National History Day 2012 – Student and Teacher Resources

The Legacy Center at the Drexel University College of Medicine houses the Archives and Special Collections on Women in Medicine and on Homeopathic Medicine. Drexel’s predecessor schools include Woman’s Medical College of Pennsylvania (known as “Woman’s Med”) and Hahnemann Medical College of Pennsylvania.

The Women in Medicine collections provide particularly rich resources supporting this year’s NHD theme of Revolution, Reaction, Reform in History.

- **Dr. Ann Preston**, a Pennsylvania Quaker, was a member of the first graduating class of the Female Medical College of PA in 1851. When she became dean of Woman’s Med in 1865 she was the first woman to lead a medical school. **How did Ann Preston help women gain acceptance and credibility as physicians and researchers?** Profile: http://1.usa.gov/CFMAP1  Primary sources: http://bit.ly/LCAP1
- **Dr. Eliza Grier** was an emancipated slave who came to Philadelphia for medical school. She periodically returned home to pick cotton to pay for her medical training and graduated in 1897. **What obstacles might Dr. Grier have faced in becoming and succeeding as a physician?** Profile: http://1.usa.gov/CFMEAG  Primary sources: http://bit.ly/LCEAG1

Other notable women who were revolutionary in their communities, countries, and fields:

- **Dr. Mary Putnam Jacobi** used scientific studies to argue for the rights of women during the 2nd half of the 1800s. Profile: http://1.usa.gov/CFMMPJ  Primary sources: http://bit.ly/LCMPJ1
- **Dr. Susan La Flesche Picotte** was the first American Indian woman in the United States to receive a medical degree in 1889. Profile: http://1.usa.gov/CFMSLFP  Primary sources: http://bit.ly/LCSLFP
- **Dr. Mary Edwards Walker** was the first woman awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for her work as a Civil War surgeon. Profile: http://1.usa.gov/CFMMEW  Primary sources: http://bit.ly/LCMEW1
- **Dr. Anandibai Joshi** was born in India in 1865 and became one of the first Indian women to obtain a medical degree. Profile: http://bit.ly/WPAGJ1  Primary sources: http://bit.ly/LCAGJ

Find these and more National History Day resources at [http://archives.drexelmed.edu/nhd](http://archives.drexelmed.edu/nhd)

Also check out our digital collection, with online access to 1000s of items, including images, correspondence, scrapbooks, clippings, college records, diaries, and ephemera documenting the history of women.

We are located in the East Falls section of Philadelphia on Drexel’s Queen Lane Campus.
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Research Hours: Monday – Friday 9:30-4:30 and evenings by appointment
One block from SEPTA’s Queen Lane station (Zone 1) on the Chestnut Hill West line (R8) and near several bus lines.
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