Bringing Health Sciences History to the Digital Arena and a World Wide Audience or:

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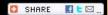
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#### **Collection content**

- 27 collections from all libraries
  - 50,000 items (with continual increase)
- 362 items, 3200 individual pages for Kornhauser Library
  - Class photos (1880's-1960's)
    - Medicine, dentistry, nursing
  - Early medical school catalogs (1837-1910)

# Planning a digital project

- 1. Brainstorm possible digital projects
- 2. Prioritize which are potentially most useful
  - a) Demand for access
  - b) Need for preservation
  - c) Connection with event or initiative
  - d) Partnership possibilities
- 3. Select materials within project
- 4. Deal with any copyright issues
- 5. Establish metadata and scanning protocols
- 6. Train scanners

#### **Content selection**

- Class photos digitized first
  - Most demand from users
  - Materials easily available despite different formats
  - Little if any copyright issues on pre-1923 photos
  - Used vendor for some scanning when more cost effective

# Establish metadata and scanning protocols

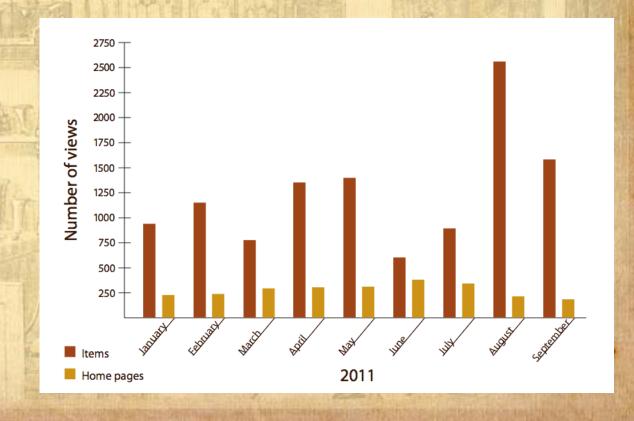
- Identify metadata fields for content established by Metadata Librarian
- Scanning protocols established by Digital Initiatives Librarian
- Determine filenaming system
- Determine work flow

## Workflow

- 1. Scan image
- 2. Add identifying information
  - a) File name, transcription from sleeve or back of image, scanning specs, original location
- 3. Send to Metadata Librarian
  - a) Add metadata
  - b) Generate access file
  - c) Upload access files and metadata
- 4. Draft collection-level information page
- 5. Design home page
- 6. Publish collection once HTML pages and item-level metadata records are ready

## Usage

 Jan-Sept 2011 – 11,295 items viewed in Kornhauser Digital Collections



# What our users say. . .

 "Your web site is terrific in bringing to the public's attention the great variety of the digital collections owned or created by your institution."

 "I am thrilled to have come across 2 photos of my great grandparents!!! Quite by accident!!"

#### **Outcomes**

- Donations of new materials
- Worldwide outreach
- Engages and serves high-use patrons
  - Public, amateur genealogists
  - Medical historians
- Also serves young people as they can access items previously unavailable for them

## What's Next

- Alumni newsletters, 1920-1926
- Commencement programs
- School of Dentistry student publications, 1895-1919
- Medical library catalog from 1847
- Records from various local 19<sup>th</sup> century medical societies

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