

Curator, History of Medicine Collection  
University at Buffalo, The State University of New York

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<b>Department</b>	University Libraries - Vpul
<b>Institution</b>	University at Buffalo, The State University of New York Buffalo, New York
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**Job Description**

The University at Buffalo Libraries seek a dynamic, collaborative, and service-oriented librarian to serve as the Curator of the Robert L. Brown History of Medicine Collection. This noteworthy collection includes historical materials in all areas of the health sciences, including dentistry, medicine, nursing, pharmacy and public health. Established in 1972, the collection was named in 1985 for Robert L. Brown, MD, former Associate Dean of the School of Medicine. The mission of the collection is to educate and inform members of the University and global communities about the history of medicine and the health sciences, with a particular focus on Buffalo and Western New York. Founded as a medical school, the importance of medicine as part of the University at Buffalo's heritage is central toward understanding the development of the university itself. In general, the goal of the collection is to open a gateway to the history of medicine and the health sciences by acquiring, collecting, preserving, interpreting and exhibiting books, tools and other resources from the past under the guiding principle found in the collection's motto: Chart the future by exploring the past.

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Based upon qualifications, experience, the University's standards for continuing appointment, and Libraries' standards in librarianship, research, service and outreach, we anticipate appointing the successful candidate at the rank of Senior Assistant Librarian or Associate Librarian. The Curator will report to the Interim Head of the Health Sciences Library Services and work with librarians and staff across the University Libraries.

We are looking for a skilled, passionate person to join us in making the University Libraries a center of energy and innovation on campus. You can expect to learn continuously in a rapidly changing academic landscape. We will help you be successful by providing mentorship and professional development opportunities.

As the Curator of the History of Medicine Collection, you will:

- Demonstrate the value of the collection as an important teaching and learning resource by engaging in sustained outreach to faculty, students, community members, and research scholars;
- In collaboration with appropriate faculty, staff, scholars and specialists, engage the community at-large through various outreach initiatives and activities, including but not limited to, the curation of physical and digital collections; exhibits, speakers, panel discussions, and workshops/seminars;
- Develop and implement strategies, technologies and standards that facilitate access to the collection's holdings, including the development of finding aids, the creation of digital projects, and innovative programming;
- Integrate the collection's content and services with the teaching, learning and research missions of the university by blending traditional and innovative academic library practices;
- Develop, interpret and manage an dynamic collecting program, including oversight of conservation and preservation activities for the varied medical artifacts, consistent with the University Libraries mission;
- Design, present and assess instruction in a variety of formats to meet the needs of diverse user groups;
- Respond to inquiries about the History of Medicine Collection providing research consultation services in-person, through individual appointments and via electronic communication (chat, email, text);
- Lead efforts to acquire, preserve and provide access to the historically unique materials in the fields of medical, dental and nursing history;
- Explore new areas for collection development and expand on existing collection strengths, working in close coordination with other curators and subject liaisons;
- Sponsor programs and events to cultivate potential donors and monitor potential sources of funding to support and expand the collection.

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A flagship institution in the State University of New York system and a member of the Association of American Universities, UB is the largest and most comprehensive campus in the 64-campus SUNY system. UB offers more than 400 academic programs - the largest menu of academic choices in New York State. UB provides students access to a rich variety of multicultural experiences and environments, both on campus and through our 80-plus study abroad programs. Our environmental programs, research centers, and institutes address local and global challenges and work to create a better tomorrow through sustainability. UB is among the top 10 colleges in the country for renewable energy use and in 2019, ranked No. 3 in climate action among 250 institutions worldwide. Our research, creative activity, and people positively impact the world.

Land acknowledgement: The University at Buffalo operates on the territory of the Seneca Nation, a member of the Haudenosaunee/Six Nations Confederacy. This territory is covered by The Dish with One Spoon Treaty of Peace and Friendship, a pledge to peaceably share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes. It is also covered by the 1794 Treaty of Canandaigua, between the United States Government and the Six Nations Confederacy, which further affirmed Haudenosaunee land rights and sovereignty in the State of New York. Today, this region is still the home to the Haudenosaunee people, and we are grateful for the opportunity to live, work, and share ideas in this territory.

### The University Libraries

As the largest academic research library in the SUNY system, the University Libraries offer an outstanding array of information resources, technologies, services and people to support academic achievement. The Libraries play a vital role in the academic success of our students, the teaching and research of our faculty, and the intellectual pursuits of our alumni and community members. Our broad selection of digital and print resources, innovative services, and expert staff support scholarly and creative achievements in new and exciting ways.

### The Buffalo Niagara Region

The Buffalo Niagara region is a major metropolitan area with diverse communities and outstanding assets. Listed in U.S. News & World Report's 25 Best Affordable Places to Live in the U.S. in 2019, Buffalo is on the rise and UB is proud to play an active part in its resurgence. Buffalo offers the amenities of a major urban area without the headaches. Friendly folks, quick commutes, charming neighborhoods and a low cost of living are among the benefits of life in the region. Three international bridges connect the Buffalo Niagara region to Canada. Travel to the cosmopolitan city of Toronto is only 90 minutes by car. By air, we are less than an hour to New York City, Philadelphia and Washington, D.C.



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