Lamar Soutter Library Launching Our History - Past, Present, and Future

Grants/Sub-Contracts in Effect FY2016

Office of Medical History & Archives

The Office of Medical History and Archives (OMHA) continues to preserve and communicate the history of the University of Massachusetts Medical School during FY2016 through the work of the UMassM Institutional Archives as well as research and publications, all of which are supported by subcontracts. The OMHA was supported in detail in May 2016, and Kristine Sjostedt, MLS, was named Head, Office of Medical History and Archives, in January 2016.

Lamar Soutter Library: A Major Resource

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Writing the History of the University of Massachusetts Medical School

Sally M. Furey, Ph.D.

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Understanding the Impact of Your Research

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Cultural Events

Event Programming in FY2016 Included:

- **Hospitals in Medicine:** April 1, 2016 - May 16, 2016, sponsored by the Office of Library Services, the Office of Medical Education, and the Department of Medical Humanities Committee of the Lamar Soutter Library.
- **Primary Care Reflections: The Art of Observation,** Hugh Gill, MD, and James A. Weiss, PhD, sponsored by the Office of Medical History and Archives and the Lamar Soutter Library.

Institutional Events:

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Crafting a Healthier Community

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Selected Presentations, Posters, & Publications


Reznik-Zellen, R. (2015). Metrics Support at the Department Level. Presentation as part of the panel Article, Author, Honors and Awards


Catherine Cusimano, MLS, ALA contributed a back chapter entitled "Supporting Cancer Knowledge Needs: Using Online Literature Databases and Creating a Cancer Resource Center." A handbook for the New England Cancer Library, an open access textbook established by the Department of Radiation Oncology and the Department of Medicine’s Division of Hematology, which is published through erScholarship@UMMS.

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Lisa Palmer, MSLS, AHIP is included in the 2016-2017 Scholarly Communications Experts Directory, established by the Library. Luanne Wilson, M.S., has been appointed as the new Director of the Lamar Soutter Library, effective July 1, 2016.

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