Dear Friends:

For Women's History Month, we're pleased to share the video of our recent event with author Janice P. Nimura on Drs. Elizabeth and Emily Blackwell, the first and third women to receive medical degrees in the United States. This month's additional content highlights important women in the history of medicine and science, a 16th-century manual for midwives, and the first woman to serve as director of the NYAM Library.

From the Collections:

**Extraordinary Women in Science and Medicine 2013**

In this month’s featured exhibit, “Extraordinary Women in Science and Medicine: Four Centuries of Achievement,” curator Bernadette S. Solomon, PhD, presents Anna Maria Davila and Edith Graham Sibley as part of the Blackwell Society, founded in 1980 by Drs. Elizabeth and Emily Blackwell. The exhibit features the works of a Nobel Prize winner, such as Gertrude Elion, Rosalyn Yalow, and Barbara McClintock, as well as Louise Bourgeois, Susan B. Anthony, and Virginia Mason, founder of the first women’s hospital, and Taisong Tzu, developer of the “blue baby” operation. The Library contained “The Making of a Medicine Woman.”

From the Blog: Janet O.D. NYAM’s First Woman Library Director

Janet O.D. (1950–1959) joined the NYAM Library in 1959 as the head of periodicals and rose to become its first woman director in 1982. Through her work in the Medical Library Association (MLA), she became a central figure in medical library work in the United States. Since 2006, she has been commemorated through MLA’s prestigious Janet O.D. Lecture, which is awarded to individuals for their unique perspectives on the history of philosophy of medical librarianship.

Noted Ghanaian “Mind the Gap”

Boetumelo Julianne Nyasulu, a Malawian-South African writer, looks at the disparate effects of the COVID-19 pandemic in “Mind the Gap: Motivational Pressure and a Gendered Pandemic,” seeing the pandemic as strengthening older social patterns more than opening up new ones. Her work appears in Nursing Clio, a blog project that ties historical scholarship to present-day issues in gender and medicine.

Noted Elsewhere: “Mind the Gap”

We look forward to welcoming you back to the Library. As we wait, stay safe, stay engaged and stay connected.

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