

**May 2013**

**Medical Treasures at Emory**



An exhibit of artifacts and historical books at the Woodruff Health Sciences Center Library

Opening reception May 17 at 5 pm

"Medical Treasures at Emory," an exhibition of fascinating historical medical books and artifacts, is on view through October at Emory University's [Woodruff Health Sciences Center Library](#) (WHSCCL) - a reminder of the days when doctors had a rudimentary understanding of human anatomy, performed surgery without antiseptic and used primitive forms of anesthesia for operations and dental work.

Artifacts on display include one of the earliest stethoscopes from the 19th century and a kit of Civil War surgeon's instruments, primarily used for amputations. There are also books from the WHSCCL's historical collections, which include 18th- and 19th-century works on human anatomy, pathology, surgery, midwifery and alternative medical practices. The books have been digitized, and patrons can virtually flip the pages at a kiosk.

Dr. Robert Gaynes, professor of infectious disease at the Emory School of Medicine, curated the exhibition with Matt Miller, a resources management senior specialist at the WHSCCL.

An opening reception, which is open to the public at no charge, will be held at 5 pm on Friday, May 17 at the WHSCCL.

[More information on "Medical Treasures at Emory"](#)

[Explore books from the exhibition via the kiosk](#)

[Watch Dr. Robert Gaynes discuss the first accurate book on human anatomy](#)

**Additions to Anthony Hecht papers**



The papers of late U.S. Poet Laureate Anthony Hecht, placed with the [Manuscript Archives and Rare Book Library](#) (MARBL) in 2002, have seen recent additions of personal papers, books and artwork, courtesy of his widow, Helen. The acquisitions include correspondence with Henri Cole, Mary Joe Salter, and W.S. Merwin, who will appear at the Emory Libraries on Monday, May 6. Read more about the joys of perusing the Hecht collection in this delightful blog entry written by MARBL staffer and fellow poet Christeene Fraser.

[Christeene Fraser's blog entry about the Anthony Hecht papers](#)

[MARBL Finding Aid: Anthony Hecht papers](#)

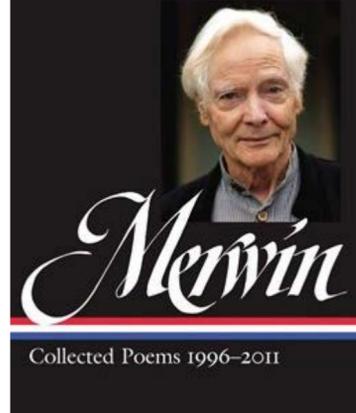
**Sisyphus and the library stacks team**

Our Woodruff Library stacks team keeps books and materials tidy and easy to find - a job that requires endless re-shelving and pushing heavy carts of books, straightening and shelf-reading for proper order, and returning wayward books to their correct place. They compare it to the labors of Sisyphus, who was condemned to push a huge boulder up a hill, only to have it roll down to the bottom when he'd nearly reached the top, forcing him to begin again. How do they deal with their work? With much humor and a focus on service. Read stacks supervisor Patrick Buckley's blog entry for an inside peek.



[Sisyphus: Patron saint of the stacks](#)

**Poems & conversation with poet W.S. Merwin on May 6**



A reminder that former U.S. Poet Laureate and two-time Pulitzer Prize winner W.S. Merwin will visit Emory on Monday, May 6, for a reading and conversation. The event, open to the public at no charge, begins at 6 pm in the Jones Room on level 3 of the Robert W. Woodruff Library on the Emory campus and will include a reception and book signing. A new two-volume set of his work, "The Collected Poems of W.S. Merwin," is expected to be among the selection of Merwin's books available for sale, ahead of its May 16 release.

[More information about the Merwin reading](#)

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