Formed in January of 1996, UAB Historical Collections is comprised of three units at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB), the Alabama Museum of the Health Sciences, the Reynolds Historical Library, and the UAB Archives. The Associate Director for Historical Collections is Michael A. Flannery.

- **The Alabama Museum of the Health Sciences**: The museum holds instruments, specimens and models used by health care professionals throughout the world and represents seven hundred years of medicine and ill health. Experience the history of medicine and its immeasurable progress and devastating challenges through these instructive artifacts of health and healing.

- **Reynolds Historical Library**: The library contains rare books, pamphlets, and manuscripts in the history of medicine and health-related fields. This collection dates from the mid 14th century to the early 20th century and includes a core of world-renowned medical classics with important concentrations on medicine in the Civil War, the South, and early Americana.

- **UAB Archives**: The archives is the repository for the permanent records of the University, but it also collects and preserves manuscripts that document the history of the health sciences. University records and the manuscript collections include holograph letters, correspondence, photographs, diaries, ledgers, audio and videotapes, and university related realia and ephemera.

**Click here** to view the answer key to the U.S. Civil War history crossword puzzle from the May 2012 issue of the unit newsletter, *Treasures*.

Please view this **image** to see a variety of materials housed within UAB Historical Collections.
The Alabama Museum of the Health Sciences remains closed for renovations.

The Alabama Museum of the Health Sciences, the Reynolds Historical Library and the UAB Archives are equal parts of the Historical Collections unit within Lister Hill Library at the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

Contact Stefanie Rookis, Museum Curator and Associate Professor, at 1720 Second Avenue South - 300 LHL, Birmingham AL 35294-0013 | 205.934.4475 | This email address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it. .

Contact Reynolds Library staff regarding research in the rare book collections at 205.934.4475.

Access to the Archives is by appointment only. Contact Archives staff directly at 205.934.1896 | This email address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it. .

Read more about Lister Hill Library services, hours and general information here http://www.uab.edu/lister/about/.

Our Mission
The Alabama Museum of the Health Sciences, at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, is dedicated to the preservation and display of equipment, instruments and objects that represent the history and development of the health sciences in the areas of education, research, and practice in the United States with special emphasis on the state of Alabama and its
contributors to the practice of medicine. The scope of the collection includes, but is not limited to the following fields: medicine, nursing, ophthalmology, dentistry, public health and allied health.
An archival repository was established for the UAB Medical Center in 1990. Later, in November of 1992, it was given a university-wide mandate and was renamed the UAB Archives. It is currently one of three components of UAB Historical Collections, an administrative unit within the Lister Hill Library of the Health Sciences.

The function of the UAB Archives is the appraisal, collection, organization, description and reference use of UAB's official records of enduring historical value. The UAB Archives is the repository of the institution's memory and seeks to advance knowledge concerning the origins, mission, and programs of UAB and their historical development. The Archives also seeks to encourage efficient records management, which ensures UAB records of enduring historical value will be identified for inclusion in the Archives. Additionally, personal papers and corporate collections, those materials which are not university records, are also collected by the UAB Archives in an attempt to document UAB's role in the city, the state, and in the health sciences environment.
Welcome to the Reynolds Historical Library

A part of Historical Collections at the Lister Hill Library of the Health Sciences, the Reynolds Historical Library maintains a growing collection of over 13,000 rare books and manuscripts pertaining to the history of medicine and science, dating from the 14th to the early 20th centuries. Dr. Lawrence Reynolds (1889-1961), a native of Ozark, Alabama, formed the library's original collection. In his youth, Reynolds accompanied his father, a blind physician, on house calls, reading to him from various medical writings en route. This experience encouraged an early appreciation for both books and medicine. After receiving his B.S. degree from the University of Alabama in 1912, Reynolds attended medical school at The Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland. Dr. Reynolds worked as a radiologist in Detroit, Michigan, until his death in 1961.

It was in Baltimore that Dr. Reynolds began collecting books important to the history of medicine, a pursuit he continued throughout his life. Motivated by his roots in Alabama, Dr. Reynolds donated his valuable collection of about 5,000 volumes to the University of Alabama School of Medicine on February 2, 1958, and the Reynolds Historical Library officially opened. Since acquiring the collection, the Library has more than doubled in size.
Lecture Series

About the Series:

The objective of the Reynolds Historical Lecture Series is to review, assess, and discuss various historical aspects of the health care sciences. The series runs from Fall to Spring. The Annual Reynolds Lecture is the foremost presentation in this series that brings speakers of prominence to the University of Alabama at Birmingham. Click here to see a list of all previous Annual Reynolds Lecturers.

Earning CMEs at Reynolds Lectures:

The University of Alabama School of Medicine is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians. The University of Alabama School of Medicine designates this educational activity for a maximum of 1 AMA PRA Category 1 credit(s)™. Physicians should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

2013-2014 Schedule

Unless otherwise indicated on the schedule, all lectures are held from noon to one in the Edge of Chaos Atrium (http://theedgeofchaos.org), 4th floor, Lister Hill Library, 1700 University Blvd. These lectures are free and open to the public. Box lunches are available on a first come, first served basis.

September 12: “The Rise and Fall of Modern Medicine,” James Le Fanu, MD, Medical Columnist for The Telegraph (London)

Click here to view the podcast of this lecture online.
"Le Fanu is a keen observer of the changing medical scene. He presents a wealth of interesting material and offers interpretations that, whether or not they agree, readers will find thought provoking and well worth reading."—John P. Bunker, visiting professor, University College London Medical School, British Medical Journal

"Despite the author's obvious prejudices, he has produced perhaps the finest, most informative, most interesting historical review of modern medicine now available. The book is a gem." - Robert J. White, MD, PhD, Professor of Neurosurgery, Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine, Oncology Times

"James Le Fanu has a reputation for honesty and plain speaking. His readers rightly trust him; when he asks for their opinion he knows he can rely on them being honest in return. His strength is the loyalty of his readers. He has the enviable knack of giving the impression that he is writing personally to each individual. This new edition is a worthy testimonial of which James Le Fanu can be justly proud." - Alick Dowling, West of England Medical Journal

"The descriptions of the rise of modern medicine in the latter half of the 20th century are themselves worthy of the price of the book. The accounts of the fall of medicine, the descriptions of the paradoxes, and the discussions of consequences are all thought provoking. Despite the book's title, I believe the author best summarized this work when he wrote, 'It is precisely because medicine does work so well that the discontents reflected by the paradoxes are worthy of explanation.'" - Carl F. Anderson, Mayo Clinic Proceedings

Copies of the new edition of Le Fanu's Rise and Fall of Modern Medicine will be available at the book-signing to follow.

October 2: “The Development of Medical Museums in the Antebellum American South,” Reynolds Fellow, Stephen C. Kenny, PhD, Department of History, University of Liverpool

Click here to view the podcast of this lecture online.

Abstract: Museums were key sites of medical research and education from the early nineteenth to the early twentieth-century. Together with anatomical dissection and clinical observation in hospitals, medical museums were one of the main ways in which students learned about bodies and diseases (normal, comparative, and pathological anatomy). Museums were also of great value in enabling the medical profession to achieve social and cultural status by communicating the ideals and
potential of scientific medicine to a wider lay audience. Before the Civil War, medical museums were also promoted in the annual circulars of southern colleges as essential learning resources for those seeking a professional education in the region. My current research examines the development of medical museums in the antebellum American South, exploring the social origins of the region’s collections of anatomical and pathological specimens, as well as the professional agents and organizations responsible for their development and maintenance. Josiah Clark Nott was one of the foremost teachers of anatomy in the South, as well as being responsible for building a medical college and museum in Mobile, Alabama, and extending the reach of anatomical science into new corners of the region. Nott’s collection of pathological specimens and anatomical models are thus a significant part of the overall history of medical museums in the American South.

October 30: “Frames Refocused: Black and White Blinded GIs and Social Reintegration in World War II,” Robert F. Jefferson, PhD, Department of History, UAB

Click here to view the podcast of this lecture online.

Abstract: Dr. Robert F. Jefferson discusses his current research that explores the post-operative encounters between blinded African American and White soldiers and medical experts at Valley Forge General Hospital and Old Farms Convalescent Hospital during World War II. Created as medical centers for veterans who sustained combat-related eye injuries, both hospitals served as public and semi-public arenas where both black and white patients and staff members alike analyzed, critiqued, and re-thought much of what they had previously accepted as common sense notions about disability and other social issues that were prevalent in American society at the time. As a result, public debates over the proper place of the disabled in society and the very meaning of democracy and equality in America were fundamentally altered in the process. By following the response of veterans with visible disabilities to their physical rehabilitation and the attitudes of medical staff personnel to their prospects for re-entering civilian life, we are given a broader portrait of the social and medical transformation that shaped postwar America after 1945.

February 14 - 35th Annual Reynolds Historical Lecture: "America’s Eugenic Legacy: 'A Peculiar and Lasting Appeal'," by Paul Lombardo, PhD, JD, Bobby Lee Cook Professor of Law, Center for Law, Health & Society, College of Law, Georgia State University
Click here to view the podcast of this lecture online.

**March 20:** "Creek Indian Medicine, Past and Present: The Application of Traditional Cultural Knowledge in Today's World," Robert Thrower, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer/Traditional Practitioner, Poarch Band of Creek Indians

Click here to view the podcast of this lecture online.

**April 17:** “Trans-Atlantic Danger: Work and Death Among U.S. and British Deep-Sea Fishermen, 1960-74,” Colin Davis, PhD, Chair, Department of History, UAB
A Catalogue of Books: Both Printed and Manuscript, in the Reynolds Historical Library Produced During the Course of the Eighteenth Century...Together with Notes, Chiefly Explanatory and Historical

$60.00

By Marion G. McGuinn. Birmingham, AL: University of Alabama at Birmingham, 1993. Hardbound; [xvi], 230 pp., with illustrations and index. This bibliography contains entries for the more than 700 18th century works held by the Reynolds Historical Library.

Building On a Vision: A Fifty-Year Retrospective of UAB's Academic Health Center

$39.99


On Campus Special: $20.00 with internal requisition.

Correspondence of Pasteur and Thuillier
Concerning Anthrax and Swine Fever Vaccinations.

$25.00

By Louis Pasteur and Louis Thuillier. Translated and edited by Robert M. Frank and Denise Wrotnowska, with a preface by Prof. Pasteur Vallery-Radot. Tuscaloosa, AL.: University of Alabama Press, 1968. Hardbound; 240 pp., with illustrations and index. The letters that help form the basis of this publication are part of the Reynolds Historical Library collection, which holds the greatest number of original Pasteur letters in any single collection outside France. A parallel English translation accompanies the French text, with the French text running on the left page and the English text on the right.

English Physician

$40.00

By Nicholas Culpeper. Edited with an introduction and footnotes by Michael A. Flannery. Tuscaloosa: University of Alabama Press, 2007. Hardbound; 113 pp. Originally published in Boston in 1708 by Nicholas Boone, this work was the first medical book published in the British North American colonies. Though widely used at the time, today only five copies are known to exist and one of these is located at the Reynolds Historical Library. This reprint includes footnotes explaining the strangely named brews and concoctions, as well as a bibliographic essay and an introduction placing the work and its author in their historical context, by Michael A. Flannery, Professor and Associate Director for Historical Collections at Lister Hill Library of the Health Sciences, University of Alabama at Birmingham.

Read more...

Rare Books and Collections of the Reynolds Historical Library: A Bibliography in 2 Volumes
Volume 1. $60.

University, Alabama: published for the University of Alabama Medical Center Library, Birmingham, by the University of Alabama Press, 1968. Hardbound; xxiv, 495 pp., with illustrations (some color), and author and subject indexes. Published in 1968, this volume describes the rich collection of rare books and manuscripts in the history of medicine that the radiologist and bibliophile Dr. Lawrence Reynolds donated to The University of Alabama at Birmingham in the 1950s.

Reynolds Historical Lectures 1980-1991. Twelve Years of Contributions to the History of Medicine at the University of Alabama at Birmingham

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