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Spring 2018 Update

Greetings from the Historical Resources Center! The HRC has made excellent progress documenting the institution's heritage - its history, its culture, and its future. The archives continue to anticipate and adapt to the ever-evolving needs of the institution with new collections, services, and products. This edition of the newsletter will outline the strides made this quarter. In this spirit of experimentation, we're trying a new format for the newsletter to make it more conversational and hopefully more accessible.



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Tacey talks about a new way to explore our heritage

I am delighted that we have been able to redesign the HRC website and, in particular, that we could take the opportunity to highlight how our services and products go beyond what archives traditionally accomplish. In designing the HRC pages, I drew on work by business historian, John T. Seaman. He states his philosophy in an article for the *Harvard Business Review*: “A sophisticated understanding of the past is one of the most powerful tools we have for shaping the future.” At the HRC, the oral history project, our collecting activities, and all of our work for clients is inspired by this belief.

[READ THE ARTICLE: “Your Company’s History as a Leadership Tool”:](#)

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Javier on preserving our video history

For the past several years, we've relied on student interns to process our collections - especially our oral history interviews. Last fall we were fortunate to have Jenny Stockton, a library student at the University of North Texas College of Information. I worked with her on audio and video preservation and best practices for making digital objects accessible online. She also trained with Tacey on coding and segmenting so Jenny could apply the same

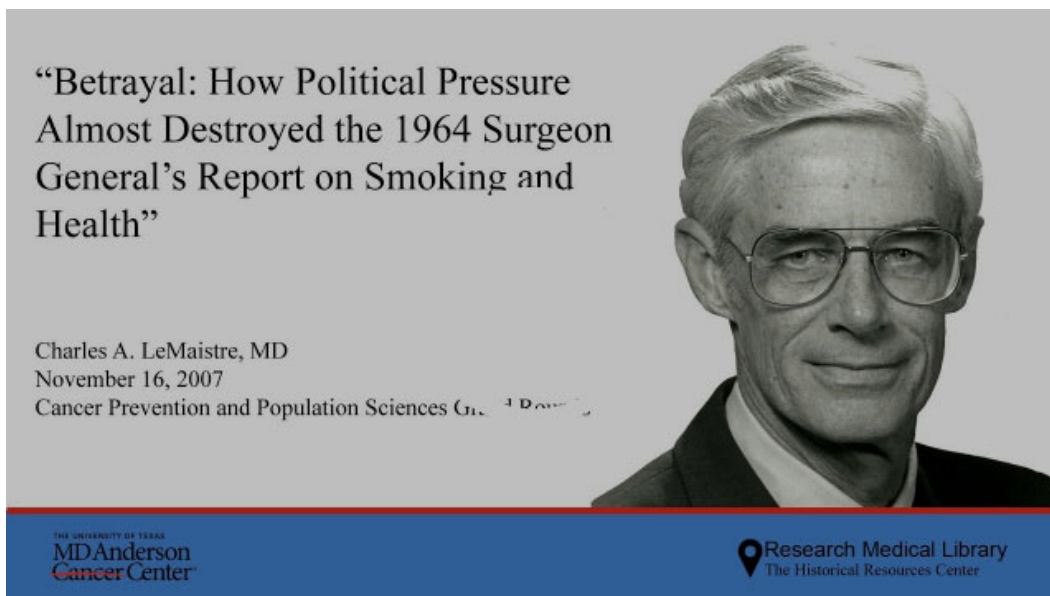
standard of description for the videos that we give the oral history interviews. This was a great opportunity to pilot adding a new digital collection to the archives.



"During my time as a Graduate Student Intern for the Research Medical Library, I gained invaluable skills and experience working with the audio and video in the Making Cancer History® Voices Oral History Collection. My experience at the Research Medical Library working was an incredible opportunity that taught me invaluable lessons about how a medical research library functions, and about how the different positions within the library interact and work as a team. I learned how to create links in OHMS, input metadata in CONTENTdm, generate a finding aid through LibGuides, and the basics of HIPAA guidelines for compliant institutions. This information and knowledge will be deeply significant when I enter the workforce in this field."

- Jennifer Stockton,
Graduate Student, University of North Texas

See an example of Jenny's work processing a speech by Charles A. LeMaistre, MD



Javier's new video digitization project thanks to the John D. and Allie Lea Orton Foundation grant

In addition to having an intern to process our video collection, I am pleased to report that we have applied for and have been awarded a \$5000 grant from the John and Allie Lea Orton Foundation. The archives is going to use the funding to develop our video preservation program. The archives houses hundreds of video cassettes of MD Anderson speeches, interviews, public service announcements that are inaccessible. By investing in equipment and training, we're hoping to tackle a massive backlog of currently inaccessible video cassettes to ensure that this important, yet endangered part of our legacy is preserved.



Tacey discusses new oral history interviews

Interview completed:

I went to Tyler, Texas to interview Kay Hermes, who worked with epidemiologist Eleanor MacDonald, PhD in the fifties on assembling data on cancer rates across Texas.

Interviews in progress:

Thomas Buchholz, MD, who served as Physician in Chief until just recently.

Carol Porter, PhD, Chief Nursing Officer, as part of the "Making History Now" series, regarding her role in managing the institution's response to Harvey.

Tacey's work with a special collection of video interviews



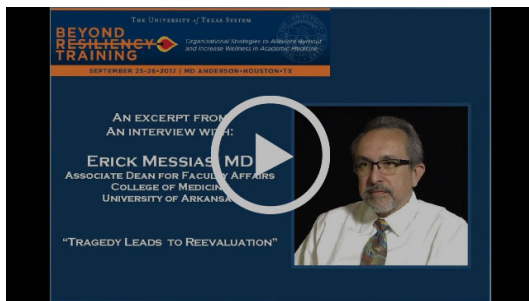
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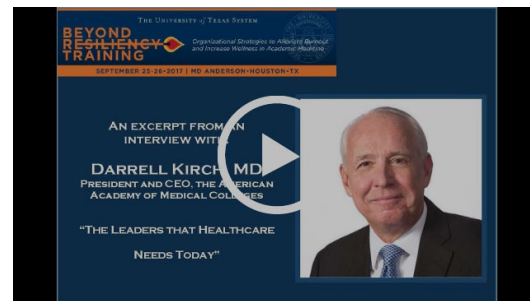
Organizational Strategies to Alleviate Burnout and Increase Wellness in Academic Medicine

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UT System asked me to interview presenters and participants in the System-sponsored Symposium, *Beyond Resiliency Training: Organizational Strategies to Alleviate Burnout and Increase Wellness in Academic Medicine*, held at MD Anderson in late September. I conducted 13 interviews and have created creating edited interviews and collections of outtake clips. I'm also working with the Wes Browning, our Information Systems person at the RML, to create a web page to present the full interviews, clips, and presentations from some of the presenters. Here is an example of a personal story about burnout from an attendee and another from a presenter about how to address it.



Attendee Erick Messias, MD
Chief Wellness Officer and Associate
Dean for Faculty Affairs,
College of Medicine, University of
Arkansas



Presenter Darrell Kirch, MD, CEO
American Association of Medical Colleges

Did you know...

that 20 years ago the institution debuted the tagline *Making Cancer History®* with the launch of its first multimedia marketing campaign.

Tacey's contribution to Creating a Shared Vision

In December, HR and Faculty Development held a joint training workshop for faculty and administrators on Creating a Shared Vision. I provided five stories used to organize discussion during the afternoon session. I also attended the afternoon session to contribute



Javier's Biomedical Health Research Data Management Training

Last year I applied for and was accepted into a new program hosted by the National Library of Medicine that trains librarians on how to create or enhance data management services. My goal is to create a service that assists MD Anderson faculty, staff, and students preserve their research data for the advancement of research at the institution and the greater scientific community. Upon completing the course, I will attend a summit at the National Institute of Health where I will present my findings on a capstone project that incorporates data management with library services.

[Find out more about this program here](#)

to discussion of the clips.

[Listen to these stories....](#)

Tacey's project with the Integrated Ethics Department

Most recently, Colleen Gallagher, PhD, Executive Director of Integrated Ethics, asked me to serve as co-investigator on a grant focusing on the needs of young cancer patients in palliative care. If funded, I'll be interviewing patients and contributing to coding and analysis of the interviews.



Many of the digitization projects we have at the HRC cannot be done without the help of MD Anderson Volunteers. Our current volunteer, Chiyeko Tsuchitani is currently helping digitize the earliest Anderson Messengers.



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