

Photographic Reproduction Requests

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The number of requests for photographic, almost entirely digital, reproductions during the past year decreased by 33% and is the lowest figure since FY03. The majority of requests continue to originate from the Medical School and medical area, and this past year saw a sharp drop in the number of requests beyond the campus. Most of the 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. It is also
possible that the introduction of a personal digital camera policy for researchers in the reading room has caused a decrease in the number of requests, particularly for reproductions from the rare book collection.

Use of the Collection

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Statistics in all areas of paging requests for use of the collection have increased during the past year, with a 5.4% increase overall, returning to the FY07 level, though only in statistics for manuscripts and archives has there been an increase over the FY07 figure (16.8%) and total paging statistics remain lower than in many previous years in the earlier part of the decade.

The collections continue to be used for research on a surprisingly wide variety of subjects. Notable topics from the past year include: HMS statistics from 1984; the 1934 typhoid outbreak at the Ringling Brothers circus; Sir William Osler’s visit to the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital; origin of the term “white plague”; the book review agreement between the Boston Medical Library and The New England Journal of Medicine; the HMS Class of 1977 grading protest; the oaths taken at HMS commencements; E. E. Tyzzer and cryptosporidium parvum; the International League against Epilepsy; race and gender aspects of medical school admissions; the history of graduate medical education in the U.S.; Spanish and German academic exiles in the U.S.; the Norman and Norma models of Robert L. Dickinson; suicide of physicians; history of diet and heart disease; the HMS Joint Committee on the Status of Women; early Japanese medical texts; radiation treatment for ringworm; Ancel Keys and the development of the K ration; and Henry K. Beecher and the placebo effect. Biographical research and information were provided on some 53 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 Boston College, Orgone Biophysical Lab, Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique, Walt Whitman Archive at the University of Virginia, Oberlin College, Northern Illinois University,
Rhodes College, Stanford University, Franklin and Marshall College, MIT, Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, Princeton University, Rutgers University, Utah State University, Providence College, University of Richmond, Massachusetts Historical Society, Kyoto University, American College of Orgonomy, Fairfield University, University of New Hampshire, Bowdoin College, Brock University, University College, London, University of Washington, University of Helsinki, and Yale University.

A statistical analysis of institutional affiliation during the past year indicates 30% of the 313 on-site researchers were faculty, staff, or students associated with the three Longwood schools and affiliated hospitals; 25% were associated with Harvard College or Harvard University; 27% of researchers were faculty, staff, or students from other colleges or universities; and 18% were associated with another nonacademic institution or otherwise unaffiliated and unidentified. These figures are roughly equivalent to the statistical profile from FY08, with a slight decrease in the number of researchers from other universities and a slight increase in Harvard-associated researchers.

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Museum Reference and Loans

Dominic Hall

In FY09 WAM fielded four loan requests, of which one was fulfilled. The requested individuals and artifacts represented the diversity of the museum’s collections (a frost bitten and necrotic foot preparation, a symbolical phrenology cast, jarred brain tissue, and artifacts associated with Charles Darwin) and the great variety of the museum’s audience (the Denver Museum of Natural History and Science, HMS public affairs, an Harvard Extension School history of psychiatry course, and Harvard College’s history of science department).

While WAM remained technically closed to research in FY09, the staff was able to answer 33 reference requests and accommodate 14 researchers in FY09. Some notable examples include an investigation into a daguerreotype depicting Phineas Gage, an analysis of an abscess in Gage’s sinus, a study of the history of the Warren Museum via its annual reports and correspondence, and two Harvard undergraduate projects concerning the President James A. Garfield bullet probe and the Richard Hodges demonstration kit.

Presentations, Community Relations, and Tours

WAM was active in provided presentations and programs for a diverse audience, within and outside the Harvard University community, in FY09. On March 26, 2009, WAM curator Dominic Hall presented a lecture at the semi-annual meeting of the Harvard Odontological Society on the converging histories of the Warren Museum, the Harvard Dental School Museum and the Odontological Society as it pertains to one anatomical preparation. Additionally, on June 11, 2009, Dominic discussed the art community’s exploration of WAM collections and anatomical museums in general as part of a lecture series at MIT’s List Visual Arts Center. The presentation was part of a larger collaboration in which WAM provided support and inspiration for Matthew Jackson’s sculpture The Immeasurable Distance.

CHoM Director, Scott Podolsky, M.D., also presented on WAM subjects on several occasions. On December 15th, 2008 Dr. Podolsky introduced WAM to Associate Provost for Arts and Culture Lori E. Gross and the directors and chief curators of Harvard’s museum community as part of an art task force initiative. At a Peabody open house, Dr. Podolsky and Peabody Museum Registrar Patricia Capone, PhD, presented a joint program on the WAM and Peabody’s NAGPRA collaboration.

Tours of the Warren Museum’s Exhibition Gallery was the Museum’s principal programmatic vehicle, and in FY09 38 tour groups explored the Gallery, representing 352 total attendees. The groups originated from many communities as articulated in the below table.
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**Exhibits**


*New Treasures: Recent Acquisitions at the Center for the History of Medicine* was installed in the first floor lobby in January 2009, following a special event held for donors on January 27, where Scott Podolsky and Jack Eckert spoke, along with donors of some of the notable items in the exhibit. *New Treasures*, which includes some of the most interesting acquisitions of the Boston Medical Library and the Harvard Medical Library from the past ten years, was relocated to the Lower 2 lobby display cases in March and will be on exhibit through September 2009.

The radiographic prints of the hands of Nicholas and Alexandra were loaned to the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art for an exhibit, “Brought to light: photography and the invisible, 1840-1900.” That exhibit then travelled to Vienna (October 2008 through June 2009.)

**Events**

The Center held two major events in FY09. To demonstrate our appreciation to our many generous friends and donors, the Center held an invitation-only pre-installation celebration of the Center’s “New Treasures” exhibit. Rather than displaying newly acquired materials behind glass in exhibit cases, Center staff arranged materials on tables, close to the audience of 55 community members, friends, and donors. The donor of each
item on display described the materials each had given to the Center, revealing the provenance and personal meaning of the records, books, and objects. Speakers included Philip Leder, David H. Hubel, Walter Abelmann, and Eleanor Shore. At the close of the program, audience members were invited to view oral history videotapes, examine online finding aids, and see demonstrations of the Center’s electronic repository. The exhibit and event emphasized the scope of the Center’s collecting activity, from objects and ephemera to rare books, engravings, and modern manuscripts, and the depth of collecting that is possible in the narrow area of science, medicine, health, and society.

To celebrate the opening of the John Rock Papers, the Center held a symposium that placed the history of contraceptive technology over the past half-century in its social, pharmaceutical and global health contexts. Panel speakers included:

- Margaret Marsh, PhD, Interim Chancellor and Distinguished Professor of History, Rutgers University-Camden: “The Fertility Doctor Meets the Pill”
- Wanda Ronner, M.D., Clinical Associate Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology, University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine: “The Era of the Pill Begins”
- Elizabeth Siegel Watkins, PhD, Professor, Vice Chair and Director of Graduate Studies, History of Health Sciences Program, Department of Anthropology, History, and Social Medicine, University of California, San Francisco: “From Breakthrough to Bust: The Brief Life of Norplant, the Contraceptive Implant”
- George Zeidenstein, Visiting Distinguished Fellow, Center for Population and Development Studies, Harvard School of Public Health: "Family Planning and Reproductive Health in Global Perspective"

More than 100 people attended, including members of the Rock family. Coverage of the exhibit and event in *Harvard Magazine* elicited some previously unrecorded memories of Rock’s research activities from one of his research associates.

**Fellowship Programs**  
Jack Eckert

In September 2002, the Countway inaugurated its first fellowship program, the Francis A. Countway Library Fellowship in the History of Medicine. The fellowship, funded by the Boston Medical Library, 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 FY09, as in recent years, the Countway awarded two fellowships. One was awarded to Katherine L. Carroll, a graduate student at Boston University, whose project is "Modernizing the American medical school, 1893-1940: architecture, pedagogy, professionalization, and philanthropy" (August 2008). A second fellowship was awarded to Dr. Sebastia Giralt Soler of the Universitat Autonoma de Barcelona, researching early modern editions and commentaries of Celsus’ *De medicina* (September-November 2008).

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 annually. Fellowships are awarded to anyone with a serious need to use the collections
and facilities of member institutions, and awards are 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 three Consortium fellows during the past year. Shane Landrum, a graduate student at Brandeis, was researching the historical origins of modern birth certificates and birth registration in the United States (September 2008); Kevin Butterfield, a graduate student at Washington University in St. Louis, was investigating early American voluntary societies, 1780-1840 (March 2009); and Dr. Megan Kate Nelson of California State University at Fullerton, working on Civil War amputees, amputation, and prosthetics (April 2009).

FY09 saw the inauguration of a collaborative fellowship program between the Countway’s Archives for Women in Medicine and the Foundation for the History of Women in Medicine, based in Philadelphia. The fellowship program is intended to promote and to preserve the history of women in medicine and the medical sciences. The first Foundation fellows were Kerstin Bornholdt, a graduate student at the University of Oslo (February 2009), researching the history of the Medical Women’s International Association, and Cheryl Lemus, a graduate student at Northern Illinois University (August 2008), working with the papers of Alan F. Guttmacher and Grete Bibring as part of a research project on the medical history of pregnancy in the 20th century.

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.

AWM initiated its partnership with the Foundation for the History of Women in Medicine to announce, vet, and choose two Foundation Fellows for 2009 (see above for more information).

In 2009, the Joint Committee on the Status of Women celebrated its 35th Anniversary. To celebrate this milestone, the Archives for Women in Medicine created a web-based Oral History Portal of JCSW videos. At this portal, you can download or stream insights and lessons-learned in the 15 taped oral history videos from the 1980s through the present. Luminaries interviewed include Raquel Cohen (from the first coeducational class at Harvard Medical School), Mary Ellen Avery, Janet McArthur, Lynne Reid, Ann Als, and Margaret Brenman-Gibson.

In addition, the Archives for Women in Medicine played a large role in planning and executing the 35th Anniversary Celebration on Monday, October 27, 2008. One key highlight was the creation of “Voices from the Archives,” a video montage of clips from the JCSW Oral History Project, digitized in stored in the portal described above. This video was introduced and screened by Giordana at the event to an enthralled audience.
In June, Jessica Sedgwick joined the Center’s staff as the Archives for Women in Medicine’s second Project Archivist. Jessica joins Countway from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Special Collections, where her work focused on improving access to materials related to African American history as a special project Manuscripts Processor for the Southern Historical Collection. She has also managed a digital project, North Carolina Postcards; provided reference services; selected and arranged small exhibits; and created web content as a research assistant for the North Carolina Collection. Jessica holds an M.S. in Library Science from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and a B.A. in English from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

*Foundations of Public Health Policy*  
Emily Gustainis, Michael Dello Iacono

In March, the Center initiated work on its Council on Library and Information Resources grant for “Foundations of Public Health Policy,” a project that will enable, for the first time, research in the manuscript collections of four influential leaders in public health: Leona Baumgartner, Alan Macy Butler, Howard Hiatt, and David Rutstein. The project was one of fifteen selected from 118 applications submitted to the Council’s “Hidden Collections” program, an initiative by the Mellon Foundation to increase access to critical resources currently unavailable to historical research.

The project has an acquisitions and outreach focus, in addition to developing, executing, and measuring processing methods and outcomes. To build relationships with the Harvard public health community, the Center has established an advisory committee, chaired by Joseph Brain, Ph.D. The committee, whose members include ……, will support the development of a documentation strategy for public health at Harvard, assist in communicating the project goals and objectives, and liaise with community members as needed. A newsletter and blog is in development and future plans include events and tours.

Processing is being conducted according to a “More Product, Less Processing” approach, with methodologies developed for defining and assigning processing levels, systematically collecting processing metrics, and providing access to collections prior to the completion of descriptive work. Under the auspices of our Foundations in Public Health Policy grant, the papers of academic, pediatrician, researcher, and political activist Allan Macy Butler were processed by our project team, composed of Project Archivist Michael Dello Iacono and Processing Assistants Suzanne Denison and Cheryl Ostrowski. At the end of the fiscal year, project staff initiated the team processing of the papers of Leona Baumgartner, the first woman commissioner of the New York City Department of Health, and a Simmons intern, Lindsay Bush, initiated processing the papers of epidemiologist Alexander D. Langmuir.
Project deliverables also focus on evaluating the descriptive products produced as part of the grant. This scholarly engagement component of our project will inform future processing projects via the collection and analysis of data related to how users can – or could potentially - use spreadsheets, fully developed finding finds, and other avenues of access, including Harvard University’s Hollis catalog, the Countway Library’s DSpace instance, and OASIS, our online delivery system for encoded finding aids. Survey instruments were developed both for reading room users and for talking to a wide variety of new and seasoned researchers, information professionals, and members of the public health community.

**Brigham and Women’s Hospital Archives**

Catherine Pate

The Brigham and Women’s Hospital Archives continues to be heavily used for research and reference. This past year Dr. Kenneth Ludmerer, Professor of Medicine in the School of Medicine and Professor of History in the Faculty of Arts and Sciences at Washington University, St. Louis, spent many weeks with Brigham historical records for his book on the history of graduate medical education. David S. Jones, M.D., Ph.D. Principal Investigator, Center for the Study of Diversity in Science, Technology, and Medicine, and Associate Professor of the History and Culture of Science and Technology, MIT was also assisted with research materials for his book on the history of coronary revascularization. Professor Nancy Hoffart, PhD, RN, Dean—School of Nursing at Northeastern, researched renal transplant nursing, and Murray Epstein, MD, Nephrology, Veterans Administration Medical Center, Miami, was assisted with material for his article on Dr. John P. Merrill.

In addition to in-depth scholarly research, the Brigham and Women’s Hospital Archives was the source for photographs for book and journal articles, photographs for a slide show presented at this year’s Brigham and Women’s Physicians’ Organization event, the answers to family history questions related to family members who were employees or patients, and research on Carrie Hall, the History of the Society of Brigham Surgical Alumni, and former Brigham head nurses. The Brigham and Women’s Hospital Archives has also been a reliable source for quick answers to a blizzard of short-answer reference questions. A few examples this year: Who was the head of cardiology in the 1980s? What do the medallions from the Boston Lying-in Hospital in my family records mean? Do we have film recording Sir William Osler’s visit in 1913? What is the meaning of the original Peter Bent Brigham Hospital logo? When did social services start at the Brigham? What is the provenance of the Karsh photo collection at the Brigham? The Brigham and Women’s Hospital Archives provided reproductions of historical photographs to interior designers adorning the new Brigham neurosurgery space, and to doctors warming up the walls of the research laboratories at the old Boston Lying-in facility.

Last year’s archival mystery was solved when the 1963 Peter Bent Brigham Hospital time capsule was discovered safe and sound on March 13th at the Harvard Depository.
This year’s archival mystery: What happened to the large, framed original photograph of the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital staff with Sir William Osler taken on the hospital’s unofficial dedication day, April 30, 1913? It had been on the wall of the Brigham Medical Staff Reception Area (now the Harvard Vanguard Office) and evidently disappeared during the room’s renovation.

Record processing activity included cataloging into Aleph 100+ boxes of Brigham and Women’s Hospital records in storage at the Harvard Depository since 2001. Processing was completed for last year’s acquisition—the Sosman library and the historic collection of artifacts from the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital 15 Francis St. lobby display. Many other individual items, antique and modern, that made their way into the archives were also processed, integrated into the various Brigham sub-collections, and added to updated finding aids. These include reports, newsletters, staff reprints, audio and video recordings, event ephemera, hospital publications, photographs, books, and artifacts including Brigham china, nurses uniforms circa 1950s, awards belonging to Carrie Hall, a Peter Bent Brigham Hospital scrapbook 1911–1922, and a menu, circa 1860s, from Peter Bent Brigham’s restaurant.

Four cubic feet of the correspondence of Brigham and Women’s Hospital physician, Dwight Harken, “the father of heart surgery,” were arranged and described. Revisions were made to all Brigham EAD finding aids to comply with new xhtml schema standards.

This year the Brigham and Women’s Hospital Archives acquired 24 linear feet of administrative and event related records of the Friends of the BWH. Also, Dr. Nicholas Tilney donated his annotated slide collection about the history of the Brigham. The Peter Bent Brigham Hospital School of Nursing Alumni Association donated six antique nurse’s uniforms, and Elizabeth Dock donated original photographs of Peter Bent Brigham Hospital staff from 1923 and 1924, as well as patient case files belonging to her uncle-in-law, Brigham physician, William Dock.

Negotiations are ongoing with neurologist H. Richard Tyler, MD for the donation of his Brigham and Women’s Hospital related historical documents and artifacts, including china and glassware that belonged to Peter Bent Brigham.

The rare book, *Routine Practices. Medical Service of the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital*, written by Soma Weiss in 1940 and very popular among the BWH medical staff, was digitized and is now available through Hollis.

To correctly answer many inquiries about medical records that come through the historical archives, the archivist investigated Brigham and Women’s Hospital policy for handling and storing patient medical records, interpreting HIPPA regulations, and the extent of their record keeping. (They have never thrown out any records even though they are legally allowed to after 20 years.)
A research project into the history/chain-of-custody for the Brigham and Women’s Hospital Archives, which includes tracing and contacting previous archivists, is ongoing. A small exhibit displayed at memorial event at BWH honoring Harvey Cushing was created with photographs and other material in the archives.

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