This major reference collection shines a bright light on health politics. The editors have organized and introduced some of the best of the canon of health politics literature in four volumes covering political analysis of the emergence and shape of health systems, public perceptions of government’s responsibility to assure the delivery of care, health care in a comparative perspective, and the politics of health reform. (From Publisher’s Web site)

**Health Politics And Policy**


**Health Sciences Stacks**

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The Health Sciences Library’s History of the Health Sciences Lecture Series ends its 2011/12 season on April 24 with Jacalyn Duffin, a professor of medicine and of the history of medicine at Queen’s University in Kingston, Ontario, speaking on “Medical Miracles: Doctors, Saints, and Healing in the Modern World.” Based on her Oxford University Press book of the same name, Duffin begins with her experience as a hematologist with a surprising case of leukemia. This eventually led her to Rome and the Vatican Secret Archives where she studied the records of 1400 miracles used for canonizations of modern saints. Interested in how changes in medical practice and knowledge affected the use of medical evidence in the making of Catholic saints, Duffin came to conclusions that may be surprising to some.

This lecture, co-sponsored by the Friends of the Columbia University Libraries, will be held at 6pm, April 24, in Room 523, Butler Library, on the University’s Morningside Heights campus.

For more information contact Stephen Novak, Head Archives & Special Collections at hslarchives@columbia.edu or 212-305-7931

**New Databases - PsycTests & PsycTherapy**

Two new psychology-related electronic resources have recently been added to Columbia’s list of databases:

**PsycTESTS** is a research database that provides access to psychological tests, measures, scales and other assessments as well as descriptive and administrative information. It allows for searching and browsing by test name, test author, construct, and year. Go to: [http://tinyurl.com/d5ufusy](http://tinyurl.com/d5ufusy)

**PsycTherapy** is a database of streaming psychotherapy demonstrations featuring some of the most renowned therapists in North America working with participants on a host of therapeutic topics. It allows viewers to go straight to the heart of clinical practice with demonstrations of psychotherapy as it is done by today’s leading practitioners. In addition to searching, quick browsing is possible by title, therapist name, therapy topics, and therapeutic approach. Go to: [http://tinyurl.com/d5ufusy](http://tinyurl.com/d5ufusy)
FCC & MOBILE CARRIERS TO THWART CELLPHONE THEFTS

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) stated in early April that it will be working with major mobile carriers Verizon, Sprint, AT&T and T-Mobile to create a central database of missing cell phones in order to make it easier to disable or cut off service. The huge rise in recent years of cell phone theft helped spur this decision, which would make it less appealing to anyone planning to use a stolen or lost device. Currently it is easy to continue using a cell phone even if it has been reported to the mobile provider and police as stolen. The database would use unique cellphone ID numbers that multiple carriers can deny voice service to if they are listed as stolen; while some phones could continue to connect to Wi-Fi or run other applications, this would greatly reduce any resale value and should act as a major deterrent.

The FCC has noted that in New York City, over 40% of robberies involve cell phones, and that a Symantec study found that sensitive information on an unsecured phone often results in revealing sensitive personal information.¹ The mobile carriers have also pledged to help educate users on phone security, including better instructions on how to lock a phone and wipe data remotely after it is already missing.

We strongly encourage anyone with a cell or smartphone – especially any connecting to CUMC resources such at email and wireless – to make sure they are already using a password protected screen lock, and to enable other security features such as data encryption and remote tracking software. Passwords and data encryption are required for anyone who stores or accesses sensitive or confidential information as per the Columbia University Data Classification policy:

http://policylibrary.columbia.edu/data-classification-policy

Remember that removable SD memory cards can easily be plugged into another system to be read; setting encryption on the card may be the only way to prevent this from happening.

The Columbia Public Safety department offers free registration of laptops, smartphones and other electronic devices with the NYPD as well as engraving to prevent theft and help track down missing items:

http://www.columbia.edu/cu/publicsafety/

Please take time now to secure your portable devices. The FCC’s announcement is great news, but it will take some time to go into effect.


CUMC IT WEBSITE NAVIGATION UPDATES

The CUMC IT website is being updated to improve access to the information that students, faculty and staff need the most. We’d love to have your feedback, so please email help@columbia.edu with your comments and our web layout and content staff will take them into consideration.

The biggest change so far is a re-organization of links on our home page: http://www.cumc.columbia.edu/it. New Quicklinks and Policies and Security headings have been added to provide easy access to topics that have become more important for the CUMC community in recent years.

The drop-down menu from the blue horizontal navigation bar has been replaced with links, such as “Help and Training,” “Policies” and “Services”. Users may also look for information by using the Search box found in the upper right hand side of every page.

REGULAR SPRING SEMESTER HOURS

Mon. - Thurs. - 8:00 am – 11:00 pm, Fri. - 8:00 am – 8:00 pm  
Sat. - 10:00 am – 11:00 pm,  Sun. - 12:00 Noon – 11:00 pm

Walk-in Research Help: Mon. - Fri., 11:00 am – 5:00 pm  
24 Hour Computer Room - 24 hours/7 days  
After Hours Study Room - 24 hours/7 days

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