

**Drexel University College of Medicine
Archives and the Special Collections on Women in Medicine**

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Object: DVD minicam digital video tapes and VHS duplicates of oral history interviews prepared for and conducted by Joanne Grossman (Director, Archives and Art Program, Drexel University College of Medicine) and TJ Dixon and Jim Nelson, interviewer/videographer; the following subjects were interviewed:

Doris Bartuska, M.D. (WMC 1954)

D. Walter Cohen, D.D.S. – Chancellor Emeritus and former MCP
President

Lila Kroser, M.D. (WMC 1957)

Burton Landau, Ph.D. (MCP Hahnemann University faculty)

Donna Brooks, M.D. (WMC 1965)

Gene-Ann Polk, M.D. (WMC 1952)

June Klinghoffer, M.D. (WMC 1945)

Louise Schnauffer, M.D. (WMC 1951)

Barbara Chick, M.D. (WMC 1959)

Margaret Gray Wood, M.D. (WMC 1948)

Anne Barnes, M.D. (WMC/MCP/Allegheny/MCP Hahnemann/DUCOM
faculty)

Gail Forster – early leader of the National Board of the Woman's Medical
College of Pennsylvania

Date: May, 2003

Artist or Maker:

Material:

Dimensions: There are twelve time coded VHS tapes and 22 original DVD minicam digital video tapes, and 22 copies of the original digital video tapes; there are also 7 additional VHS copies of some of the interviews and one transcription (verbatim, no editing); Gail Forster

Condition:

* Several interviews were logged in the fall of 2006
(indexed)

Additional Comments: This project was begun, in part, to fulfill a need for an upcoming event: The National Board plans to celebrate its 50th anniversary in September of 2003 and wants to create a short film on the past, present and future of WMC/MCP/DUCOM and women in medicine. Funds were raised (by Walter Cohen from Colgate, Inc.) to support the project which created material that could be used in the film, and also captured the experiences of important people in the WMC/MCP community for future research use.

Log of Barbara Chick Oral History Interview, May 2003
 Notes taken by VCM, October 06

Notes	Timestamp
Education—decision to study medicine	00:00:30
Pre-med at Bates College	00:00:55
Why WMC?	00:01:15
Ruth Burrows (WMC 1951)	00:01:25
Masters in Physiology from U of Illinois	00:01:45
Choice of WMC	00:02:00
Interned at Sisters of Providence Hospital in Portland OR	00:02:40
Quality of clinical training at WMC	00:03:20
WMC admitting men—Chick wondered how the men would fit in at WMC	00:03:45
Marion Spencer Fay: “Dean Fay always made quite an impression on everyone.”	00:04:39
Mary DeWitt Pettit, WMC faculty	00:04:40
Ann Gray Taylor, WMC faculty, expert in baseball statistics	00:04:45
Relationship between WMC students and faculty—friendly but formal	00:05:20
Hartwig Kuhlenbeck, WMC faculty in neuroanatomy	00:05:40
Dr. Kuhlenbeck’s relationship with students—not close	00:06:20
Alumnae Association	00:07:00
Alums’ relationships with changes in the institution	00:07:30
Allegheny days	00:08:00
DUCOM days	00:09:00
Alum Association helps members understand why change is necessary	00:09:30
Alums “disenchantment” started with bankruptcy	00:09:55
John Gomburg (sp?)	00:10:30
Radiology training at County Hospital in Buffalo	00:11:00
Therapy training with Walter Murphy	00:11:11
Glenn Falls Hospital—interviewing for a job in radiology	00:11:30
Glenn Falls—small hospital atmosphere	00:12:00
Glenn Falls—nuclear medicine program	00:12:20
Buffalo-VA hospital	00:12:20
Had her AAC (AEC?) license	00:12:35
Radiology mentor was Luther Brady	00:12:35
American College of Radiology	00:12:45
Women physicians—more accepted now	00:13:10
Chick didn’t experience gender discrimination	00:13:25
Glass ceiling for women in academic medicine	00:13:45
Physical exam and history-taking—mainstays of her WMC training	00:14:00
Procedural changes in medicine	00:14:20
Advice to young women physicians	00:14:30
Depth and strength of WMC training	00:15:00
Harder for women physicians in cities	00:16:00

Log of Gene-Ann Polk Oral History Interview, May 2003
 Notes taken by VCM, October 06

The timestamp started over after the first 40 minutes. The first sequence of numbers is preceded by a 1, below, and the second sequence is preceded by a 2.

Notes	Timestamp
Education and early years; Howard U, Oberlin. From New Jersey.	1_00:1:30
Choice of Woman's Medical College of PA (WMC)	1_00:2:50
Dr. McCarroll	1_00:3:20
Choice of WMC	1_00:3:30
Experience of black students at WMC	1_00:4:25
Minority quotas at WMC in 1940s	1_00:5:30
Nurturing of women at WMC	1_00:6:30
Asian students at WMC	1_00:7:40
Etsuko Murayama (WMC 1953), from San Francisco, experience during WWII	1_00:8:40
Murayama—Peace Corps, Kenya	1_00:9:30
Shu-Chin Shen (WMC 1952) of Beijing	1_00:10:10
Shen in Chinese parliament	1_00:10:50
Shen visited Philadelphia in 1982	1_00:11:00
Polk's choice of pediatrics	1_00:12:00
Internship in New York at Sydenham Hospital	1_00:13:00
Pediatric residency at Harlem Hospital	1_00:13:10
WMC admitting men: Polk had a "feeling of loss", but it "had to happen" in order for WMC to survive	1_00:14:30
Race and gender discrimination	1_00:15:30
Gender discrimination	1_00:15:40
Giving up private practice	1_00:16:30
Gender discrimination from other doctors	1_00:17:00
Public health: Well-baby clinic in Englewood, NJ	1_00:18:00
Public health: school physician position in Englewood, NJ	1_00:18:25
Giving up private practice	1_00:19:30
Public health degree	1_00:19:30
Practiced with her father in Roselle, NJ	1_00:20:00
Englewood, NJ, 1959	1_00:20:45
Lenox Hill Hospital—Polk was first black woman physician	1_00:21:00
Gender discrimination from other doctors	1_00:21:30
Practiced with her father in Roselle, NJ	1_00:22:30
Working class families in her father's practice—paid doctor bills	1_00:23:45
Father's practice during Depression	1_00:24:00
Englewood was upper/middle class patients—didn't pay doctor bills on time	1_00:24:30
Englewood: gender discrimination	1_00:24:45
Moving into public health	1_00:25:00

Gene-Ann Polk cont'd

Harlem	1_00:25:20
Harlem Hospital premature nursery	1_00:25:40
Harlem Hospital children's cardiac clinic	1_00:26:15
Harlem Hospital premature nursery	1_00:26:55
Harlem Hospital ambulatory care service	1_00:27:00
Harlem Hospital and Columbia University become affiliated 1962	1_00:27:30
Polk served as interim director of Columbia/Harlem Hospital program	1_00:29:00
Received public health degree in 1968	1_00:30:50
Dr. Kahn?? Mentor at Columbia?	1_00:31:00
Polk integrated well baby and curative practices at Harlem Hospital in 1968	1_00:32:00
Susan Smith McKinney Steward Society (SSMS)	1_00:33:25
Harlem pediatric department and ambulatory care department	1_00:33:45
Harlem ambulatory satellite clinics	1_00:37:00
Ambulatory care	1_00:38:00
Harlem detox services get moved under psychiatry department	1_00:38:50
Harlem emergency care	1_00:39:00
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Ambulatory care—changes in department	2_00:00:20
Satellite services--Effect of preventive medicine on curative medicine	2_00:01:45
Harlem satellites	2_00:03:15
Susan Smith McKinney Steward Society (SSMS)	2_00:03:45
Black women physicians at Harlem Hospital	2_00:04:40
SSMS support of new African American medical school graduates	2_00:05:45
SSMS community outreach and events	2_00:06:50
SSMS events	2_00:07:15
AMWA/SSMS collaboration	2_00:07:50
Dr. Vanessa Gamble rec'd funding from SSMS for school	2_00:09:20
Harlem Hospital—women and minorities working at	2_00:10:00
Dr. Vera Dagopal?? (WMC alum), ran Harlem Hospital's dept. of pathology	2_00:10:45
Dr. Helene Mayor/Meyer?? Director of anesthesiology at Harlem	2_00:11:10
Dr. Elizabeth Davis preceded Polk as first black female director of services at Harlem	2_00:11:15
Dr. Margaret Hagerty, Director of pediatrics at Harlem	2_00:11:30
Dr. Barbara Barlowe, Director of pediatric surgery, now directs entire surgery department at Harlem	2_00:11:40
Polk's advice to today's medical students	2_00:12:50
Work-family balance	2_00:13:40
Adopting her two children	2_00:14:00
Childcare	2_00:15:10
Husband's career as dentist	2_00:15:30
WMC—positive experience for students	2_00:16:00
WMC—quality of training	2_00:17:00