

# Tom Ferguson collection

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## Collection Overview

**REPOSITORY:** Medical Historical Library, Cushing/Whitney Medical Library  
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**CALL NUMBER:** Ms Coll 100

**CREATOR:** Ferguson, Tom, 1943-2006

**TITLE:** Tom Ferguson collection

**DATES:** circa 1970-2007

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 6 linear feet (4 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** Tom Ferguson (1943-2006), Yale School of Medicine class of 1977, was a medical doctor, educator, and author. Ferguson was an early advocate for patient empowerment, urging patients to educate themselves, to assume control of their own health care, and to use the Internet as a way of accomplishing those goals. The bulk of the collection consists of publications written and/or edited by Ferguson which includes issues of *Medical Self Care* from 1970-1990; *Whole Earth* catalogs and supplements; and multiple books. The collection also includes photographs; media (a U-matic tape, VHS tapes, cassette tapes, DVDs); materials from talks, workshops, interviews, and presentations; clippings; and a copy of Ferguson's curriculum vitae.

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Meredith L. Dreiss, 2023.

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### Conditions Governing Access

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## **Selected Search Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### **Subjects**

Patient advocacy  
Patient education  
Self-care, Health