

HISTORICAL FRAMEWORK AND PRIMARY SOURCES

When approaching his work on racial disparities, it became clear to Flynn that he would need to ground his perspective in the historical evolution of attitudes towards race in healthcare and beyond. "As a white male, I can't claim to understand the effect of race on the daily life of others – so it's crucial for me to build a solid understanding or framework for the significant historical trends and events that led to where we are today."

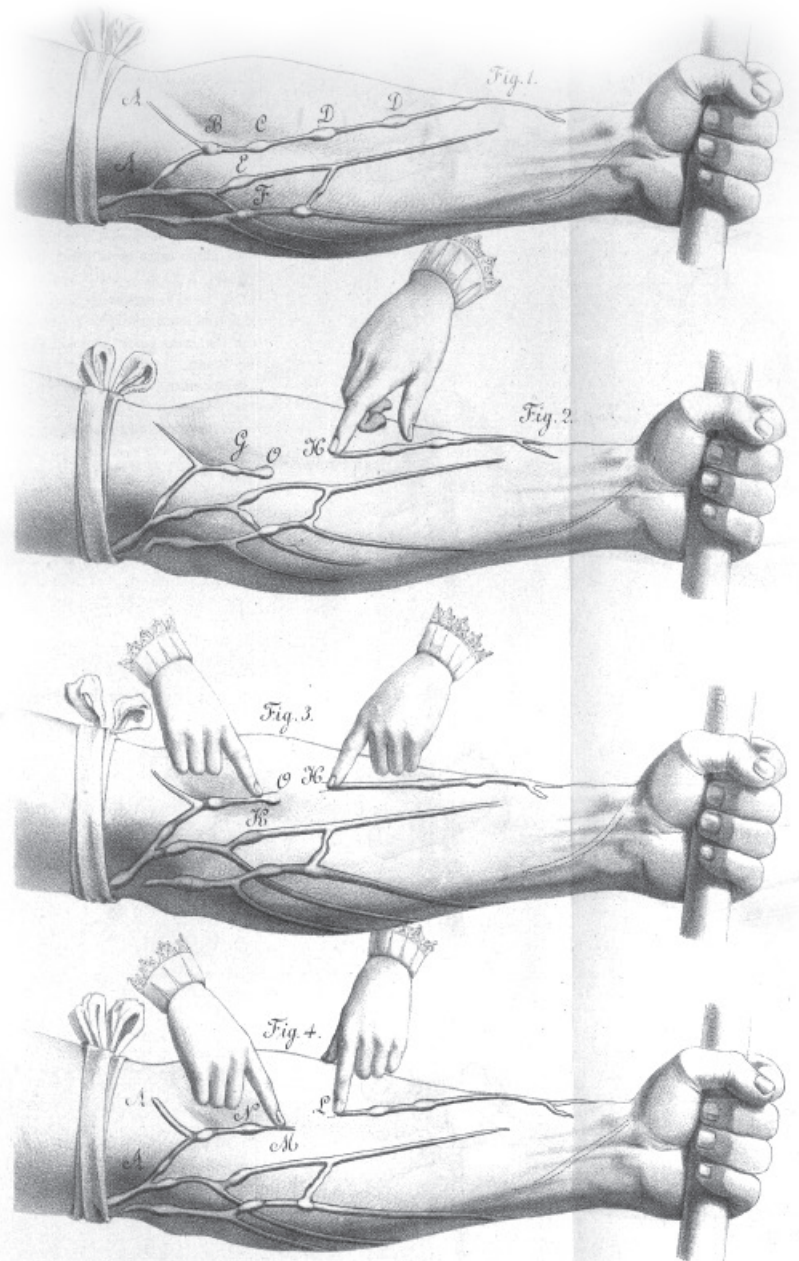
Archival materials and primary sources have been key to help Flynn frame his research. "Framing your perspective is a critical aspect of any research work," he says. "Publications and primary sources I found on Wiley Digital Archives talked about segregation, and the way people treated or perceived different social groups in the healthcare context, in ways that are discriminatory."

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Flynn benefited from searches and discoveries across the New York Academy of Sciences (NYAS), the Royal College of Physicians (RCP), the Royal Anthropological Institute of Great Britain and Ireland (RAI), and the Royal Geographical Society (RGS with IBG) archives.

“The relationships I am focusing on in my research work are strained by various social, psychological, and biological processes and factors. My sources have come from a range of disciplines, including Anthropology, Sociology, and Social Psychology. Having access to all the collections across the archives really helped me.

“In one document, I found hand drawings of human skulls placed next to hand drawings of primate skulls. They were drawn with obvious bias towards the author’s point on race.

“I also found that the language used around race and race relations was surprisingly modern. The documents talked about prejudice and oppression, and the equality of humanity. I even found documentation from the 1860s mentioning the long-lasting effect that these attitudes to race will have for future generations.”

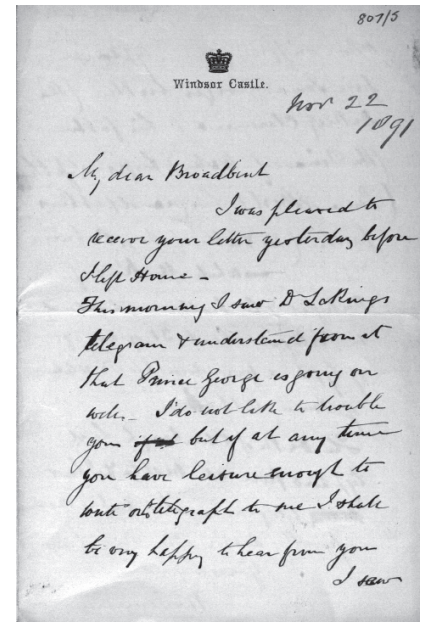


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Some of the key materials that Flynn has used for the historical framework of his research.

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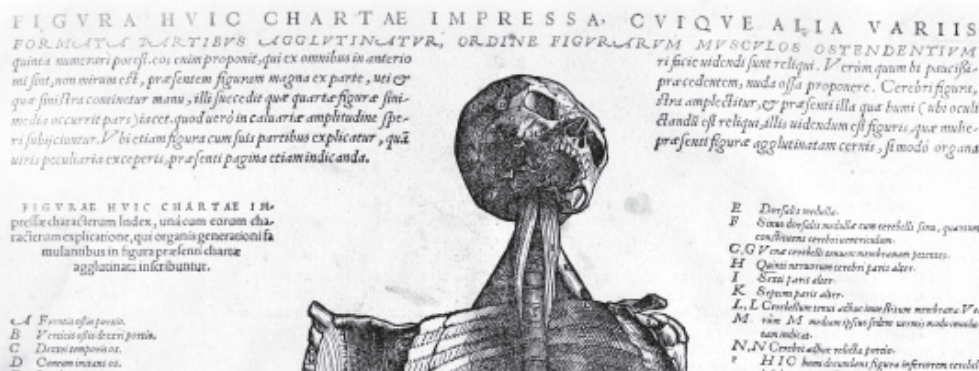
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In Flynn's case, he previously relied on searching through a whole collection for relevant information, and reading entire documents to check their relevance. "Recently, my search picked up the handwriting on the back of a photograph. I may never have discovered this before. In terms of framing my research, photographs have been a significant resource.

"Some very disturbing images I have discovered exemplify a real pathology in social behavior, and this has helped to shape how I approach and think about race and can see attitudes change. Those photographs were formative for me and helped me to understand the issues in both historical and modern contexts."

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