

Indiana Medical History Museum

Quarterly Newsletter

Summer 2015

News from the Capital Campaign: Sunshine after the Rain



Recently Tom Mueller took a series of beautiful photographs of the Old Pathology Building, including the one above of the Clinical Chemistry laboratory. This photograph reminds us of what we already know - how incredible the building and its

collections are - but it also inspires us to see this familiar space from an inventive angle and in a new light.

The Old Pathology Building was included on Indiana Landmarks' annual "[10 Most Endangered](#)" list this year and the recent heavy rains have caused further [damage to the building's interior](#). Despite such gloomy news, this summer also marks an important turning point for the museum and its fortunes. Taking a fresh look at where we are at now, there is every reason to regard the Old Pathology Building in a different way: with great optimism for its future.

- Thanks to your support, our [Capital Campaign](#) to save the Old Pathology Building is off to a great start. In June the museum received a \$50,000 matching Historic Preservation Fund grant from the National Park Service toward replacing the roof on the Old Pathology Building.
- Word of the IMHM's Capital Campaign is spreading. We are the featured [cover story](#) in the new August issue of the *Indianapolis Medical Society Bulletin*.
- Roof repair and other "gutters & up" work is scheduled begin this fall. This is the first phase of the massive repair and restoration project to stabilize and preserve the Old Pathology Building, and it will prevent further damage to the building's interior.

The tides are turning, but we still need your help!

Our fundraising goal is \$2,200,000, which will facilitate not only the repair of exterior and interior damage, but also necessary updates of our HVAC and electrical systems.

DONATE TODAY!

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, September 30, 2015, 4:30-6:30 pm

Annual Dinner and Auction

University

By popular demand! A second presentation of

More than the *Happy Little Hamsters*: Seventy Years of Sex Education Films in Indiana



Did you ever wonder what the boys were watching in the gym while the girls watched *The Story of Menstruation*? Angela Potter will present the history of sex education in Indiana since World War II through a series of film clips including the 1960 *Happy Little Hamsters*, accused of being "pornographic" in a 1969 lawsuit, to more recent films used by the Social Health Association of Indiana in its sex education classes. This event accompanies a special exhibit, Eight Decades of Leading the Way

From the Archives



Read Dr. Charles A. Bonsett's [1977 article](#) on Dr. Walter Bruetsch (1896-1977), the fascinating German scientist who suffered a debilitating spinal injury in World War I, conducted research and taught in the Old Pathology Building, and introduced the malarial treatment of syphilis to America at Central State Hospital.

Charles A. Bonsett, MD, "Medical Museum Notes," *The Journal of the Indiana State Medical Association*, Vol. 70, no. 3, (March 1977), p. 105.

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(see below).

This event is free and open to the public

RSVP required. Email education@imhm.org to reserve your seat

Wednesday, October 14, 2015, 4:00-5:15
pm

Fall Forensics Lecture 2015

Erica Christensen, MS

CSI Indianapolis: The True Investigation

Tour the Garden



Each Saturday

June through
September

at 11:00 am

We offer FREE
guided tours of the
Medicinal Plant
Garden

No RSVP required

Meet Our New Public History Intern



Stephanie M. Schulze
is a graduate student



"As a Crime Scene Specialist for Marion County, I aid law enforcement in the collection and processing of evidence for serious crimes in the Indianapolis area. My presentation will cover the education, experience, and skills necessary to perform crime scene investigations, as compared to how the job is presented in the popular media."

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in the IUPUI Public History program. She graduated from Loras College in 2013 with a bachelors in History. Prior to becoming an intern at IMHM, she interned at the Indiana Historical Society in the Press Office and Exhibitions Department. She has studied in Greece and China and worked in several a archives and museums of various sizes in many capacities. She enjoys playing the flute and piccolo, spending time with her family and dog, boating, watching TCM, and reading historic fiction and non-fiction.

New Curriculum Project to Reach Area High Schools

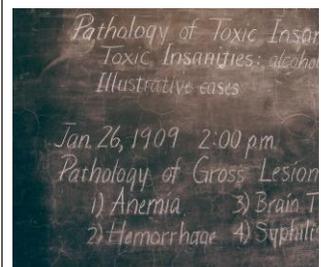


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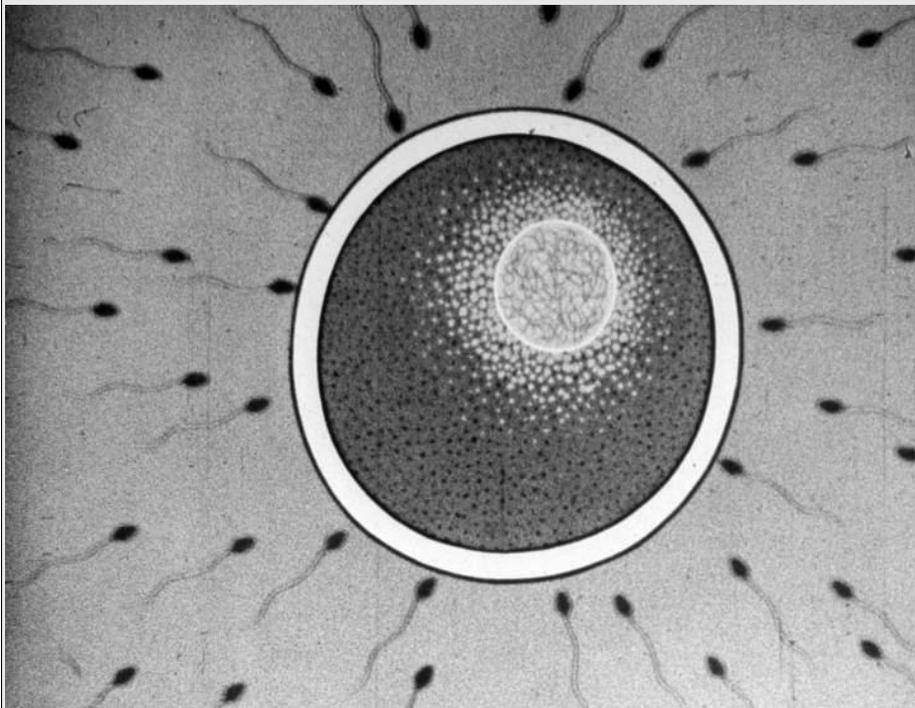
New Exhibits

All exhibits are included as part of the standard museum tour

August 6, 2015-October 31, 2015

Second Floor Hall

Eight Decades of Leading the Way for Kids: The History of The Social Health Association of Indiana



This exhibit explores the history of the Social Health Association in Indiana, beginning with its origins as the Anti-Syphilis League and highlighting its leadership role in sex education through the twentieth century until today.

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With funding from IUPUI's Solution Center, the Indiana Medical History Museum -- with the help of graduate students and interns from the School of Education, Public History, and Museum Studies -- is developing interdisciplinary curriculum for high school students that will complement field trips to the museum.

Called "Health Sciences & the Humanities," the project brings together social studies, science, and health science standards and consists of in-class lesson plans and onsite activities that elucidate the social contexts of modern medicine.

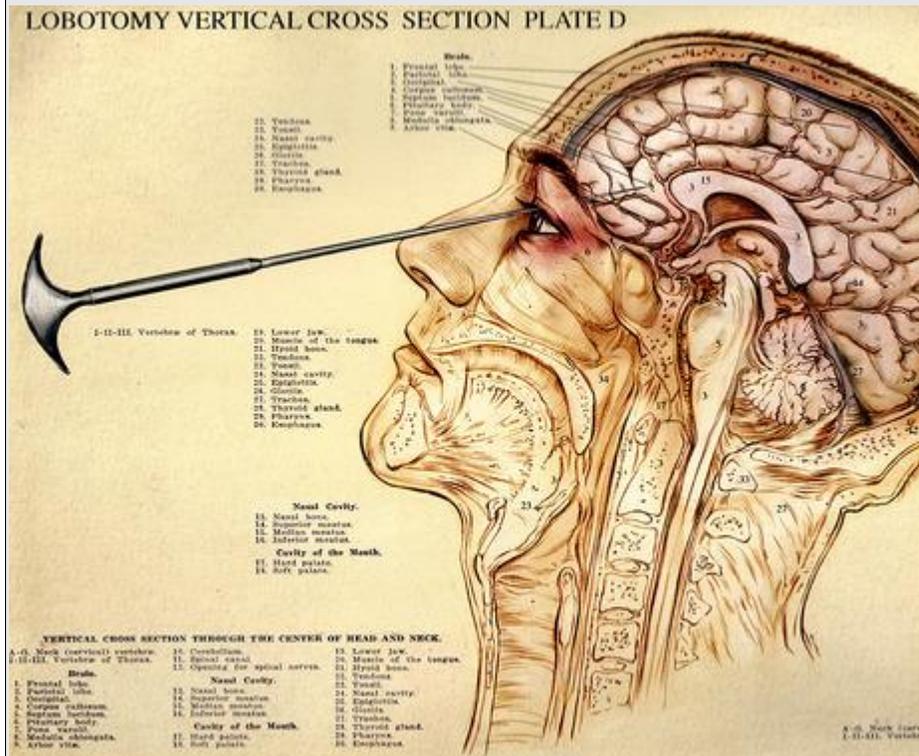
The first lesson plans will be piloted during the 2015-2016 academic year and officially launched in Fall 2016. If you know a high school teacher who might be interested in testing the new curriculum this year, please have them contact our

September 3, 2015-November 28, 2015

Anatomical Museum

Director of Public Programs, Elizabeth Nelson, at education@imhm.org

Lobotomy: Intentions, Procedures, Effects



For most of us, the idea of lobotomy triggers revulsion. But what were the intentions behind it? Why did it become such a widespread psychiatric treatment in the mid-20th century? This exhibit explores the history of lobotomy and features a skull and leucotome that model the transorbital lobotomy procedure.

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