

The University of Iowa History of Medicine Society and the University Libraries  
invite you to an  
Open House in the John Martin Rare Book Room

## Birthing, Midwifery and Obstetrics through History

**Thursday, March 26, 2015, 4:00-7:30**

John Martin Rare Book Room, 4th floor  
Hardin Library for the Health Sciences

Twenty eight books from 1551 to 1894  
will be on display covering anatomy,  
midwifery, early obstetrics, and disease.



JACQUES PIERRE MAYGRIER (1771-1835). *Nouvelles démonstrations d'accouchemens, avec des planches en taille-douce*. 1822. Maygrier was one of a number of French obstetricians who followed the tradition of Jean Louis Baudelocque in refining the science of midwifery. This text-book contains a series of eighty large engravings covering virtually every phase of childbirth .



ANGÉLIQUE-MARGUERITE LE BOURSIER DU COUDRAY (1712-1789). *Abrégé de l'art des accouchements*. 1777. Le Boursier, a prominent Parisian midwife, first published this work in 1759 to aid French midwives and to improve the survival rate of newborns.