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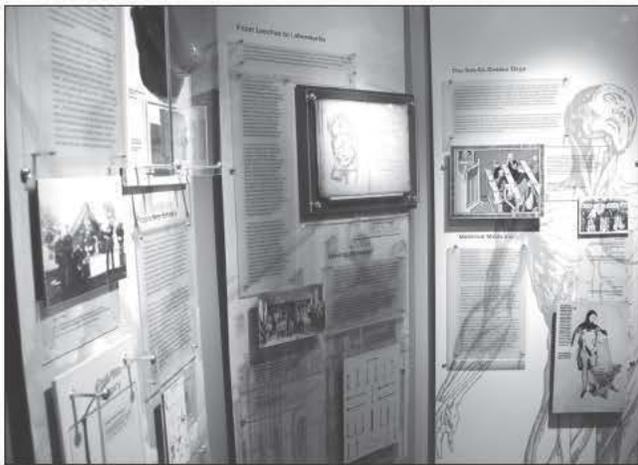
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## **New Exhibit Opening: The Johnston Research Exhibit**

A.T. Still University's Museum of Osteopathic Medicine is happy to announce the completed Johnston Research Exhibit, located in the rear portion of the main galleries. Produced in 10 sections, this long-awaited exhibit addresses the history and development of osteopathic medical research, starting with its shared historic roots in ancient medicine. The first portion of the exhibit examines the development of medical research in both Europe and America up through the nineteenth century—this portion is essential for understanding the context under which Dr. Still developed his perspective on medical care and a more comprehensive approach to treating the human body.



*This first image reveals a portion of the first three "historical context" panels.*

The visitor then moves into an explanation of how it was that Dr. Still reached his conclusions. By examining artifacts, images, and first-hand accounts, one can hopefully understand some of the complex factors that led to his early and mid-life conclusions regarding health care and educating the osteopath. By mid-exhibit, we hope that the visitor might begin to understand how both medical research and clinical education dovetailed to evolve into what became the scientific basis of osteopathic medicine. The main portion of the exhibit brings together early philosophy with the pragmatic development of a school and curriculum—a development shaped by the selection of faculty, facility, and ideology.

The second half of the exhibit chronologically advances from the Flexner Era (pushing for higher national educational standards) through the subsequent decades of osteopathic research in cranial manipulation of the 1930s and 1940s, and into the 1950s—the age of J. S. Denslow, Irvin Korr, and others.

The last section of the exhibit looks at the influence that Dr. William L. Johnston had on the curriculum from 1950 to the end of his career. He and his New England Osteopathic Association peers knew that better teaching methods were needed for students in order to achieve consistent results in osteopathic manipulation treatment. The last part of the exhibit brings us to research today by the A.T. Still Research Institute (ATSRI). It illustrates Dr. Johnston's influence on Dr. Brian Degenhardt. Recent advances in computer technology and laser imaging are providing accurate measurement in manipulation for physicians like Dr. Degenhardt. In this way, the ATSRI is addressing the concerns that Dr. Johnston presented in teaching student doctors manipulation.

Each segment within the exhibit addresses different research and educational contributions' and contributors' value and complexities, eventually culminating in present day manifestations of the osteopathic research and educational model. A special thank you is extended to Merilyn Brooks and Gail Johnston, Dr. Johnston's daughters, who helped to fund both the exhibit and the finding aid for their father's extensive research in osteopathic medicine.



*The central (main) section of the exhibit features early American School of Osteopathy equipment, imagery, and interpretation of the school's first formative years and the development of a science-based osteopathic education.*

### Farewell, Regionalia! Hello, New On-Line Event Calendar!

Although we're sad to see the end of our regular "Regionalia" column in the *MAC Newsletter*, rest assured that there is still a forum for our members to learn about upcoming professional events from across the country. The new calendar will be accessible on-line at the MAC Web site, which will mean you'll always have the most updated and accurate version available at your fingertips. Check out the new calendar at <http://www.midwestarchives.org/calendar>.

If you have an event you'd like to make the membership aware of, please send the relevant information to Jeremy Brett at [archiv\\_boy@yahoo.com](mailto:archiv_boy@yahoo.com). It'll be posted right away. Be sure to check the calendar regularly for new updates!

### Volunteers Needed for the Archival Issues Editorial Board

The editorial board of *Archival Issues: The Journal of the Midwest Archives Conference* has three vacancies to fill this spring. If you are interested in being considered, please submit a brief resume, noting any writing and/or editing experience, along with a statement of interest by March 1, 2013 to [barbara.floyd@utoledo.edu](mailto:barbara.floyd@utoledo.edu). Questions? Contact Barbara Floyd, editorial board chair, at 419-530-2170 or at the E-mail listed.

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