



## Collection 31

### **Name and Location of Repository:**

Northwestern Health Sciences University, Greenawalt Library. 2501 West 84<sup>th</sup> Street, Bloomington, MN 55431. 952-885-5419. library@nwhealth.edu

**Title:** NWHSU Collection of Graphic and Visual Arts Materials

**Dates:** 1980s-2010s, undated

**Extent:** approx. 66 items

**Name of Collector(s)/Creator(s):** Northwestern Health Sciences University created the signs in Series 1; collectors of those materials may have been Debbie Peterson and/or Susie Biwer. Collectors of the visual arts materials in Series 2 are unknown; artists are noted in the item listings when known.

### **Administrative History**

Northwestern College of Chiropractic was founded in 1941 in Minneapolis, MN, by John B. Wolfe, Sr., D.C., to teach the principles, philosophy, and practice of chiropractic. The school has been located at 608 Nicollet Avenue, Minneapolis, in 1941-1948; 2222 Park Avenue, Minneapolis, in 1949-1973; 1834 Mississippi River Boulevard, St. Paul, in 1974-1984; and 2501 West 84<sup>th</sup> Street, Bloomington, from 1985-present. Graduates receive a doctorate of chiropractic (D.C.) degree, and may also earn a bachelor's degree in human biology.

In 1999, NWCC merged with the Minnesota Institute of Acupuncture and Herbal Studies (MIAHS; founded in 1990 by Edith Davis, Lac, DiplAc), to form Northwestern Health Sciences University (NWHSU), located in Bloomington, MN. MIAHS then became the Minnesota College of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (MCAOM) within NWHSU, teaching acupuncture, Oriental medicine principles and practices, and Chinese herbal medicine. Graduates receive a master's degree in acupuncture (M.Ac.), a master's degree in Oriental medicine (M.Om.), or a graduate-level certificate in herbal medicine. MCAOM students may also earn a bachelor's degree in human biology.

The School of Massage Therapy was founded at NWHSU in 2000, teaching relaxation and clinical therapeutic massage. Graduates receive an undergraduate-level certificate in relaxation massage or therapeutic massage, or an associate of applied science degree (A.A.S.) in massage therapy.

The College of Undergraduate Health Sciences was established at NWHSU in 2011, teaching classes for a bachelor of science (B.S.) in human biology completion program, as well as for post-baccalaureate pre-health/pre-medicine students beginning in 2013. The three non-chiropractic colleges and schools were re-organized into the College of Health and Wellness in 2015, which also began offering a program in Applied Clinical Nutrition that year. Graduates from this program receive one or both graduate-level certificates in Nutrition Intervention in Health and Disease or in Health, Wellness, and Human Performance, or a master of health science degree (M.H.S.) in applied clinical nutrition.

According to NWSU's University Accreditation webpage (last accessed December 19, 2016):

NWSU is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and is a member of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (NCA). The NCA was founded in 1895 as a membership organization for educational institutions. The association is one of six regional institutional accrediting associations in the United States. Through its commissions, it accredits and grants membership to educational institutions in the 19-state North Central region. The Higher Learning Commission is recognized by the United States Secretary of Education and by the Council on Higher Education Accreditation. Accreditation was extended to Northwestern in 1988, and was renewed in 1993, 2001, and 2010.

Northwestern Health Sciences University is registered as a private institution with the Minnesota Office of Higher Education pursuant to sections 136A.61 to 136A.71. Registration is not an endorsement of the institution. Credits earned at the institution may not transfer to all other institutions.

The Minnesota Office of Higher Education has authorized us to award degrees in Minnesota, for the academic programs offered.

The Minnesota State Approving Agency for Veterans Education approves Northwestern Health Sciences University for veterans education benefits.

Northwestern Health Sciences University is a not-for-profit corporation under articles and bylaws registered with the Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State. The university is qualified as a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization with the Internal Revenue Services of the United States Department of Treasury. 501(c)(3) status is reserved for organizations operating for educational, religious or charitable purposes.

According to the College of Chiropractic Accreditation webpage (last accessed December 19, 2016):

The Doctor of Chiropractic program offered by the University is accredited by the Commission for Accreditation of the Council on Chiropractic Education (CCE). The Council on Chiropractic Education is recognized by the United States Secretary of Education as the official accrediting body for chiropractic education. Northwestern has been a member of CCE since the Commission's inception in 1965. Accreditation was extended to Northwestern in 1971, and renewed in 1974, 1978, 1982, 1985, 1991, 1998, 2005 and 2014. The next regularly scheduled comprehensive evaluation site visit is scheduled for Spring 2022.

According to the Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine Program Accreditation webpage (last accessed December 19, 2016):

The Master of Acupuncture and Master of Oriental Medicine programs offered by the University are accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (ACAOM), which is the accrediting agency recognized by the United States Secretary of Education for the approval of programs preparing acupuncture and Oriental medicine practitioners. Program accreditation was extended in 2005 and 2010.

According to the Applied Clinical Nutrition Program Accreditation webpage (last accessed December 19, 2016):

The University is approved by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (NCA) to offer the Master of Health Science (MHS) degree and certificate programs in Applied Clinical Nutrition. The NCA is an agency recognized by the United States Secretary of Education for the accreditation of institutions that award post-secondary certificates, post-secondary diplomas, and professional degrees.

According to the Massage Therapy Program Accreditation webpage (last accessed December 19, 2016):  
Massage Therapy Certificate Program offered by the University is accredited by the Commission on Massage Therapy Accreditation (COMTA), which is an agency recognized by the United States Secretary of Education for the accreditation of institutions that award post-secondary certificates, post-secondary diplomas, and academic Associate degrees in the practice of massage therapy and bodywork. Program accreditation was extended in 2014. The next program evaluation is scheduled for the 2017-2018 academic year.

The AAS [Associate of Applied Science in Massage Therapy] degree program is included in the University's [HLC] accreditation.

According to the Undergraduate Health Sciences Accreditation webpage (last accessed December 19, 2016):

The Bachelor of Science in Human Biology degree completion program is recognized as an accredited degree program by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association.

NWHSU is governed by a Board of Trustees, made up of representatives from the academic, professional, and business communities. The university's senior leader is the president, Christopher Cassirer, Sc.D., M.P.H. Information on past presidents can be found in the finding aid for NWHSU Archives Collection #13 – NWHSU Presidents.

### **Scope and Content**

This collection consists of mounted signs and visual art, including framed prints and paintings, plates, sculptures, and a chiropractic caduceus. Artists are listed for individual items when known. Most signs are mounted on wood; these are heavy and should be accessed and used with care.

Unprocessed materials that eventually were collected here were surveyed April 2018. Collection was processed in May 2018.

**Conditions Governing Access:** None

**Physical Access:** Materials are housed in archival storage and may require advance notice for access. Older materials have sustained some damage and should be used with caution.

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*Preferred citation format:* [Title and date of item]. NWHSU Collection of Graphic and Visual Arts Materials, University Archives, Greenawalt Library, Northwestern Health Sciences University, Bloomington, MN.

**Languages and Scripts of Material:** English

**Other Finding Aids:** None

**Custodial History:** Unknown

**Immediate Source of Acquisition:** Unknown for most materials, though Series 1 materials were likely donated by Debbie Peterson and/or Susie Biwer at the time of their retirement in mid-2015.

**Appraisal, Destruction, and Scheduling Information:** Collection will be reappraised in the 2021-2022 academic year.

**Accruals:** None anticipated but may occur

**Existence and Location of Copies:** Unknown; copies are likely for many artworks but unlikely for signs

**Related Archival Materials:** Collection 14 – NWSU Collection on University History, accreditation documentation in Special Collections

**Publication Note:** None

**System of Arrangement:** Materials arranged in no particular order

**Series 1** – NWSU Signs, bulk circa 2010-2011, most undated

Consists primarily of signs mounted on foamcore, posterboard, or particle board. *Location:* most materials are in Archives Annex, stacked vertically on the floor; two signs are currently mounted as part of the Historical Hallway. Signs include university, lab, and library donors; alumni association information and members; student organizations; profiles of award-winning students, alumni, and staff and faculty members; Northwestern College of Chiropractic Foundation, Inc., metal plaque (1950?, on indefinite display in Historical Hallway outside Library); accreditation criteria; college, university, clinic, and department mission and vision statements (one, for the Office of Student Affairs, is on indefinite display in the Historical Hallway); boards of trustees and of directors; planned gift giving; stewards program; admissions recruitment materials; diversity resources; scholarship recipients; corporate partners; office signage; and Science Academy.

**Series 2** – Visual Arts Materials, 1980s-ca. 2000 and undated

Consists of framed prints, artist proofs, carvings, and paintings, plus sculpture and decorative plates, most depicting chiropractic practice. Materials are in Archives Annex. Each item is labeled with an identification tag.

- Items #31.2.1-2, 5, 6-13 (plates): These plates and framed items are by Gerald Lee Nees. One Nees work (item #31.2.2), "The Cracker Barrel Store and Chiropractic Center," is an artist proof dated 1985 and has a certificate of authenticity attached to the reverse. An unsigned sticky note formerly attached to one of the plates (currently in the archives file for this collection) states, "Paraplegic Gerald Nees painted these collector plates. Gave to donors in 1980s." *Location:* AA 6.3 and floor near AA 6
- Item #31.2.3: This painting, which appears to be of an African or African-American man, is inscribed on the reverse: "To Dr. and Mrs. De Rusha, In appreciation for all you have done for me, including making me hear again. We will always remember you with affection and respect. David & Frieda (Desreno?)." *Location:* floor near AA 6
- Item #31.2.4: This acrylic painting is inscribed on the reverse: Popocatepetl e Iztaccihuatl, Enrique Benet Gregg, Copia de Jose Maria Velasco, 29-I-1994. *Location:* floor near AA 6
- Item #31.2.14: Porcelain sculpture. *Location:* AA 6.3

- Item #31.2.15: Framed wood carving titled, “The first chiropractic adjustment – Sept. 18, 1895.”  
*Location:* AA 6.2
- Item #31.2.16: Chiropractic caduceus. Metal painted white and gold, undated. *Location:* AA 6.2
- Item #3-042: Mounted pair of bronze-look plaster(?) hands in style of placement as if giving a chiropractic adjustment. Artist, model, and patron/recipient unknown. Undated. *Location:* In full-sized box at MA 3.5  
**N.B.** This item has been transferred from its previous location in Collection 3, since it appears to be artwork rather than an award or piece of memorabilia. Its arrangement, description, and housing are being transferred to this collection, while retaining its original item numbering.
- Item #31.2.17: Framed copper? plaque featuring chiropractic caduceus, undated. *Location:* AA6.2
- Item #31.2.18: Bronze bust of John B. Wolfe, Sr. Sculpted by John B. Wolfe, Jr. *Location:* on indefinite display in Historical Hallway display case.
- Item #31.2.19: Bronze bust of J. Lamoine De Rusha. Sculpted by John B. Wolfe, Jr. *Location:* on indefinite display in Historical Hallway display case.
- Item #31.2.20: Admissions case of brochures, circa 2000. *Location:* on indefinite display in Historical Hallway display case.

### **Finding Aid Description Information**

*Sources used:* Collection materials

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