Dues and duties: Critical edition of historical bibliographies

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Historical bibliographies

GOAL:
To create a digital archive of the Yale and Rutgers Center of Alcohol Studies
Jellinek bibliographies in numbers

Existing bibliographies

- Incomplete
- Inconsistent
- Inaccurate

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Who was E. M. Jellinek?

- 1950: Disease of Alcoholism
- 1958: The Disease Concept of Alcoholism
- 1990: To Your Health
- 2003: Jellinek's Disease of Alcoholism
The five pillars of alcohol studies

I. Research
Physiological, Psychological, Cultural, Legal, Educational, Economic, Medical

II. Publication
Quarterly Journal of Studies on Alcohol, Books, Pamphlets, Posters

III. Education
Summer School of Alcohol Studies, Institutes, Special Materials

IV. Therapy
Yale Plan Clinic for Diagnosis, Treatment, Research, Training

V. Special Services
Surveys, Information and Consultation, Institutes, Lectures, Bibliography
Investigating his biography

- Time Abroad (1920-1930)
  - Hungarian Years (1895-1920)
  - Worcester State Hospital (1930-1939)
- Alcohol Years (1939-1963)

Uncharted territory
SALIS eProceedings 2014

Substance Abuse Library and Information Studies (SALIS) eProceedings: An introduction
Judit Ward & William Bejarano

Creating History

Of chickens and eggs: How a journal built a center and a field
Robert Pandina
The Rutgers experience: The Summer School of Alcohol Studies
Gail Milgram

Discovering History

Mystery and speculations: An introduction to E.M. Jellinek’s redemption
William Bejarano
E.M. Jellinek: The Hungarian connection
Judit Ward
The family of E.M. Jellinek: Documenting a history
Christina Barabasz
The “banana book” by E.M. Jellinek
Scott Goldwein
E. M. Jellinek: The Worcester Hospital years (1930-1939)
Karen Thomas
Mark Keller and E.M. Jellinek:
Molly Stewart
The Jellinek project: Summing up, so far
Ron Rotian

Advancing History

Rich histories merge. Meet the new Hazelden - Betty Ford Foundation
Barbara Weimer
Sustaining a special library in times of transition and low-hanging fruit. The case of a drug abuse
Barbara Soita da Maritonna

Preserving History

International Alcohol Information Database – Research: Helping to meet the needs of the evidence and the future
Bryony Adams-Jones
Moving to digital collections for grey literature: Investigating the landscape and establishing a
SALISjournal.org
The Notorious E.M.J.

- **Name variations in docs**
  - Elvin, Erwin, Ervin, Alvin, Elwin
    (Current Bio, 1947 Jellinek, Elvin)
  - Morton, Marton, Márton, Martin, Merton, Morty, Mortimer

- **Nickname:** Bunky

- **Pseudonym:** A.N. Hartman
Two Jellineks?

Jellinek Morton (HUN)

- Promising young scholar from affluent family
- One of four Conmen, vagabonds (Frank, 1957)
- “later became known for his swindles” (Verebélyi, 1977)

E.M. Jellinek (USA)

- Father of alcohol studies
- Founder of Summer School
- Editor of QJSA, etc.
- Jellinek curve, formula
- *The Disease Concept of Alcoholism*

1920

Establishing connection

1947

“If the field has a saint, it is E.M Jellinek” Tony Carpenter
Early years in scholarship

- Book: *The origin of the shoe*
- Book reviews in *Ethnographia* (1912-1917)
- Presentation at 5th Psychoanalytic Congress, 1918 – keynote by Freud
The story of the “banana book”

From wife #2, Thelma Anderson:

It may be well here to mention the “banana book.” Probably the title is known to you; it is not to me. I have seen a copy — bound in dark green, hard cover; about 5"3~x8 in size, and approximately 3/4 inch thick. It is possible that a copy can be obtained from the United Fruit Company.
After failures, a potential breakthrough

Consulting a 1962 book on banana disease with an extensive bibliography led us to this reference:

1. What are the Characteristics of Growth in the First Generation?

During the first few months growth is slow. This is followed by rapid growth after which slow growth sets in again. In general, first-generation plants show stagnation in growth one month before shooting. In first-generation growth, soil is by far a more potent factor than weather. The growth curves of the first generation on various soils are characterized to a greater extent by the length of the entire growth period than by differences in shape.

2. What are the Characteristics of Growth in Older Generations?

As in the case of first-generation plants, we can distinguish here between the three successive phases of slow, fast and then slow growth, but the first slow period is more pronounced and more extended here than in the case of first-generation plants. The stagnation in growth is not immediately before shooting, but usually two to three months before that date and is followed up by a renewed growth impulse.

Weather factors show greater influence on the growth curves of these plants than on plants of the first crop. These weather influences are mainly noticeable in the last phases of growth.

3. How Long from Planting to Shooting? (First Generation)

The time required from planting to shooting depends mainly on the nature and condition of the soil and secondly, weather conditions. On light soils we find a longer average growth period than on heavy clays. On the former the mean is 206 days or 10.3 months and on the latter 270 days or 9.1 months. The minimum is 6 months on the light soils and 6 months on the heavy clays. The variation in both cases is very great but more pronounced on heavy soils.
Going viral: Herding cats


Confusion and more investigation


**Republished as:** Jellinek, E. M. (1955). The “craving” for alcohol: A symposium by members of the WHO Expert Committees on Mental Health and on Alcohol. New Haven, CT:
Nonsense Bunky verses

Don’t you know it, little Miss?
Statisticians must not piss.
If they wish to dehydrate
They must wait, they must wait
For some suit’ble transformation
In the shape of perspiration.
That is better for their health,
As well as for the Commonwealth.
The new Jellinek bibliography

- 156 bibliographic records
- 297 publications (with reprints and republished titles)

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• Know your users (alcohol historians)
• Find material, preserve primary sources
• Provide access, supply context
• Share your findings
• Inspire others
• Have fun!

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Thank you! Questions?