

Center for the History of Family Medicine (CHFM) Report to ADFM Board and Membership

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- ❖ The mission of the Center for the History of Family Medicine is to serve as the principal resource center for the collection, conservation, study, exhibition, and dissemination of materials relating to the evolving history of the specialty of Family Medicine in the U.S.
- ❖ The Center is a climate-controlled archive that houses the records of ADFM and seven other family medicine organizations. The archivist is available to help with research inquiries, and the catalog is available [online](#). Appointments can be made for those wishing to visit the archive. The Center encourages the ADFM to continue to send their archival materials- board minutes, journals, conference materials, correspondence, etc. The archivist is **Kelly Heide, MLS** kheide@aafp.org
- ❖ The Center has a growing collection of oral histories available [online](#). Any board members wishing to conduct an oral history are encouraged to contact the archivist at the Center. The Center would especially appreciate oral histories from the various family medicine organizations like ADFM.
- ❖ The Center is working to increase collections available for online viewing and has a plan to digitize reference requests as they are received. Digitizing all of the holdings of CHFM is a longer-term project that will take several years. The Center is also working to digitize some of the audio-visual collection that is currently stored as film or DVD.
- ❖ The CHFM endowment funds the operations of the Center, and each of the family medicine organizations, including ADFM, helps to fund that endowment.
- ❖ CHFM offers three grant programs:
 - **The Richard D. Feldman, M.D., Student and Resident Essay Contest**- scholarly essays relevant to the history of family medicine in the United States. The first-place winner receives \$2,000, and the second-place winner receives a \$1,000 award.
 - **The Oral History Grant** -one grant of up to \$3,000 to support the creation of oral history interviews focused on family medicine. The objective is to expand CHFM oral history collection on family medicine by supporting serious research that uses oral history as a principal source and offers fresh perspectives on a subject area within the field. Applicants may be researchers, AAFP State Chapters, physicians, students, residents, historians, scholars, educators, and other health professionals.
 - **The Sandra L. Panther Fellowship** – A \$3,000 award distributed to the fellow upon completion of their research at the Center for the History of Family Medicine. The 2024 fellow -**Jenna Georgiou, MD** Project: **“Lessons in Family Medicine from the Ancient Greeks”**

