

Public Health Archives:

Public Health in Modern America, 1890-1970

NEW COLLECTION OF DIGITIZED, HARD-TO-ACCESS MATERIALS EXPLORE PUBLIC HEALTH POLICY, CAMPAIGNS, AND INITIATIVES

Gale's new *Public Health Archives* has launched its first collection, *Public Health in Modern America, 1890-1970*, a chronicle of the historical evolution of America's public health systems during the twentieth century. While numerous digitized medical history collections exist, they lack narrative focus and interdisciplinary interest, until now. Unlike other sources comprising clinical research reports and technical studies, *Public Health in Modern America, 1890-1970* tells a compelling story through rare content including unpublished reports, correspondence, ephemera, pamphlets, and more. These materials ensure the collection's value to scholars and students in the fields of American history, American studies, history of science and medicine, public health studies, sociology, political science, psychology, and economics.



HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE SETS STAGE FOR AMERICA'S PUBLIC HEALTH CARE FUTURE

In 2010, after months of contentious debate, the Affordable Care Act (ACA) was signed into law. The ensuing years, and likely the foreseeable future, have seen numerous attempts to repeal, modify or replace this federal act. Within the context of the debate over the ACA, *Public Health in Modern America, 1890-1970* provides scholars with materials that explore the fight for a national health care plan from the end of the Depression well into the 1960s. Content covers medical economics and sociology, medical care, legislation, and the role of key organizations and individuals. The collection's documentation of the evolution of public health legislation, policies, and campaigns at local and federal levels supports the examination of our past while considering outcomes for our future.

PUBLIC HEALTH SYSTEM PROVIDES BACKGROUND FOR BROADER STUDIES

While *Public Health in Modern America, 1890-1970* is deliberately focused, its depth of content supports the study of broader issues during a pivotal time in our country's history. The archive addresses twentieth-century urbanization and industrialization, the rise of public advocacy and impact of legislation, the transformation of domestic life, the role of state control in the care of its populations, the challenges presented by social attitudes, and the means, methods, and mechanisms for organizing and financing public health policy initiatives and their effects on children, women, immigrants, the poor, the disabled, workers, and other patient communities.

Organized topically within their collections by subject categories that over time have characterized the role played by public health efforts, *Public Health in Modern America, 1890-1970* includes contributions from:

New York Academy of Medicine

- The Library of Social and Economic Aspects of Medicine from Michael M. Davis: a unique collection of materials reflecting the work of one of the most prominent individuals in the fight for a national health care plan.
- The Committee on Public Health of the New York Academy of Medicine: Correspondence, Reports, and Documents: documentation of the medical history of America's most populous city, serving as a national and international data bank for the committee's work.
- Selected Publications on Public Health from the New York Academy of Medicine: Over 2,200 rare pamphlets published from the late 19th century to the end of the 1960s that document a vast array of public health issues and are addressed to a variety of popular and professional audiences.

National Archives Records Administration

- Records of the Children's Bureau: Maternal and Child Health, 1912-1969: Range of collections reflecting federal, state, and city public health efforts as well as campaigns and initiatives from public health advocates to insurance providers.

OPTIMIZED FOR DIGITAL SCHOLARSHIP

Explore this collection more deeply through Gale's *Digital Scholar Lab*—a research experience that removes key barriers of entry into digital scholarship and enables researchers of all levels to quickly build corpora of analysis-ready text data sourced from Gale's unrivalled digital collection of primary source material.

FEATURES AND TOOLS

Textual Analysis Tools Identify and visualize patterns, trends, and relationships to explore content in new ways.

Subject Indexing Easily find content and view key elements in the text.

Image Viewer Zoom, rotate, and reverse to create a custom view in full-screen mode.

Downloadable OCR Now keyword-search monographs, newspapers, and ephemera for a new level of access on all search results.

Stand-alone or Cross-search Capabilities Use the archive on its own or cross search with other primary source collections like *American Civil Liberties Union Papers, 1912-1990* to reveal connections that foster deeper understanding.

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