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AMAZING THINGS ARE HAPPENING HERE!

## 2014 JOURNAL COLLECTION CHANGES

As a matter of practice and service to the CUMC community, the Augustus C. Long Health Sciences Library systematically and deliberately evaluates its scholarly journal collection, using an ever expanding set of data points. In the past few years, we developed a sound methodology to safeguard and monitor access to peer-reviewed scholarly journals at CUMC during fiscal constraints and unpredictable exorbitant subscription price increases.

### Indicators and Data Points

For each journal we collect the following metrics, evaluated on an annual basis:

- The number of article downloads by CU researchers
- The number of articles CU researchers published in each journal, broken down by type (i.e. article, letter to the editor, meeting abstract, etc.)
- The number of times CU researchers cite articles from each journal
- The journal impact factor and category ranking from the Journal Citation Reports

To ensure that the library does not miss critical titles and continues to meet emergent needs, the following data is monitored and evaluated on an annual basis:

- The number of interlibrary loan requests
- New subscription requests

To find out more about our cancellation policy and titles selected for cancellation in 2014, please go to the Health Sciences Library Web site at:

<http://tinyurl.com/lsggrwt>

# Happy Holidays!

Open: 8 am - 6 pm  
December 20, 23, 26-27, 30

Closed:  
December 21-22, 24-25, 28-29, 31

Regular hours will resume January 2nd

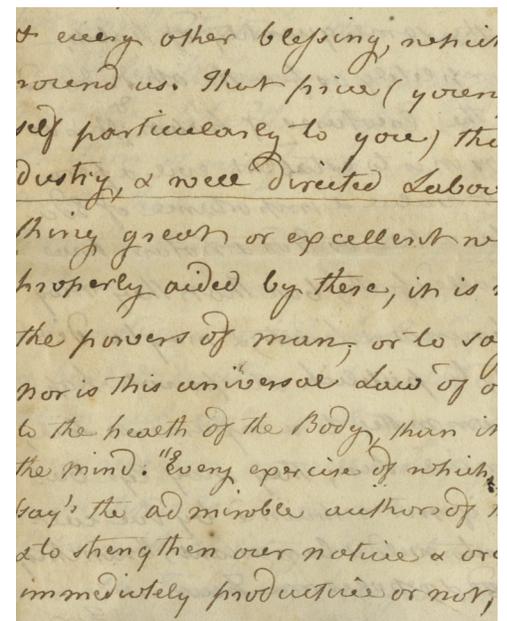
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## HEALTH SCIENCES LIBRARY ACQUIRED RARE MANUSCRIPT

The Health Sciences Library has recently acquired a manuscript by Samuel Bard (1742-1821), a founder of the Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons and a prominent early American physician. The 17-page handwritten document is the original text of his *Discourse on the Importance of Medical Education*, an address delivered by Bard to P&S students on November 4, 1811.

Bard urged the students to study with “persevering industry and well directed labour” and pointed out that while a medical student must “receive the instructions of his teachers” he also “must see, and handle, and examine for himself.”

Although Columbia’s Rare Book and Manuscript Library owns several Bard letters, this is the first manuscript by Samuel Bard to enter the holdings of the Health Sciences Library’s Archives & Special Collections. The manu-



script, which is in excellent condition, was recently purchased from an antiquarian book dealer.



## TIPS FOR WIRELESS TROUBLESHOOTING

Wi-Fi can be a vital service, and very frustrating when connections stop working. Here are our top tips for troubleshooting wireless problems:

- **Turn Wi-Fi off and on.** Restarting the wireless adapter can help it connect to a stronger broadcast signal if the device is “holding on” to an older access point.
- **Check for driver and software updates.** Vendors release improvements to drivers – the software that manages different hardware components – to make sure they work well with current wireless technology. If you have not updated this for a while, it may cause issues with Wi-Fi networks. Check Windows and Apple updates regularly for anything specific to your wireless adapter.
- **Mac and iDevice login issues on Athens:** Apple devices may store old credentials and cause a conflict when trying to login. If you’re repeatedly prompted to login and know you’re using the right password, we highly recommend removing the

Athens profile from your Wi-Fi settings altogether and doing a fresh installation. This should permanently delete any old information and resolve the issue. Look for step by step instructions coming soon in the wireless area of the CUMC IT website:

<http://cumc.columbia.edu/it/wireless>

- **Pick a good location.** Make sure you are at a campus location listed at:

<http://www.cumc.columbia.edu/it/howto/wireless/wirelessloc.html>.

Even moving or elevating your computer, tablet or phone a bit can sometimes improve signal strength.

- **Minimize interference.** Wireless or Bluetooth equipment including printers, backup storage, gaming devices, set-top boxes and speakers can be disruptive. Microwaves, cordless phones and baby monitors may also cause issues. When possible, use a physical USB/cord connection for these and disable their Wi-Fi, and move your computer, tablet or smartphone away to see if interference problems stop.

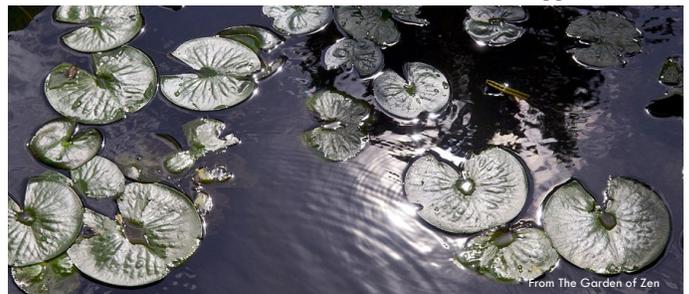
## RESOLVE TO STAY FOCUSED

Many studies have pointed to the distractions that screens can cause, whether texting while driving or checking status updates and new postings while trying to work. There are a number of applications that can help fight these distractions, from gentle reminders to severe, impossible-to-bypass network disconnecting tyrants.

- **Cold Turkey:** Windows compatible software that can be set to block specific websites and applications, with a scheduling feature. This hardcore anti-distraction program continues to run after reboot, and can’t be stopped via task manager.
- **SelfControl:** a Macintosh app to block websites and/or email; this program also cannot be disabled by restarting your computer or using force quit.
- **Leechblock:** an add-on to the Firefox web browser that can be scheduled to block specific websites or domains. Programs for

other types of browsers are also available, including [StayFocused](#) for Chrome and [Mindful Browsing](#) for Safari.

As with any program read all information before installing to make sure it’s compatible with your hardware and software, and that you fully understand how it works. Look for reputable information and reviews that offer concrete details on the app.



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### REGULAR HOURS

Monday to Thursday - 8:00 AM – 11:00 PM  
Friday - 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM  
Saturday - 10:00 AM – 11:00 PM  
Sunday - 12:00 Noon – 11:00 PM

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