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Lots of remarkable things are happening in the Historical Collections division of UAB Libraries. In this issue of Treasures, we highlight new staff members, new spaces, new collections, and re-launched initiatives. We hope you enjoy learning about our progress.

Jason Byrd, Editor
Assistant Dean of Historical Collections

Welcome New Staff



Rachel Lopez
Archivist
UAB Archives

As a lifelong resident of Alabama, I'm thrilled to be working to preserve the unique heritage of our state and the ongoing achievements of UAB. I graduated from Birmingham-Southern College with a bachelor's degree in history, and from the University of Alabama with a master's in library and information studies. Most recently, I worked for five years as the archivist and librarian of the Alabama Holocaust Education Center. I'm so happy to work with this dynamic group and explore the opportunities ahead.



Ella Sykes
Collections and
Gallery Manager
Alabama
Museum of the
Health Sciences

As a Birmingham native, I'm excited to be back home and working to share and preserve Alabama's healthcare history. I have a bachelor's degree in history from Auburn University, a master's degree in museum studies from Baylor University, and prior to my arrival at AMHS, I spent the last three years working as the Soldiers Memorial Collections Assistant at the Missouri Historical Society. I've thoroughly enjoyed my time with AMHS's collection so far, and I can't wait to see where the future takes us.

Pappas Historical Collections Gallery Opens Summer 2024



The Dennis G. Pappas Historical Collections Gallery opened on July 16, 2024. The Gallery contains more than 3,000 square feet of exhibition space for Historical Collections at UAB Libraries and features innovative technology integrations. UAB Libraries is grateful to Dennis G. Pappas Sr., M.D., Dennis G. Pappas Jr., M.D., and our other donors for their support.

The Dennis G. Pappas Historical Collections Gallery will serve as a hub of both rare historical collections and elements of modern innovation. Along with modern display cases and traditional exhibition techniques, an array of touchscreen technology has been selected to promote an interactive, visitor-centered, and unique space. 3D objects, digital collections, and audio-visual components further balance out the inaugural exhibit and the story it tells. Visit the gallery and experience UAB Historical Collections through an impactful lens that seeks to keep history alive and vibrant.

The inaugural exhibition, *Navigating Communication: Breaking Invisible Barriers*, explores vision and hearing loss and the Deaf, Blind, and Deaf-Blind communities. The exhibition features items from the Alabama Museum of the Health Sciences, the Reynolds-Finley Historical Library, and the UAB Archives, as well as items on loan from the Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind and Dr. Pappas Sr.

The exhibition will be open through August 2025.

A Grand Opening celebration is being planned for fall 2024, with details to be announced at a later date.

For more information visit go.uab.edu/pappasgallery.



Reynolds-Finley Lecture Series

The Historical Collections division at UAB Libraries is excited to announce the re-launch of the Reynolds-Finley Lecture Series. The periodic lecture series brings scholars in the history of medicine and the health sciences to UAB. Lectures bring interested parties together over lunch to learn from experts in the field, while the annual Historical Lecture is a signature event of Medical Alumni Weekend each spring. More information is available on our website at library.uab.edu/special-collections/lecture-series.

Oct. 22, 2024, 12 p.m.

Arielle Silverman, Ph.D.
American Foundation for the Blind
“Learning from Lived Experience: How to Champion Inclusion for People Who Are Blind or Have Low Vision.”

Nov. 7, 2024, 12 p.m.

Scott M. Jackson, M.D.
Ozark Dermatology
“Plenck’s *Doctrina de Morbis Cutaneis*: Foundation of a Specialty.”

Feb. 5, 2025, 12 p.m.

Haley Wells, MA, UAB '24
Ala. Holocaust Education Center
“Knocking at the Door: The Life and Legacy of Dr. James Montgomery.”

Feb. 28, 2025, 4 p.m.

Rubin Pillay, Ph.D.
UAB Heersink School of Medicine
Reynolds-Finley Annual Lecture

March 27, 2025, 12:00pm

Heidi Hausse, Ph.D., and Chad Rose, Ph.D.
Auburn University
“Engineering History: Developing an Experimental Approach to Recover the Lived Experience of a Sixteenth-Century Amputee.”



Reynolds-Finley Historical Library Additions

The Reynolds-Finley Historical Library (RFHL) is pleased to announce the acquisition of two especially rare items.



In 1597, Gaspare Tagliacozzi published the first treatise devoted entirely to the subject of plastic surgery, titled *De curtorum chirurgia per insitionem* (“On the surgery of mutilation by grafting”). The RFHL recently acquired the rare first edition, first issue of this work, which includes 22 full-page woodcut illustrations of plastic surgery and related instruments. The technique that Tagliacozzi perfected and described in depth, which became known as the “Italian method,” utilized the skin from the upper arm to repair the

damaged nose. RFHL also acquired a fascinating sixteenth century work on the brain and memory by Dominican friar, Cosmas Rossellius, titled *Thesaurus artificiosae memoriae* (“Thesaurus of artificial memory”), published in Venice in 1579. The work is noteworthy for its inclusion of the earliest known depictions of sign language, shown here in the form of a finger alphabet. This book can now be viewed in the new Dennis G. Pappas Historical Collections Gallery, within the case on the history of communication methods for the deaf.



Additionally, RFHL acquired a donation of 49 19th- and 20th-century books on the history of gynecology and obstetrics from Dr. John and Mrs. Nancy Wideman.

Reynolds-Finley Associates Campaign

Join the
REYNOLDS-FINLEY ASSOCIATES



In partnership with the UAB Office of Advancement, UAB Libraries Historical Collections is excited to announce the re-launch of our annual Reynolds-Finley Associates membership drive. The Reynolds-Finley Associates further the mission of Historical Collections: to preserve and showcase the history of UAB, the health sciences, and our communities through curated materials that foster interdisciplinary inquiry and inspire innovation.

The Reynolds-Finley Associates make possible much of the work done in Historical Collections. Membership contributions fund activities such as the Reynolds-Fin-

ley Fellowship program, the Reynolds-Finley Lecture Series, and the work of the curators, archivists, and museum professionals that steward our collections.

To join or renew your membership, scan the QR code below with your smart phone, or contact Jason Byrd at jbbyrd@uab.edu.



Historical Collections Hosts Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Therapy Intensive

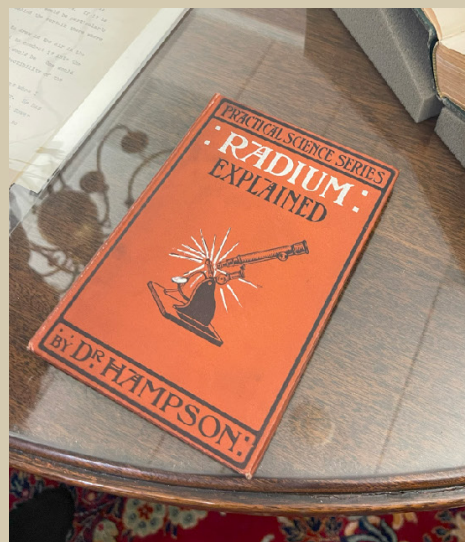
On April 29, 2024, Historical Collections hosted the UAB Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Therapy Intensive. The Intensive provides advanced training and development opportunities for 10 professionals from across the United States to prepare them for the future of Nuclear Medicine.



Amy Brady, Program Director, and Krystle W. Glasgow, Clinical Coordinator, UAB Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging Sciences Program, pose with artifacts on display for the tour.

Attendees were invited to prepare for the future of Nuclear Medicine by exploring the past. The Historical Collections team displayed items on the history of imaging sciences, changes in perceptions of human anatomy, and the growth of nuclear

medicine programs at UAB. Attendees explored collection items such as radioactive water, Roentgen's first x-ray, and photos of an Egyptian mummy undergoing a CAT scan in University Hospital.



Benoit Presidential Campaign Collection Now Available Online

The latest archival collection scanned and made available as part of UAB Digital Collections is the Presidential Campaign Collection of William L. Benoit (Manuscript Collection 136).

Dr. Benoit was a member of the faculty of the UAB Department of Communication Studies until his retirement in 2022. His areas of expertise were crisis communication and political campaign communication, and he developed the "image repair theory." In 2021, Dr. Benoit was named a Distinguished Professor by the University of Alabama System Board of Trustees. Benoit is the author of two dozen books. The most recent, co-authored with Mark J. Glantz, is *Presidential Campaigns in the Age of Social Media: Clinton and Trump* (2020).

The Benoit collection consists of more than 600 discrete items, including brochures, pamphlets, flyers, broadsides, etc., which were collected by Benoit and used as part of his academic career. The oldest item in the collection is a "Jobs Ahead" pamphlet dating to the 1936 campaign of Alf Landon. The most recent date from the 2000 campaigns of George W. Bush and Albert Gore.

The Benoit collection was donated to the UAB Libraries in 2022 and is housed in the University Archives. Scan the QR code below with your smart phone to view the Benoit Collection online.



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Now on Display

The Alabama Museum of Health Sciences has two historic dental instruments on display on the third floor of Lister Hill Library in Historical Collections.

The Dental X-Ray Unit was manufactured in the 1950s and used in a dental office in Homewood, Alabama, where it remained until the practice closed in 2009. The Dental X-Ray Unit was donated by Perron Tucker, D.D.S. Dental X-rays were not widely used prior to World War II. Post-war production made X-ray machines more affordable. Coupled with newly established safety protocols, this contributed to widespread adoption of dental X-ray units.

The foot-powered dental drill was manufactured in the early 1900s by S.S. White Dental Manufacturing Co. and is typical of dental drills used until electric drills became more prevalent following World War I. The dental drill was a gift of George P. Petznick, D.M.D. The drill was used by Dr. Petznick's grandfather, Dr. Ulysses Claude Martin, who practiced dentistry in Pell City, Alabama.

