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Greetings from the Chair

We had a great meeting in Washington, DC, and I want to thank everyone in this section who helped make it so. I was especially happy to see such a large turnout for our early morning business meeting! Many familiar faces to be sure, but some new ones as well. (See **Dee Jones'** business report for particulars <http://www.mla-hhss.org/business2010.html>). Large attendance at such meetings tells me the work of the section is of interest to members. But enough of the past . . .

Where did summer go?! With fall upon us we need to prepare for MLA 2011 as we *Rethink* medical libraries and librarianship in Minneapolis, May 13-18. As most of you know, "The Murray Gottlieb Prize is awarded annually for the best unpublished essay on the history of medicine and allied sciences written by a health sciences librarian. The Gottlieb Prize was established in

1956 by **Ralph and Jo Grimes** of the Old Hickory Bookshop, Brinklow, MD, in order to recognize and stimulate the health sciences librarians' interest in the history of medicine. Since 2010, the award is sponsored by the MLA History of the Health Sciences Section." I am also very pleased to know that we now have regular representation on the selection committee for that award.

Joan Stoddard, our program chair, has a great section theme this year, "Remember, Rethink and Reinvent: Using History to Show the Way" (please see her article in this issue), and we would like to see a robust pool of submissions. I look forward to hearing some great papers!

In other news, I am delighted to report that the all-history focus issue for *JMLA* is on schedule for the January issue. Please

watch for it. **Susan Starr** and I believe we have a great lineup of essays. I also want to take this opportunity to thank the Advocacy Committee, especially the chair **Lucretia McClure**, and the peer review team (you know who you are!) for helping to make this a reality. But we don't want to rest on our laurels; in speaking with Lucretia it seems wise to continue the work of this committee in the wake of our success. While **Ed Holtum** and **Suzanne Porter** provided invaluable assistance, their retirements have created opportunities for others to become involved. If you're interested in serving on this committee, please contact me at flannery@uab.edu. I think continuing this group will allow us to continue with strategic planning aimed at promoting history and a historical mindset among our colleagues.

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Remember to renew your membership if you haven't already. Onward and upward Section colleagues!

Finally, with the sad and unexpected passing of **Cynthia Kahn** (see “In Memoriam” this page), we have had to find a new editor for *Incipit*. Loss can often be a source of encouragement and renewal, and I am always encouraged by the willingness of section members to step up in the face of such exigencies to fill the gap. Therefore, it is my distinct pleasure to welcome **Melissa Nasea**, History Collections Librarian, Laupus Library, East Carolina University, as our new editor. Melissa has been devoted to this section and I know she will be a great boon to *Incipit*.

Finally, I want to remind any of you out there who may have forgotten to renew your membership to please do so now. We would love to have you back. If you’ve never joined, please consider doing so. Our focus and our work are not duplicated anywhere else in MLA. If you believe an appreciation of our history and historical collections is important, we’re the section for you! And as for the 20 new members since January, welcome aboard!

History of the Health Sciences Programming at MLA 2011

The History of the Health Sciences Section is sponsoring a contributed paper program at the Annual Meeting of the Medical Library Association in Minneapolis and co-sponsoring two others. We are hoping that the overall title of “Rethink” will offer opportunities for presenters to take the latitude they need to be creative and far reaching. Posters are also being solicited and there are no specific guidelines on the topics.

Remember, Rethink and Reinvent: Using History to Show the Way

History of the Health Sciences

In the midst of re-thinking and re-inventing libraries and librarianship, it is well to remember the past and examine the lessons learned and how they apply to the present. The 20th century is replete with events that posed problems for the profession and for libraries themselves. War time, depression, disease and uncertainty are nothing new. This section program invites papers that will explore how historical events have impacted health sciences libraries in the past and how those solutions might apply to present

problems and issues.

Rethinking Libraries in Hard Times

Leadership and Management Section, Corporate Information Services Section, **History of the Health Sciences Section**, Hospital Libraries Section, Institutional Animal Care and Use SIG, Library Marketing SIG, Pharmacy and Drug Information Section, Public Services Section, Veterinary Medical Libraries Section

A multitude of factors are impacting the library as part of today’s economic, political, and sociocultural environment. Faced with declining budgets and dwindling resources, libraries are redefining mission and goals, finding creative approaches to achieving new efficiencies in fiscal planning, rethinking and repurposing space, applying innovative approaches to implementing new technologies, and reaching and connecting with users wherever they are. These contributed papers will share strategies, planning, best practices, and success stories for struggling through difficult times and challenging climates.

Instructional Best Practices

Medical Library Education Section, Complementary and Alternative Medicine SIG, Educational Media and Technologies Section, **History of the Health Sciences Section**, Librar-

ies in the Curriculum SIG, and Outreach SIG

This contributed paper session will feature health information professionals sharing their experiences and research on best practices for instruction in all types of settings.

In Memoriam

A brief biography of **Cynthia Kahn** was included in the p. 6 “In Memoriam” section of the August 2010 issue of *MLA News* http://www.mlanet.org/members/mla_news/2010/aug_10/personals.html

Here’s a reminiscence from **Pat Gallagher** of the New York Academy of Medicine:

Cynthia had recently started a new position in Florida, when I ran into her in the Scholarship Booth at MLA this past year. She was very excited about the position; part of her duties included the development of an historical collection for the Library. She was in the Booth to pick up the BibKit that **Stephen Greenberg** and I compiled, and we were laughing about it. She opened the book up once she had paid, handed me a pen, and said “autograph it to me”. After we chatted a few more minutes, she set off – to find Stephen to have him autograph her new book as well.

The Louisiana State University Health Science Center at Shreveport A Chronological History

LSU HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER - SHREVEPORT A CHRONOLOGICAL HISTORY

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■ A History of the LSU Health Sciences Center in Shreveport

This website details the important events in the history of the LSU Health Sciences Center in Shreveport. Beginning in 1869, this chronological journey graphically documents more than 140 years of progress.

This chronology begins in 1869 when the need for a state-funded hospital was realized. The story continues with the establishment of the Shreveport Charity Hospital in 1876 at Pierre Avenue and Ford Street, the eventual move to Texas Avenue and Murphy Street in 1889, and the construction of a new hospital facility in 1904. The building survived a fire in 1926 and reconstruction was completed by 1929. On June 3, 1953 a new and improved facility opened at the corner of Kings Highway and Linwood Avenue. The new location brought a new name – Confederate Memorial Medical Center.

The possibility of a medical school in Shreveport was discussed as early as 1950. After several false starts and fifteen years, this dream became a reality. The newly established LSU School of Medicine affiliated with the Confederate Memorial Medical Center later that same year. Even though the medical school building was not constructed until 1975, the first class of medical students was admitted in 1969 and attended classes at the Shreveport Veterans Administration Hospital.

Decades

1860-1869
1870-1879
1880-1889
1890-1899
1900-1909
1910-1919
1920-1929
1930-1939
1940-1949
1950-1959
1960-1969
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1990-1999
2000-2009
2010-2019

LSUHSC-S Chronological History (www.lsuhschistory.org) is a website created by Medical Library faculty members. Beginning in 1869, this extensive website graphically documents more than 140 years of significant events in the history of the LSU Health Sciences Center in Shreveport.

Primary source materials used in the creation of this website were drawn primarily from the holdings of the Medical Library Archives and include correspondence, photographs, slides, newspaper articles, institutional publications, audio and videotapes, as well as three dimensional artifacts. Paper documents were scanned to create digital surrogates, while audiovisual materials were transferred from analog to digital format.

The decade-by-decade chronology is the foundation of the website. Biographies of important individuals are in the "People" section; names of administrators throughout the years and short departmental histories can be found in the "Departments" section; photographs and details about campus buildings are included in the "Buildings" section.

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Specific resources used in the website include the Gordon W. Maxcy Photograph Collection; several thousand newspaper clippings dating from the early 1960s; taped oral history interviews with pioneering figures such as Dr. Joe Holoubek, Dr. Warren Grafton, Dr. David DeSha, Reggie Graves, and Dr. Charles Black; and videos of memorable events including Dr. Edgar Hull's last Faculty Council Meeting as Dean and the School of Medicine groundbreaking. More than 100 cubic feet of archival resources were searched to provide a fascinating glimpse into our past. Most of the important events in our history are already documented, but the website is an evolving resource, one that will be continually updated with additional text and digitized images.

Partial funding for the website creation has been received from the LSU Health Sciences Foundation and the National Network of Libraries of Medicine, South Central Region.

For additional information, please contact Dee Jones at djone4@lsuhsc.edu or 318-675-5458.

Conference on Medical History of World War I

In February 2012, the Army Medical Department Center of History and Heritage will be co-sponsoring a conference with the Western Front Association (USA) on the medical history of WWI. It will be hosted at the Army Medical Department Museum in San Antonio, Texas. Papers on all facets are sought.

<http://www.h-net.org/announce/show.cgi?ID=180214>

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HHSS Listserv

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We invite all MLA and HHSS members to join the official HHSS listserv.

The *members-only* listserv will be used to promote and communicate activities of the Section. It may also be used as a forum for its members to discuss relevant issues and concerns.

Be assured that email traffic will not overwhelm any of us. It will, however, provide a convenient means to communicate.

While joining the listserv is an optional benefit of being a member, we strongly urge members to sign on.

Instructions for Signing On

- Send an email message to major-domo@mlahq.org
- Leave the subject line blank
- In the body of the text, enter: subscribe hhss@mla-hhss.org your email@place.org
- Respond to the email you receive to authenticate
- Receive confirmation and begin participating

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