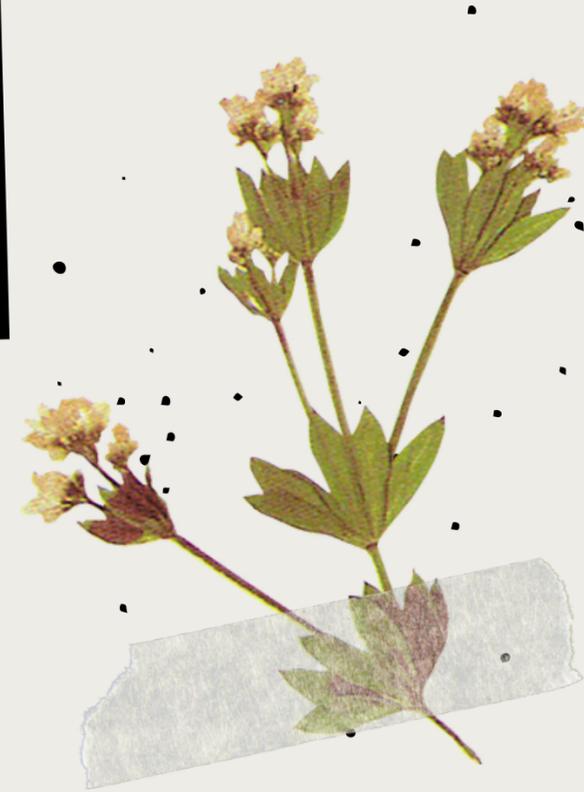


What's in a

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Documenting Duke Health's Involvement in  
Maternal Health in Durham

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# Duke University Medical Center Archives



## Mission Statement

The Duke University Medical Center (DUMC) Archives serves Medical Center customers and the global community by preserving, maintaining, documenting, and making available for research the permanent records of the functions of the DUMC and Duke University Health System (DUHS), including health care delivery methodology, research, education and training.



# Maternal Health & Mortality



Black women are three times more likely to die from a pregnancy-related cause than White women. Multiple factors contribute to these disparities including

- Variation in quality healthcare
- Underlying chronic conditions
- Structural racism
- Implicit bias

# Duke Midwifery Service Celebrates 20th Anniversary

August 20, 2019

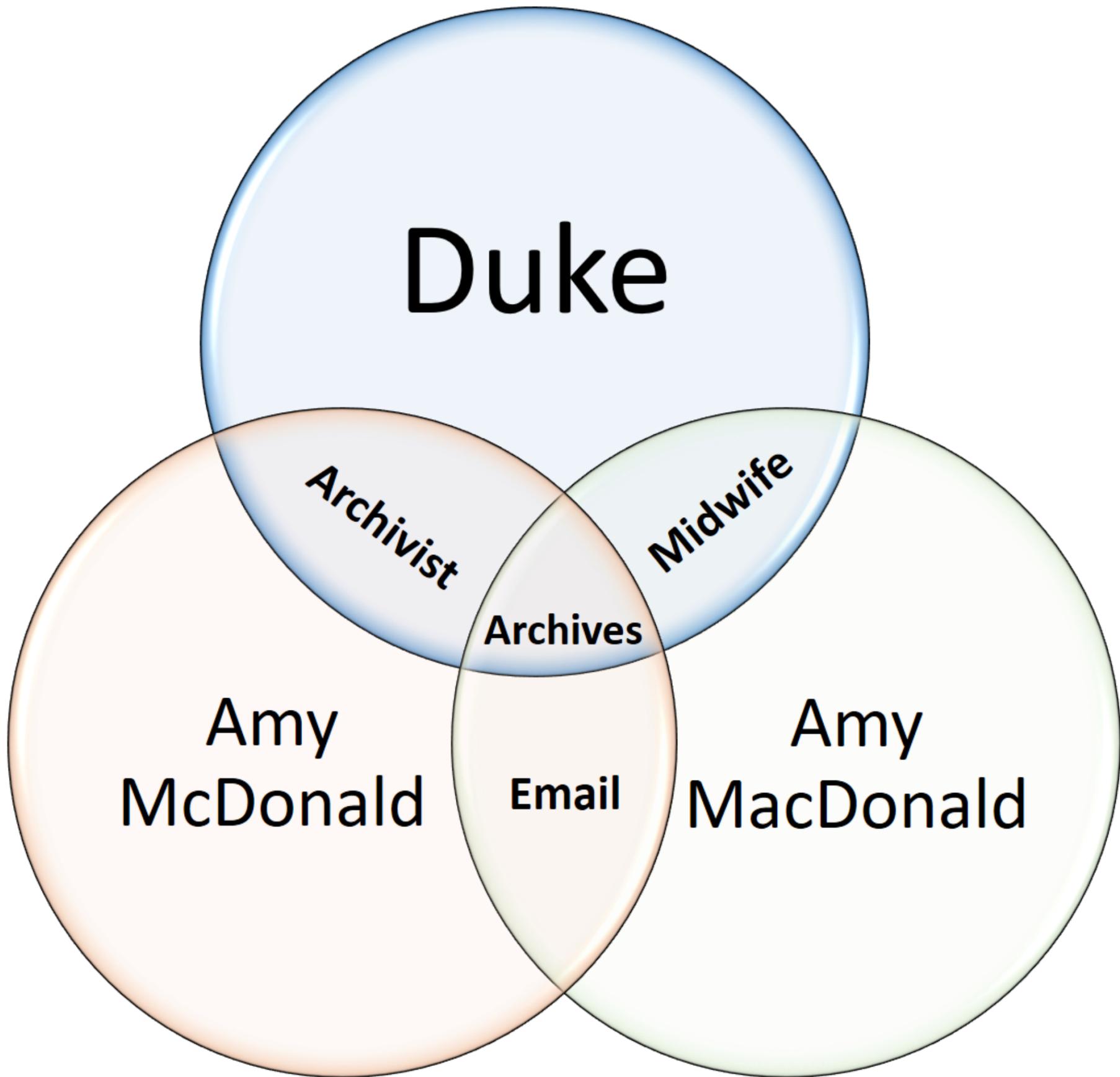


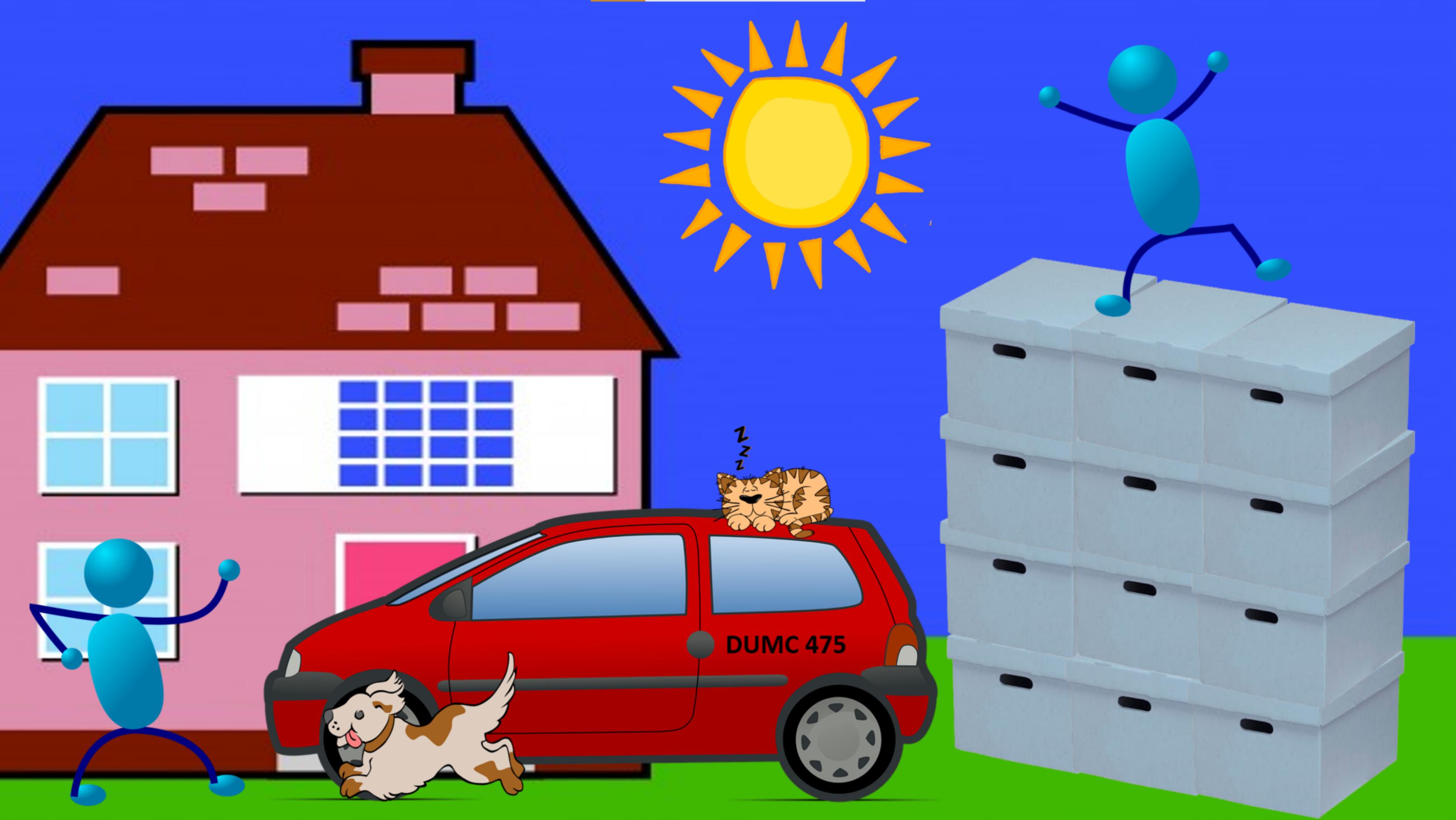
Happy 20-year Anniversary to the Duke Midwifery Service!

The Duke Midwifery Service began in 1999 with a single midwife, [Amy McDonald](#).

Today, the Women's Health Advanced Practice Providers comprise a collaborative practice of 3 nurse practitioners and 10 midwives that are a key component of the world-class care Duke Ob/Gyn's provide to obstetrical patients at the Duke Birthing Center. They provide invaluable education to Duke medical students; to Ob/Gyn, Family

Medicine and Emergency Medicine Residents; and to Physician Assistant, Nurse Practitioner and Nurse Midwife students. Studies have shown that collaborative obstetrical practices that include midwives are associated better birth outcomes. States with high "midwife integration" into obstetrical practice and midwife-friendly laws and regulations have lower rates of premature births, cesarean deliveries and newborn deaths. Experience at the Duke Birthing Center supports these data; both the care provided and the education given to learners are better because of this group of highly trained and caring professionals. They have been recognized in many ways over the last 20 years, including multiple **Friends of Nursing Awards**, **Great 100 Awards** and **Strength, Hope and Caring Team Awards**. As a group, they stand as great examples of Duke Ob/Gyn's values of Excellence and Teamwork. Congratulations.





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# Processing the Duke Midwifery Records



- First "solo" project
- Small collection (6.05 linear feet) provided many opportunities for learning.

- Sensitive Information
- Preservation
  - Artifacts
  - Oversized Posters
  - Textiles
- Bilingual Materials



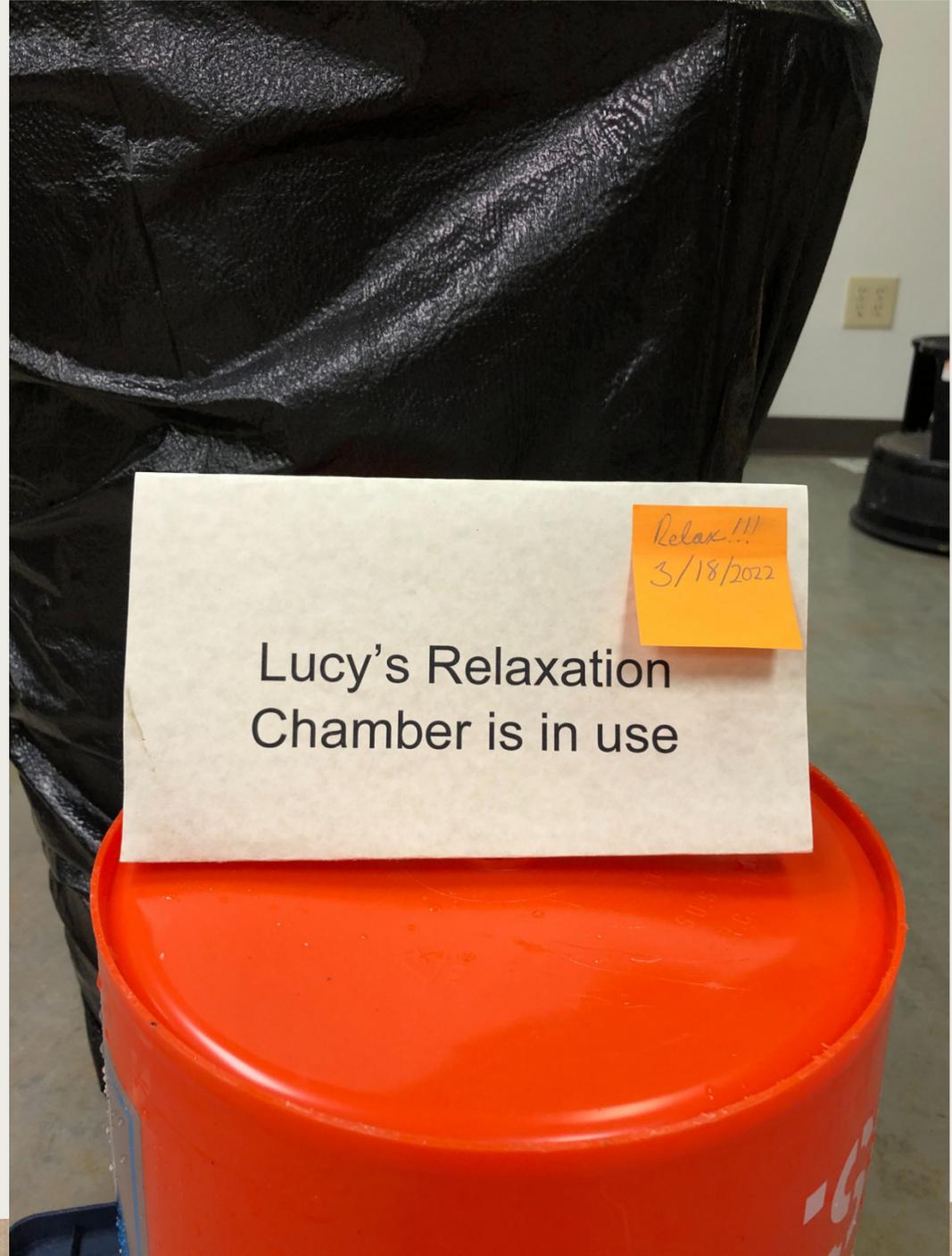
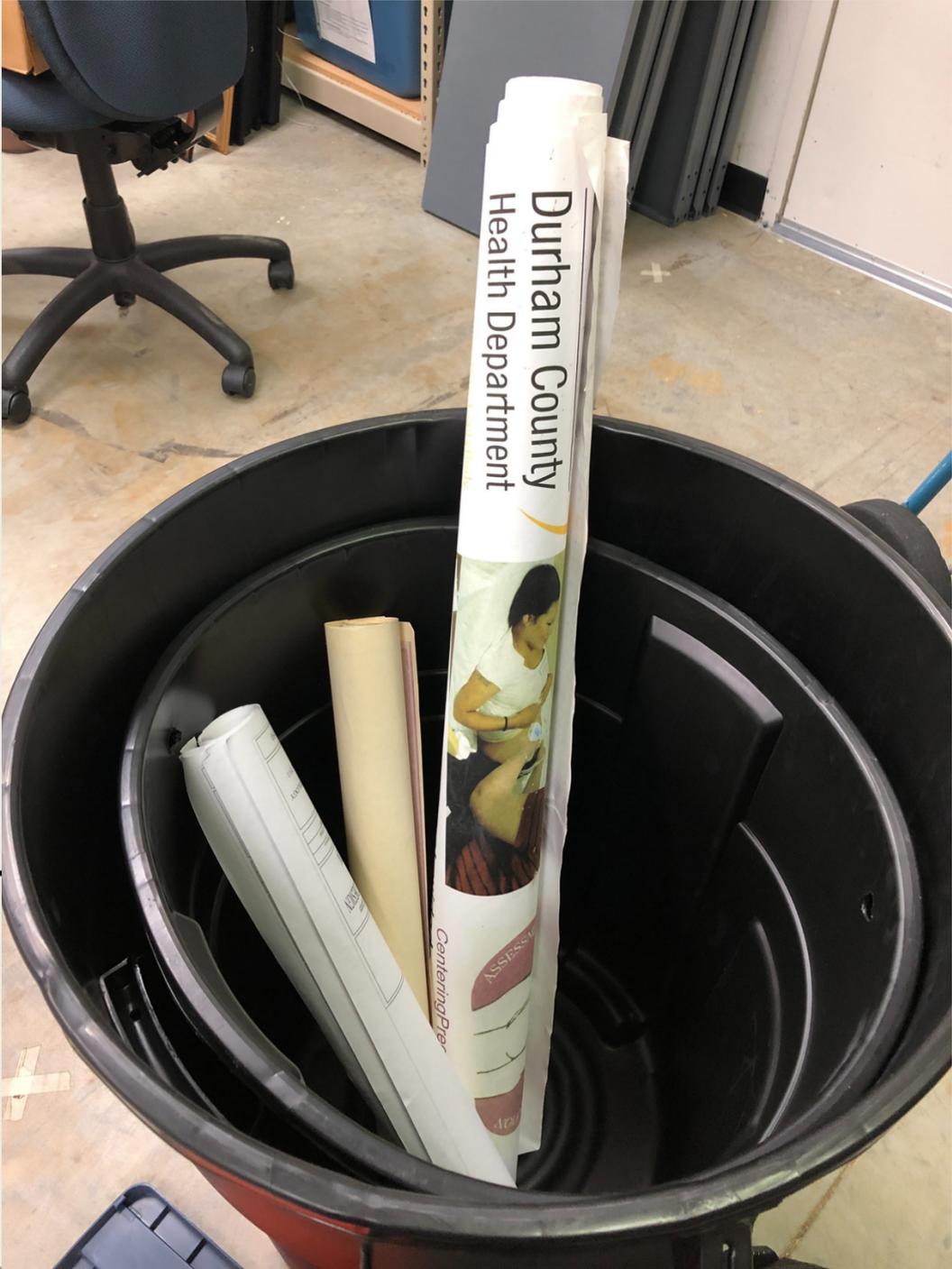
# Sensitivity Review

- Protected Health Entity and Education Institution, must take extra precaution to screen for health and educational records
- Occurrences:
  - Midwife's Birth Logs, Durham Regional Hospital and Duke University Medical Center
  - Images of mothers with newborns
  - Images of Program Participants
    - photo releases are on file with the Durham Health Department
  - Teacher Evaluations (class attendance roster)
    - Falls outside of the scope "directory information"
  - Restriction Language: "Collection must be screened for sensitive or confidential materials before being accessed. For further information consult with the Medical Center Archivist."

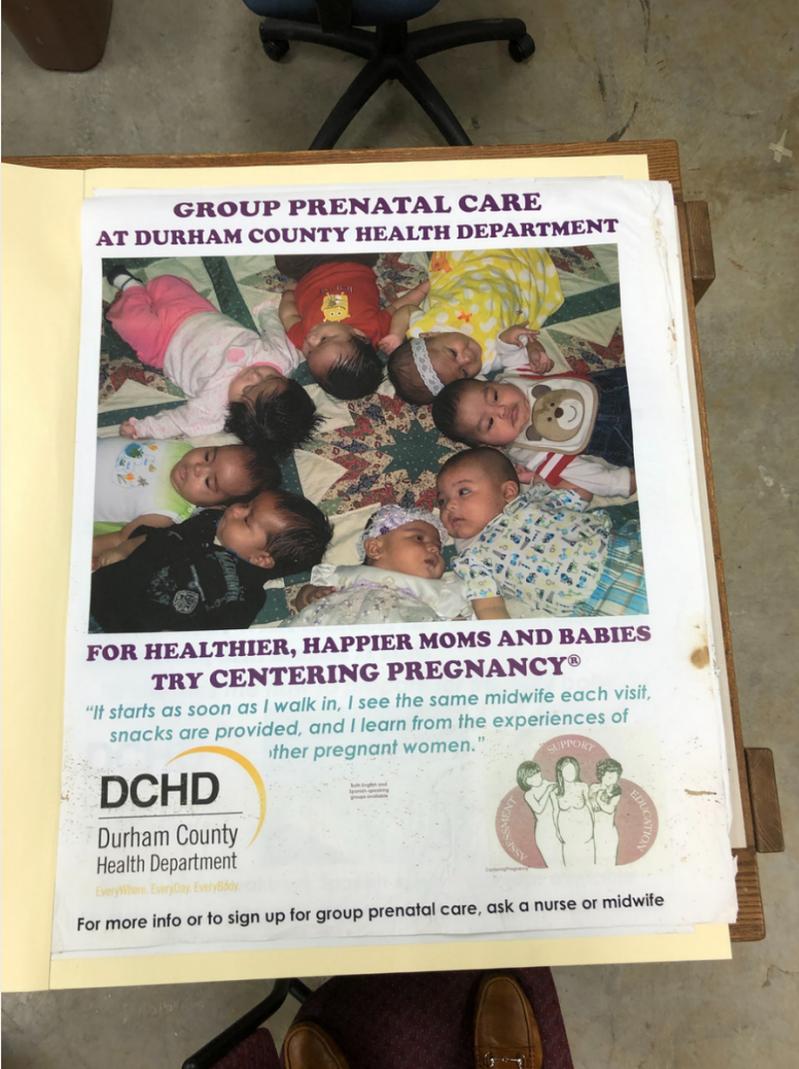
# Building an Artifact Box



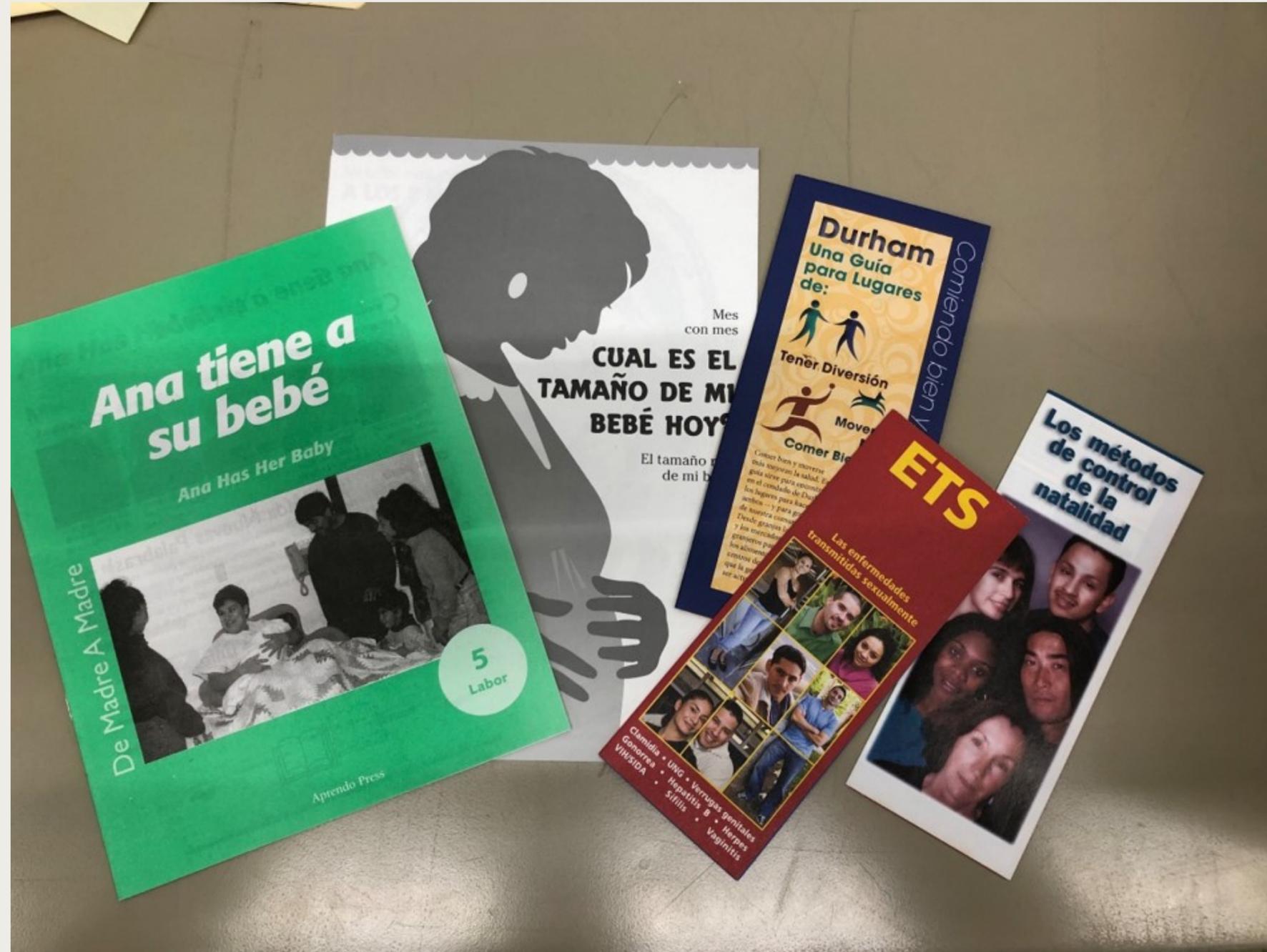
# Flattening Oversized Materials



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# Bilingual Materials



# The Archives: In Real Life!



We are located in a warehouse by the freeway, but the parking is free!



First Boomerang Lucy made of me. Jersey from Duke OB/GYN Recs



Archives van including a complete catalytic convertor--the first two were stolen :(



# Oral History



(458) oral history interviews



ORAL HISTORY INTERVIEW WITH Ann Milligan-Barnes  
Duke University Libraries and Archives  
Submitted October 14, 2022  
Researcher: Josephine McRobbie

## COLLECTION SUMMARY

This collection features an oral history I conducted with Ann Milligan-Barnes on October 5th, 2022. The 102-minute interview was conducted in Durham, NC. Our conversation explored Milligan-Barnes' early professional years at Watts Hospital, her role as an Labor and Delivery nurse at Durham/Duke Regional Hospital, her time serving in the United States Air Force Nurse Corps, as well as her experiences at the Durham County Department of Public Health, where she worked as a public health nurse and the Coordinator for the Centering program associated with Duke Midwifery Service. The themes of these interviews include community healthcare, health disparities, and pregnancy and postpartum care.

This document contains the following:

- Short biography of interviewee (pg. 2)
- Timecoded topic log of the interview recordings (pg. 3-4)
- Transcript of the interview (pg. 5-39)

The materials I am submitting also include the following separate files:

- Audio files of the interview\*
  - Stereo .WAV file of the original interview audio
  - Mono .MP3 mixdown of the original interview audio for access purposes
- Photograph of the interviewee (courtesy: Ann Milligan-Barnes)
- Scan of a signed consent form

# The Josiah Charles Trent Memorial Foundation Endowment Fund



# Project Timeline

- **Summer 2022:** DUMCA staff and Rachel Ingold will conduct additional background research into the Duke Midwifery Service program, select 4–6 interviewees, and establish contact with the potential interviewees to obtain their consent to be interviewed.
- **Fall 2022–Winter 2022/2023:** Josephine McRobbie will conduct oral history interviews.
- **Spring 2023:** After Josephine makes final edits of the interview materials, DUMCA staff will facilitate the deposit of the oral histories to the DUMCA's holdings, and, with consent, deposit the interview transcripts into MEDSpace, the DUMCA's digital repository to make the transcripts freely accessible online.

# Oral History Participants



Amy G. MacDonald



Helen M. Mikul



Antionette (Ann)  
Milligan-Barnes



Tasha Allen



Kim Quang Đâu



# Project Timeline

- **Summer 2023:** DUMCA staff and Rachel will publicize the interviews.
- **Summer 2023–Winter 2023:** DUMCA staff will develop a digital exhibit highlighting both the DMS archival collection and the oral history interviews
- **January 23, 2024:** DUMCA will launch the exhibit to coincide with Maternal Health Awareness Day.

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