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Pforzheimer Fellowships in the Harvard Library Project Proposal Form

Name of library/archives: Center for the History of Medicine, Francis A. Countway Library of Medicine

School/Unit: Location/address: Harvard Medical School, 10 Shattuck St., Boston, MA 02115

Project sponsor/library or unit director: Emily R. Novak Gustainis, Deputy Director

Project supervisor(s): Project will be coordinated by the Deputy Director and collaboratively managed by the Center's Public Services team with support from the Collections Services Archivist and the Curator, Warren Anatomical Museum.

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Brief background/description of library/archives:

The Center for the History of Medicine, Francis A. Countway Library of Medicine, enables the history of medicine to inform contemporary medicine and deepens our understanding of the society in which medicine is embedded. One of the world's leading resources for the study of the history of health and medicine, the Center attracts a global audience of researchers to its integrated collections of rare books, journals, archives, manuscripts, artifact collections, and visual, sound, and moving image works. Our public programs, exhibits, initiatives, and content curation activities are directed to a diverse audience of health professionals, students, academic researchers, and the general public and derive strength of purpose from the Harvard Medical School, Harvard School of Dental Medicine, Harvard T. H. Chan School of Public Health, Boston Medical Library, and Longwood Medical and Academic Area communities. For a history of the collection, visit <https://www.countway.harvard.edu/chom/history-collection>.

Anticipated outcomes/final product:

The final product for the proposed project will be a minimum of two library guides created using LibGuides (such as those found here: http://guides.library.harvard.edu/countway_guides/) that will synthesize Center research resources (manuscripts and archives, rare books, and museum objects) in two specific areas of study: population control and mental health. Both guides will be published online and available to the public.

Project description: *(Please submit a separate form for each project proposed)*

To enhance access to Center collections, and to promote the use of history of medicine resources in the context of contemporary research, the Center is currently revising and creating new LibGuides that will be available to researchers using the Countway Library's website and discoverable in the context of clinical practice, public health, and bioresearch databases, reference tools, and research guides. This project seeks to highlight the Center's integrated approach by uniting information

about collections that cannot be delivered through other Harvard discovery portals by centrally delivering discipline-specific bibliographic, archival, and museum description.