

# The Dr. Jeremiah M. Gelles, M.D. Collection

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Abstract: This collection documents Dr. Jeremiah M. Gelles efforts as an individual and as a member of various protest groups to draw attention to the questionable morality of Dr. Saul Krugman's hepatitis experiments at the Willowbrook State School.

## **Administrative Information**

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### Acquisition

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### Processing Information

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## **Scope and Content Note**

This fragmentary collection includes materials documenting Dr. Gelles efforts to bring attention to Dr. Krugman's hepatitis experiments, including articles, correspondence, and protest flyers. Also present are materials Gelles collected about Krugman and Willowbrook.

## **Arrangement and Series Description**

The materials in this collection are arranged series. Series 1, Correspondence, Literary Productions, includes materials Gelles was active in writing or editing that present his views on Krugman. The correspondence file includes some incoming letters that respond to Gelles' observations. Series 2, Protest Materials, contains flyers presenting objections to Krugman's conduct. Series 3, Krugman's Hepatitis Research, constitutes a collection of materials, mostly articles published in medical journals, that present Krugman's research. Series 4,

Newsclippings, includes newspaper articles about Krugman, Willowbrook, and Krugman's hepatitis vaccine.

### **Container Listing**

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#### **Series 1, Correspondence, Literary Productions**

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| 1  | Correspondence.   |
| 2  | Circular Letter. Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons and Bellevue Hospital Medical Committees for Human Rights, 2/25/1972. |
| 3  | Circular Letter. "Human Experimentation at Willowbrook." Mount Sinai Medical Committee for Human Rights, 1972.                                |
| 4  | Circular Letter. "Willowbrook Hepatitis and Dr. Saul Krugman. NYC Medical Committee for Human Rights, 1972.                                   |
| 5  | Draft. Circular Letter, 1972.   |
| 6  | Draft. Circular Letter, 1972.   |
| 7  | Draft. Circular Letter, 1972?   |
| 8  | Draft. Circular Letter, 1972?   |
| 9  | Draft. Letter to the Editor, 1972?  |
| 10 | Draft. "Proposal to Continue the Struggle Begun in NYC Against Unethical Human Experimentation..." 1972?                                      |
| 11 | Draft. Willowbrook Talk, n.d.   |
| 12 | Letter to the Editor. <i>Medical Tribune</i> , 1972.  |

#### **Series 2, Protest Materials**

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| 13 | Flyer. "Inhuman Experimentation at Willowbrook." University Action Group and Students for a Democratic Society, 3/9/1972. |
| 14 | Flyer. Censure Dr. Krugman. NY Chapter of the Medical Committee for Human Rights, 3/1972.                                 |
| 15 | Flyer. "The Willowbrook Experiments: Medical Facism." Progressive Labor Party Medical Section, 3/1972.                    |

- 16 Flyer. "Stop Racist Dr. Krugman." Workshop on the Racist Beast of Willowbrook, 4/17/1972.
- 17 Flyer. "Ban Human Experimentation." Progressive Labor Party Medical Section, 1972?
- 18 Flyer. "Why Won't Krugman Answer Our Questions?" Students for a Democratic Society, 1972?

### **Series 3, Krugman's Hepatitis Research**

- 19 Ward, Krugman, et. al. "Endemic Viral Hepatitis in an Institution." Presented at Hepatitis Frontiers: Henry Ford International Symposium, 1956. Published, 1957.
- 20 Ward, Krugman, et. al. "Infectious Hepatitis: Studies of Its Natural History and Prevention." *JAMA*, v. 258 n. 9., 2/27/1958.
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- 23 Ward, Krugman, et. al. "Infectious Hepatitis: Detection of Virus..." *JAMA*, v. 261, n. 15, 10/8/1959.
- 24 Krugman, et. al. "Infectious Hepatitis: Studies on the Effect of Gamma Globulin..." *JAMA*, v. 174, 1960.
- 25 Krugman and Ward. "Infectious Hepatitis: Current Status of Prevention with Gamma Globulin." *Yale Journal of Biology and Medicine*, v. 34, Dec-Feb, 1961.
- 26 Krugman, Ward, Niles. The Natural History of Hepatitis. *American Journal of Medicine*, v. 32, 5/1962.
- 27 Giles, Krugman, et. al. "Viral Hepatitis; Relation of Australia/SH Antigen to the Willowbrook MS-2 Strain." *New England Journal of Medicine*, 7/17/1962.
- 28 Krugman, et. al. "Infectious Hepatitis." *JAMA*, v. 200, n. 5, 5/1/1967.
- 29 Giles and Krugman. "Viral Hepatitis." *JAMA*, v. 208, n. 3, 4/21/1969.
- 30 Krugman and Giles. "Viral Hepatitis: New Light on Old Disease." *JAMA*, v. 212, n. 6, 5/11/1970.

- 31 Krugman, Giles, and Hammond. "Hepatitis Virus, Effect of Heat on..." *Journal of Infectious Diseases*, v. 122, n. 5, 11/1970.
- 32 "Viral Hepatitis and Cirrhosis." *The Lancet*, 2/13/1971.
- 33 "Australia Antigen and Hepatitis." *The Lancet*, 3/6/1971.
- 34 Goldby. "Experiments at Willowbrook State School." *The Lancet*, 4/10/1971.  
35 Krugman. "Experiments at Willowbrook State School." *The Lancet*, 5/8/1971.
- 36 Giles. "Hepatitis Research Among Retarded Children." *The Lancet*, 5/29/1971.
- 37 Krugman. "Viral Hepatitis and Australia Antigen." *Journal of Pediatrics*, v. 78, n. 5, 5/1971.
- 38 "Prevention of Viral Hepatitis: Mission Impossible." *JAMA*, v. 217, n. 1, 7/5/1971.
- 39 Krugman, Giles, and Hammond. "Viral Hepatitis, Type B (MS-2) Strain." *JAMA*, v. 217, n. 1, 7/5/1971.
- 40 Edsall. "Experiments at Willowbrook." *The Lancet*, 7/10/1971.
- 41 "Was Dr. Krugman Justified in Giving Children Hepatitis?" *Medical World News*, v. 12, n. 38, 10/15/1971.
- 42 Krugman, Giles, Hammond. "Viral Hepatitis, Type B (MS-2 Strain)," *JAMA*, v. 218, n. 11, 12/13/1971.
- 43 Krugman and Giles. "Viral Hepatitis, Type B (MS-2 Strain): Further Observations..." *New England Journal of Medicine*, v. 288, n. 15, 4/12/ 1973.
- 44 "Inactivated Hepatitis B Virus Vaccine." *Morbidity and Mortality Report*, v. 31, n. 24, 6/25/1982.

#### **Series 4, Newsclippings**

- 45 Newsclippings, 1962; 1967; 1971; 1972; 1978.