A decade ago, UCLA Library Special Collections began collecting individual letters, diaries, ephemera, and other mostly English-language items about the global 1918-1919 Influenza Pandemic. Students, researchers, and journalists use the collection to experience firsthand accounts of the "flu" and its impact on life and death in the military and on the home front. We will look (remotely) at a small selection of these materials. And, in a nod to Vanessa Wilkie's CalRBS Week One course, consider the question, "What about twentieth century paleography!"
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Theseus Ambrosius asserts, that this character was brought from Heaven by the Angel Raphael, by whom it was communicated to Adam, who used it in composing Psalms after his expulsion from the terrestrial paradise.

Some authors pretend that Moses and the prophets used this letter, and that they were forbidden to divulge it to mortal men.

Duret, p. 119.
In this illustrated talk, Susan M. Allen will share what she has learned by collecting and studying 18th century colonial American almanacks, especially those written and published by Nathaniel Ames. Typically, at least two printed books could be found in the homes of American colonists: one was the Bible while the other was an almanack for the current year. Allen likes to call the almanack "The Other Book." By examining the physical aspects of these almanacks and reading them carefully much is revealed about the community in which they were produced. We can learn about the society at the time, the culture, and contemporary life. These almanacks are a window into 18th century life in the North American colonies. They are unimposing and now often tattered, yet they are worthy of our investigation.

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