The National Library of Medicine's traveling exhibit, Changing the Face of Medicine: Celebrating America's Women Physicians, will be in Kansas City from Oct. 3 to Nov. 11. UMKC School of Medicine will be one of only 61 selected public, academic, and medical libraries throughout the United States to experience this exhibit, which features the lives and accomplishments of American women physicians since they were allowed access to American medical schools 150 years ago.

This exhibit is an effort by four local academic medical libraries: the University of Missouri-Kansas City Health Sciences Library, the Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences Library, the Cledining History of Medicine Library and Museum, and the Dykes Library at the University of Kansas Medical School.

Marjorie Sirridge, M.D., one of the founding doctors of the UMKC SOM and a featured physician in the exhibit, will be the keynote speaker for the opening reception at Dykes Library on Oct. 3.

In conjunction with this exhibit, the Metropolitan Medical Society of Greater Kansas City is hosting a Web site highlighting local women physicians. In hopes of having a large database by October, members are encouraging local women to visit www.metromedkc.org?/page=women_in_medicine and share some information about their medical careers by answering the questions provided and uploading a small photograph. These profiles will be shared with area middle and high schools as a career development tool to inspire young women to enter the medical field.

**2009 Exhibit Events (library.kumc.edu/womeninmedicine/events.html)**

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**Saturday, Oct. 3**
Opening Reception: an Event of Importance, Marjorie Sirridge, M.D., former dean of the UMKC School of Medicine, hematologist and humanist, featured in the exhibit
3 p.m., KU Medical Center Campus

**Thursday, Oct. 8**
KUMC Department of History and Philosophy of Medicine Lecture Series:
Women Physicians in the Movies
Patricia E. Gallagher, senior librarian at The New York Academy of Medicine
5 p.m., reception, Cledening Foyer, 1000 Robinson, KUMC
5:30 p.m., lecture, Cledening Theatre, 2nd floor Robinson, KUMC

**Friday, Oct. 9**
New Perspectives, New Opportunities: Women Leaders in Medicine
Dean Betty Drees, M.D., along with Sandra Willise, D.O., and Barbara Atkinson, M.D.
Moderated by Marilyn Pesto, director of the Sirridge Office of Medical Humanities
3 p.m., UMKC Health Sciences Campus
Two deans and a former dean of Kansas City medical schools discuss fostering diversity and helping women reach their full potential, breaking glass ceilings, and bringing new perspectives and opportunities to medicine.

(CANCELLED)

**Thursday, Oct. 15**
Women and the Process of Discovery
Sara E. Walker, M.D., rheumatologist and former president of the American College of Physicians and American Society of Internal Medicine, featured in the exhibit.
5 p.m., Linda Hall Library of Science, Engineering & Technology

**Friday, Oct. 16**
KUMC Alumni 63rd Annual Peter T. Bohan Lecture
Nancy Wilson Dickey, M.D.
2:30 - 4 p.m., G013, SON Auditorium, KUMC
Dickey, featured in the exhibit, was the first woman elected president of the American Medical Association (AMA). She is the president of the Texas A&M University System Health Science Center and vice chancellor for Health Affairs. She is a member of the Houston-Galveston Medical Board of Advisors.

A reception honoring Dr. Nancy Wilson Dickey follows the lecture. (Please contact KUMC Alumni Relations at (913) 588-1255 for complimentary tickets to this event.)

**Tuesday, Oct. 20**
Opening the Way for Others: Women and Minorities in Medicine
Diane Buckingham, M.D., adolescent psychiatrist, featured in the exhibit and Readers’ Theater (UMKC Theater Students) will perform readings from the diaries of women physicians.
Noon, UMKC Volker Campus

**Friday, Oct. 30**
One Woman’s Journey to Becoming Chief Medical Officer of Jackson County, Mo.
Mary Dudley, M.D., M.S., R.N., chief medical examiner of Jackson County
A reception of Halloween treats will follow the presentation.
4:30 p.m., UMKC Health Sciences Campus, Theater A

**Saturday, Nov. 7**
Closing reception
Science Has No Sex: The Life of Marie Zakrzewska, M.D.
Arleen Tuchman, Ph.D., professor of history at Vanderbilt University
3 p.m., KU Medical Center Campus

For more information, go to the national Changing the Face of Medicine Web site, www.nlm.nih.gov/changes/faceofmedicine.