Henry and Janet Claman Medical Humanities Collection

HISTORY
The Henry and Janet Claman Medical Humanities Collection was established in May 2007 through an endowment gift by the Drs. Claman to the Health Sciences Library, University of Colorado Denver. Dr. Henry Claman is well known on the Health Sciences campuses as the driving force behind the Medical Humanities Program and its popular “Arts and Medicine” lecture series. He is a Distinguished Professor of Medicine in the Division of Allergy and Clinical Immunology, School of Medicine. Dr. Janet Stewart Claman is Associate Professor Emerita of Pediatrics. The Library had previously housed an “Arts and Medicine” collection of materials donated in great part by Dr. Henry Claman and including recordings of the lecture series speakers and presentations held on the UC Denver Health Sciences campuses. Those materials have been incorporated into the new collection.

PURPOSE
Medical humanities is an interdisciplinary field of medicine which includes the humanities (literature, philosophy, ethics, history and religion), social science (anthropology, cultural studies, psychology, sociology), and the arts (literature, theater, music, film, and visual arts) and their application to medical education and practice. Works in the collection develop and nurture skills of observation, analysis, empathy, and self-reflection to promote humane medical care. Social science materials foster understanding of cultural and social contexts of the individual experience of illness and the way medicine is practiced. The collection will provide insight into the human condition, suffering, personhood, our responsibility to each other, and offer a historical perspective on medical practice.

LOCATION
The collection is located in the Special Collection Room on the 3rd floor of the Health Sciences Library on the Anschutz Medical Campus.

ACCESS TO THE COLLECTION
The collection is cataloged and available through the Library’s online catalog, available at http://impulse.ucdenver.edu/. Primary HSC and UCH faculty, students and staff may borrow materials and access online resources (e.g., journals and databases) remotely (off-campus). Health care professionals not affiliated with UC Denver and the general public may use the collection on-site or may borrow circulating items through the Library’s Interlibrary Loan service (http://hslibrary.ucdenver.edu/interlibrary/) or through the Prospector system (http://prospector.coalliance.org) maintained by the Colorado Alliance of Research Libraries.

Question about the collection or suggestions for additions to the collection should be directed to:

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