

**MEDICAL CENTER ARCHIVES  
OF  
NEWYORK-PRESBYTERIAN/WEILL CORNELL**

**1300 York Avenue #34  
New York, NY 10065**

**Finding Aid to the  
Weill Cornell Graduate School of Medical Sciences  
Theses and Dissertations**

**Dates:  
1917-Present**

**118.83 Linear Feet  
(80 Boxes, 360 Loose Volumes, 2.82GB)**

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**ABSTRACT:**

This is a collection of master theses and doctoral dissertations from students of the Weill Cornell Graduate School of Medical Sciences, from 1917 and the present.

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**PROVENANCE:**

The master theses and doctoral dissertations are transferred to the Medical Center Archives from the Weill Cornell Graduate School of Medical Sciences and the Samuel J. Wood Library on an ongoing basis.

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**ADMINISTRATIVE/BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE:**

Beginning in 1912, the Graduate School of Cornell University, with the cooperation of Cornell University Medical College, began offering graduate courses in the medical sciences at the medical college's New York City campus.

On January 26, 1952, the board of trustees for Cornell University approved the creation of an independent Graduate School of Medical Sciences based in New York City. This newly-developed graduate program was run in conjunction with the Sloan Kettering Institute.

In 1972, Cornell University Medical College launched a joint MD-PhD program with Rockefeller University. In 1992, this program expanded to include Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center and was named the Tri-Institutional MD-PhD Program. Upon graduating, students who complete the Tri-Institutional MD-PhD Program are awarded an MD degree from Weill Cornell Medicine and a PhD from either Cornell's Graduate School of Medical Sciences, Rockefeller University, or the Gerstner Sloan Kettering Graduate School.

In 1998, after receiving a generous donation from Sanford and Joan Weill, the graduate school was renamed the Weill Cornell Graduate School of Medical Sciences.

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"Weill Cornell Graduate School of Medical Sciences." Weill Cornell Medicine.  
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Gotto, Antonio M. and Jennifer Moon. *Weill Cornell Medicine: A History of Cornell's Medical College*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2016.

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**SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE:**

This is a collection consisting of master's theses and doctoral dissertations from students of the Graduate School of Medical Sciences (later renamed the Weill Cornell Graduate School of

Medical Sciences), dating from 1917 to the present. The master's theses were submitted to the faculty of the graduate school in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the degree of Master of Science, while the doctoral dissertations were submitted to the faculty of the graduate school in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. Several doctoral dissertations were written between 1917 and 1948, pre-dating the establishment of the Weill Cornell Graduate School of Medical Sciences. These dissertations were originally submitted to the Graduate School of Cornell University.

Theses and dissertations submitted between the mid-1930s and late-1980s were primarily bound, while those submitted after the 1990s were primarily unbound. They cover a variety of research topics, including cancer biology, improvements in medical treatments, biochemical pathways, immunology, pathobiology, pharmacology, and more.

Some master theses found within this collection were written by graduate students already possessing an MD degree. Some of the doctoral dissertations found within this collection were also written by students already possessing an MD degree, however it is unclear if these dissertations are part of Tri-Institutional MD-PhD Program.

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## **ARRANGEMENT:**

The collection is arranged artificially into two series based upon location:

### **Series 1: Onsite Theses and Dissertations, 1917-Present**

Includes theses and dissertations available only as hard copies onsite, as well as theses and dissertations only available digitally (some of which are available via ProQuest). This series is organized chronologically from oldest to newest, and alphabetically within each year.

### **Series 2: Offsite Theses and Dissertations, 1989-Present**

Includes theses and dissertations available digitally through ProQuest, which have a corresponding hard copy stored offsite. This series is organized chronologically from oldest to newest, and alphabetically within each year.

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## **CONDITIONS GOVERNING ACCESS:**

Some digital theses and dissertations are available online through ProQuest. Researchers must make an appointment with the Medical Center Archives to view theses and dissertations which are not available in ProQuest.

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## **LANGUAGE OF MATERIAL:**

English

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**PROCESSING NOTE:**

This collection was processed in 2020 by Rebecca Snyder. New theses and dissertations will be added by archives staff on an ongoing basis, and the extent of the overall collection will change each time. The finding aid was written by Rebecca Snyder in 2020.

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**ACCESS POINTS:**

Cornell University. Joan and Sanford I. Weill Medical College  
Cornell University. Graduate Program in Biological and Biomedical Sciences  
Thesis & dissertation series

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**PREFERRED CITATION:**

Item Name or Identification; Box #, Folder #; Weill Cornell Graduate School of Medical Sciences Theses and Dissertations, 1917-Present (Medical Center Archives of New York-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell, New York, NY).

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**RELATED MATERIAL:**

Graduate Theses Collected by Vincent du Vigneaud, 1930-1966

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**CONTENTS LIST:**

Please contact the archives staff at the Medical Center Archives for details about specific theses and dissertations.