VOTE ON THE AAHM PRINTED PROGRAM DEBATE

Stop Distributing the Printed Program

The practice of sending out the meeting program to all members of the American Association for the History of Medicine has long been a standard one. It began at a time when no other practical way existed for informing members about the annual meeting, and for this reason it made a great deal of sense. But today, the practice of the Local Arrangements Committee sending out a bound copy of the program to all members has become outdated for several reasons.

First, and probably most importantly, the practice is expensive—the AAHM has 1,300 members, and sending each a program entails a total cost of approximately $3,200 in printing and mail charges. It is also wasteful, because the LAC still has to provide an adequate supply of programs for the meeting itself, approximately one per registrant.

Moreover, meetings today are far larger and more complex than was true fifteen or twenty years ago. Instead of a single series of sessions that everyone is expected to attend, today’s meetings feature three or four sets of parallel sessions, along with luncheon workshops and other functions, all of which must be detailed in the program. So the programs themselves have become large and complicated. Connected with this is the fact that a program printed in January for mailing in early February rapidly becomes outdated, as speakers drop out, sessions are moved, and other...

Keep on Distributing the Printed Program

When Jackie Duffin asked us to write in support of the continued distribution of the AAHM program with the registration package, we mistakenly assumed that she was demonstrating her usual sense of humor. Surely no one was suggesting that the program belongs only to those attending the meeting, leaving others to peruse the online version!

What are the possible justifications for not sending the printed program? We see only two. First, savings. Second, the flexibility to update the online program with inevitable changes.

Are these reasons sufficient? In our view they are not.

First, the savings would be modest. The major cost is the printing itself, regardless of the numbers printed; the postage difference is insignificant. Second, Local Arrangements Committees are not at risk; losses are covered by the AAHM. Third, our programs contain advertisements aimed at all 1,300 AAHM members. Reducing distribution of the program may result in loss of advertising support. Fourth, given the lead time required for printing, an errata sheet will still be needed. Fifth, the program promotes the AAHM and strengthens the sense of collegiality that is so important in any organization. Members unable to attend meetings see the problems being researched. Why alienate current and future members, when a modest investment makes colleagues feel welcome?
(continues from page 1 “Stop”) changes made. This requires the creation of an extensive errata sheet (entailing much additional time and a little expense) to be handed out when people arrive at the meeting.

Finally, in an era when access to the Internet is practically universal, the practice of sending out a final bound version of the program is unnecessary. Anyone who wishes to have and annotate the latest (and repeatedly updated!) version of the program can easily download it from the LAC’s meeting web site. And when that person arrives at the meeting, s/he will still receive a bound version of the meeting program.

For all of these reasons, therefore, we urge the AAHM to help control the rising costs of annual meetings and do away with this costly and superfluous tradition.

Tom Broman, 2004 (Madison) LAC Chair
Tim Pennycuff, 2005 (Birmingham) LAC Co-Chair

VOTE NOW!
“Keep Distributing” or “Stop Distributing”
Send your reply to AAHM President
Jackie Duffin at duffinj@post.queensu.ca

(continues from page 1 “Keep”) Sixth, the printed program entices people to attend the meeting. Whether one, twenty, or more, their absence entails intellectual and financial losses. Seventh, we’re in good company: both the Modern Language Association and American Historical Association mail printed programs to all members.

Finally, online programs are ephemeral: as historians and AAHM enthusiasts, we know that over the long run, widespread availability of the printed programs is useful for scholars and the community.

If cost is really a factor, perhaps we should eliminate the much more expensive receptions, breakfasts, and, especially, the registration bag. We suspect, however, that the “cost” of those losses would far outweigh any savings! We support maintaining the status quo; let us move on to more important concerns.

Gerald N. Grob 1999 (New Brunswick) LAC Chair
James J. Bono 1996 (Buffalo) LAC Chair

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PRESIDENT’S COLUMN

If you were in Birmingham, you will know that our annual meeting in early April was a tremendous success: an engaging program, a welcoming city with its free trolley to lively restaurants and shops, and the comfortable, vast spaces in the posh Sheraton Hotel. An added bonus was the nearby art gallery with its astonishing collections of aboriginal art, American painting, and Wedgwood china; it offered an easy escape in isolated free moments. But for most of us, the highlight was John Eyler’s Garrison Lecture given in the legendary Sixteenth Street Baptist Church and its splendid reception held in the Civil Rights Institute and generously provided by Robert Rich, Dean of UAB School of Medicine, and David Hoidal, CEO of UAB Health System. Many people made return visits to the Civil Rights museum and its park, neither of which had existed in 1989, when last AAHM met in Birmingham. Our thanks go to Michael Flannery, Tim Pennycuff, and their team for all the hard work, warm hospitality, and patient good will.

The online submission of paper proposals was resoundingly popular and will be carried on for future meetings—with special thanks to Walt Schalick, the medievalist who brought us into the 21st century. For the coming year, you will notice a line item for learning objectives. This new requirement is essential for our plan to obtain CME credit for AAHM meetings, something designed to make our meetings more accessible to physicians.

The campaign to Endow our Prizes draws ever closer to its goal, owing to your generosity and the energetic leadership of our immediate Past President Ken Ludmerer. Please take note of his message in this Newsletter.

In response to a request made at the Business Meeting, an Ad Hoc committee will be formed in the course of the next few months to study the effects of new privacy rule of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) on research in medical history. If you have suggestions, please direct them to Stephen Novak who will chair the committee at sen13@columbia.edu.

Finally, I hope that you will participate in our non-binding, unscientific, but totally democratic poll of membership about the future of the printed program of AAHM meetings. In this Newsletter, you will find the two opposing opinions on whether or not we should continue to mail the printed program to all members. Some argue that the expense is unnecessary; other societies print the program only for meeting registrants and the web now makes it available to all. Others cherish their printed program as part of a series of documents that chart AAHM history; they view it as one of the distinctive perqs of membership. Remember we want to hear from all of you—and especially those who do not normally attend the annual meetings.

Have a good summer everyone! And plan to be in Halifax next May.

Jacalyn Duffin

FROM THE EDITORS

Many of you may be enjoying your summer vacation, a break from teaching, or the warm weather while the officers, committee chairs, and others of the AAHM continue the work of the organization. This issue is full of news, announcements, and general information of interest to all of us.

In the Constituent Societies Corner you will find an article describing the Medical History Society of New Jersey. This is the first of what we hope will become a series of articles informing you about the various constituent societies affiliated with the AAHM. If you want your constituent society to be featured in a future issue, please contact us!

Jackie Duffin has asked that you participate in the “Great AAHM Printed Program Debate” by registering your view on the issue. To “vote” simply send a message to Jackie at duffinj@post.queensu.ca with the line “stop distributing the printed program” or “keep on distributing.” Feel free to provide your
thoughts on the issue as well. The AAHM Council always welcomes feedback from the membership.

Jodi Koste
Joan Echtenkamp Klein

AAHM NEWS

Endowment Update: $25,000 Matching Challenge!

I am pleased to report that the “Endow Our Prizes” campaign has enjoyed great progress since the last Newsletter. In early April, prior to this year’s annual meeting in Birmingham, the Association had raised $255,000 in contributions and pledges, bringing us close to our goal of $300,000.

Before, during, and immediately after this year’s annual meeting, a “Group of Friends” coalesced in the hope of jumpstarting the final stage of the campaign. This informal group, whose names are listed below, has provided the Association a $25,000 matching challenge. For every dollar the AAHM receives for its endowment during calendar year 2005, the “Group of Friends” will match with a dollar, up to $25,000. The “Group of Friends” was announced to the membership at the 2005 Business Meeting.

We now have a wonderful opportunity to bring the campaign to a successful close quickly. Every dollar contributed through 31 December 2005, counts twice because of the match. If we raise only $25,000 more, we will have reached our goal. (Contributions received in excess of $25,000 will go to the Association’s Prize Endowment but will not be matched.)

I urge all members and friends of the Association to take advantage of this opportunity by making a tax-deductible contribution to The History of Medicine Foundation, the Association’s endowment arm, this calendar year. No contribution is too small. Small gifts add up, and, personally, I am as touched by a $10 or $25 contribution from a graduate student or independent scholar as a larger contribution by a more established individual. Because of the match, this is the perfect time for all of us to do what we can to help assure the future of the organization we love so much. Please think of the Association when making your charitable contributions this year. For your convenience, a pledge card is included in this Newsletter. Thank you in advance for your kindness and consideration.

Ken Ludmerer

The “Group of Friends”

The AAHM is extremely grateful to the following individuals for joining the “Group of Friends.”

Ed Atwater
Tom Benedek
Paul Berman
Michael Bliss
John Burnham
Chester Burns
Peter English
John Erlen
John Eyler
Bruce Fye
Bob Frank
Gerry Grob
Bill Helfand
Margaret Humphreys
Alan Kraut
Barron Lerner
Ken Ludmerer
Margaret Marsh
Ellen More
Ynez O’Neill
John Parascandola
Cynthia Pitcock
Preston Reynolds
Chuck Roland
Charles Rosenberg
David Rosner
Bill Rothstein
Dale Smith
Rosemary Stevens
Bill Summers
Heinrich von Staden
Keith Wailoo
Neale Watson
Dora Weiner
Correction to Prize Endowment Donor Lists

At membership renewal time in the fall of 2003 and again in 2004, a number of people checked off the box on the renewal form labeled “voluntary contribution to the History of Medicine Foundation” and added that amount to their dues remission. In looking back at those donations recently, the AAHM Executive Committee realized that many if not most of those donations were intended for the Prize Endowment and not for the general fund of the Foundation. Therefore, to recognize these contributions, all donations to the History of Medicine Foundation made in this way during 2003 and 2004 have been transferred to the Prize Endowment and are listed below. Thank you!

2003

Supporter
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Allen Weisse

Friend
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Joan Jackson
Genevieve Miller
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Education and Outreach Committee

Over the next several annual meetings, the Education and Outreach Committee will be working along with successive Program Committees, to develop routine procedures and formats to allow smooth completion of the various “hoops” needed to put on AAHM meetings that will be qualified to offer accredited hours of continuing medical education. As we incorporate such changes, we hope as well over time to provide accredited experiences for other health professionals.

As a part of this process, those answering the call for paper submissions to AAHM national meetings, beginning with the upcoming 2006 meeting in Halifax, will find they will be required to describe up to three “learning objectives” they expect their presentation to convey and pursue. While this adds a task to the composition of an abstract, this step at the outset of the submission process is one important way we are trying to reliably gather the kind of information needed about presentations that is part of qualifying for granting CME credits. This step may be revised in the future as we ascend this new organizational learning curve. For now we appreciate the tangible, but we hope small, amount of additional effort it requires to submit an abstract and appreciate as well your work as pioneers in helping establish this new capability of the Association. At the abstract submission website for the 2006 meeting are links to examples of actual abstracts from last year’s program with sample learning objectives. This should provide a flavor of what the content of objectives should be like. Indeed, the preparation of such objectives can, and should, be a clarifying opportunity of the goals of your presentation, both summarizing it, and highlighting conclusions that might be illuminating to audiences not specifically expert in the speakers’ field.

Gary S. Belkin, Chair

National Coalition for History

As many of you know, our organization is a member of the National Coalition for History (NCH). Each week the UPDATE brings timely news and
information as well as analysis on the issues of concern to history and archive professionals. Because we hold membership in the coalition and actively support the NCH we have the right not only to subscribe to the UPDATE but also pull articles from postings for use in our own organizational publications. We can also redistribute the UPDATE to members of our board, our general membership, as well as to colleagues, friends, teachers, students, and others who are interested in history and archive issues.

To subscribe to the “NCH WASHINGTON UPDATE,” all that is necessary is to send an e-mail message to listserv@h-net.msu.edu with the following text in the body of the message (and only this text): SUBSCRIBE H-NCH first name last name, institution. To unsubscribe, send an e-mail message to listserv@h-net.msu.edu according to the following model: SIGNOFF H-NCH. You can accomplish the same tasks by tapping into the web interface at <www2.h-net.msu.edu/lists/subscribe.cgi> and at the “network” prompt, scroll down and select H-NCH; enter your name and affiliation and “submit.”

A complete backfile of the NCH WASHINGTON UPDATE is maintained by H-Net on the NCH's recently updated web page at <www2.h-net.msu.edu/~nch>.

Todd Savitt

Call for Papers, 2006 Annual Meeting

The American Association for the History of Medicine invites submissions in any area of medical history for its 79th annual meeting, to be held in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada, 4-7 May 2006. The Association welcomes papers on topics related to the history of health and healing; of medical ideas, practices, and institutions; and of illness, disease, and public health, from all eras and regions of the world. In addition to single-paper proposals, the Program Committee welcomes proposals for sessions and luncheon workshops; individual papers for those sessions will be judged on their own merits.

Presentations are limited to 20 minutes. Individuals wishing to present a paper must attend the meeting. All papers must represent original work not already published or in press. Because the Bulletin of the History of Medicine is the official journal of the AAHM, the Association encourages speakers to make their manuscripts available for consideration by the Bulletin.

The AAHM is using an online abstract submissions system. We warmly encourage all applicants to use this system. The website is: <www.histmed.org>. It is easy to use.

If you are unable to submit online, you may submit by sending eight copies of a one-page abstract (350 words maximum) to the Program Committee Chair, Hughes Evans, M.D., Ph.D., Division of General Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine, University of Alabama at Birmingham, 1600 7th Avenue South, MTC 201, Birmingham, AL 35233.

Abstracts should clearly state findings and conclusions as well as research questions. They should also provide the following information on the same sheet: name, preferred mailing address, work and home telephone numbers, e-mail address, present institutional affiliation, and academic degrees. Abstracts must be received by 15 September 2005. E-mail or faxed proposals will not be accepted.

Halifax Program Committee

The Program Committee urges you to submit proposals for papers and lunch sessions for the AAHM Annual Meeting in Halifax, Nova Scotia. May promises to be a lovely time to discover Halifax, a city full of beauty and history. We urge everyone to submit online < www.histmed.org >. The website will begin accepting proposals 1 August 2005 and will close 15 September 2005. This year you will notice that we are adding continuing medical education (CME) objectives to the online submission system. We are excited that we will be able to offer CME credits to physicians attending the meeting. In order to do this we will require that all proposals provide three CME objectives. These are described in Education and
Outreach Committee report above and will also be described in detail on the website. If you have questions, please contact Hughes Evans, Program Committee Chair, at hevans@uab.edu.

Halifax Local Arrangements

Halifax, Nova Scotia is a blend of old and new. Founded as a British garrison town in 1749, it is one of Canada’s most historic cities. It is also a city with fine restaurants, funky cafés, and lots of nightlife.

The conference location is the World Trade and Convention Centre, situated in the heart of downtown Halifax and perched on the edge of the historic Grand Parade. The convention hotels (there are two Delta Hotels in the city that will be providing accommodations) are within easy walking distance to the Convention Centre and there are covered walkways. All delegates will be able to stroll along the beautiful waterfront and visit the outstanding Maritime Museum of the Atlantic (replete with exhibits on the Titanic and the Halifax Explosion, the largest man-made explosion before Hiroshima) or Pier 21, best described as Canada’s Ellis Island.

Halifax has many fine parks within its boundaries, including the Public Gardens, a Victorian-era ornamental garden. On Saturday mornings, visitors can walk to the Brewery Market where local artisans and farmers sell their wares. Dominating the downtown is the Halifax Citadel, the British fortress constructed to guard the city and which now portrays Victorian-era garrison life, complete with soldiers and the daily firing of the noon-day cannon.

The Province of Nova Scotia is a popular vacation destination. Those who decide to linger a few days can take the time to visit Fortress Louisbourg, a reconstructed 18th-century French garrison town (about 5 hours driving from Halifax), drive to the beautiful Annapolis Valley and visit Port Royal, a habitation founded by the French in 1604 (about 3 hours from Halifax). Easier day trips include Grand Pré (about 90 minutes), a historic site that commemorates the deportation of the Acadians in 1755 or Peggy's Cove (about 45 minutes), perhaps the most photographed setting in Canada.

For vacation planning assistance visit the Destination Nova Scotia website <www.destination-ns.com/> or the Halifax Regional Municipality visitor information website <www.halifaxinfo.com/>.

Due to the popularity of Halifax and Nova Scotia as tourist destinations, delegates are encouraged to make their reservations at the Delta Halifax or the Delta Barrington early. You can reserve your room now but more information will be available in the Fall. Please ensure that you tell them you are coming for the AAHM meeting! As many will know, the issue of travelling across the Canada-US border remains a hot topic. While passports may not be required, they will ease re-entry to the United States.

On behalf of the Local Arrangements Committee, it is my pleasure to encourage everyone to come to the 2006 Annual Meeting of the AAHM.

Peter L. Twohig, Chair

Passport Information

The United States government has announced that US citizens will need to show their passports to re-enter the US from Canada and Mexico beginning in mid-2005. The Canadian government has informally advised the press that if the rule goes into effect it will be necessary for US citizens to show their passports to enter Canada. It would be wise to assume that homeland security concerns will both cause this change in policy to occur and produce a backlog in passport issuance for US citizens. We urge all members considering attending the meetings in Canada in 2006 and/or 2007 to apply for or to renew passports well in advance (normal delay is 6-8 weeks; three months is within the realm of the possible for late 2005, early 2006.) Information on US passports can be obtained at <travel.state.gov/passport/passport_1738.html>.
Almost twenty years ago, in 1986, the annual meeting of the AAHM was held in Rochester, New York. Participants in that meeting were impressed with the conference facilities, the local attractions, the accessibility and charm of this mid-sized city along the Erie Canal and the Genesee River and close to the shores of Lake Ontario. Rochester would be very pleased to host the annual meeting of AAHM again, in 2008 from Thursday, 15 May to Sunday, 18 May.

We have formed a local arrangements committee that will be co-chaired by Ted Brown and Stephanie Brown Clark. We have identified more than a dozen potential members of the local arrangements committee at this time and a number of them have already committed to work with us including Christopher Hoolihan, Pablo Alvarez, Richard Satran, Edward Atwater, Jules Cohen, Thomas Pearson, Sarah Liebschutz, Timothy Madigan, and Michael Jarvis.

We have worked with Jill Slater of HelmsBriscoe to identify an appropriate conference hotel and principal meeting venue. Jill has determined that the finest large hotel in Rochester, the Hyatt Regency, 125 East Main Street, is available 15-18 May 2008 at a conference room rate of $129 per night. Standard concessions, waived meeting room rental, and moderate prices for meals, breaks, and receptions are all very favorable. The Hyatt is located in the heart of downtown Rochester, along the Genesee River, and within short walking distance of restaurants, cafes, and pubs, historic sites, cultural and sports venues, including Rochester’s historic City Hall, the Geva Theatre for performing arts, the Strong Museum, the internationally famous Eastman School of Music and Theatre, the High Falls Historic Preservation District, Frontier (Triple A baseball) Field, and Blue Cross Sports Arena. It would be a longer but still manageable walk to the George Eastman House, the Memorial Art Gallery or the Rochester Science Museum. The hotel offers inexpensive parking and a complimentary airport shuttle.

For further information about Rochester and area, please visit the following websites: University of Rochester website: <enrollment.rochester.edu/admissions/Rochester/> City of Rochester website www.cityofrochester.gov

In addition to the hotel, we have identified possible off-site venues for the Garrison Lecture and reception, including the beautiful Dryden Theater of the George Eastman House and Museum, the University of Rochester’s Memorial Art Gallery, and the University’s River Campus.

Recognizing the financial and organizational complexities of the AAHM annual meeting, we plan to contact and possibly work with the University Conference and Events Office and the Rochester Chamber of Commerce. In addition, we intend to explore the possibility of arranging tours with the very active local historical preservation and education societies, the Landmark Society, and the Historical Society of Rochester. We would also like to offer excursions along the Erie Canal and the Genesee River, to the Finger Lakes Wine Region, Niagara Falls, and the famous Mount Hope Cemetery (which contains the graves of Frederick Douglass, Susan B. Anthony, and other historical figures). We would seek sponsorship from the University of Rochester and the University Medical Center, local corporations including Eastman Kodak, Xerox, Bausch and Lomb, local biotech and pharmaceutical firms, the Monroe County Medical Society, the Rochester Academy of Medicine, and local cultural and historical institutions.

We are excited about the possibility of bringing the AAHM to Rochester once again. It is a city with an impressive medical tradition and historical sensibility, a first-class university, major cultural and historical institutions, and a world-class hotel and conference facilities. It is also a mid-sized city that is small enough to be friendly, safe and easy to navigate, yet big enough to comfortably offer diversity, amenities, and charm. It would be a great place for AAHM.

Ted Brown
Stephanie Brown Clark
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2005-2006

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AAHM PRIZES

AAHM 2005 Award Winners

The AAHM is pleased to announce the recipients of its 2005 awards, which were presented at the Association’s annual meeting in Birmingham, Alabama, on 9 April 2005. They are as follows:
**William Osler Medal** (Awarded for the best historical essay by a medical student)

Winner: Adam D. Lipworth, University of Pennsylvania, “The Waksman Campaign: Dr. Selman Waksman’s Struggle to Preserve His Heroic Image Through a Bitter Credit Dispute Over Streptomycin”


**Richard H. Shryock Medal** (Awarded for the best historical essay by a graduate student)

Winner: Alisha Rankin, Harvard University, “Duchess, Heal Thyself: Recipes, Physicians, and the Diseases of Elisabeth of Rochlitz (1502-57)”

Honorable Mention: Andrew Ray Ruis, University of Wisconsin, “Bringing the Laboratory to the Street: The Bacteriological Diagnosis of Diphtheria in Late Nineteenth-Century New York”

Honorable Mention: Miriam Gross, University of California, San Diego, “Healthy Children, Mighty Nation: Synthesizing Western and Chinese Medicine in Late Qing Health and Morality Books”

**William H. Welch Medal** (Awarded to the author of a recent book of outstanding scholarly merit published in the field of medical history)


**J. Worth Estes Prize** (Awarded to the author of a recent article of outstanding scholarly merit in the history of pharmacology)


**Lifetime Achievement Award** (Awarded to a longtime member of the Association who has a distinguished record of support of and scholarship in the history of medicine)

Guenter B. Risse

**Fielding H. Garrison Lecture**, presented on 8 April 2005. (Lecturer selected on the basis of distinguished contributions to medical history)

John M. Eyler, University of Minnesota, “De Kruif’s Boast: Vaccine Development and the Construction of a Virus.”

**Call for Nominations, AAHM Awards 2006**

**J. Worth Estes Award:** This award was established in honor of J. Worth Estes, M.D., in recognition of his many years of invaluable contributions to the American Association for the History of Medicine and to scholarship in the history of medicine. The award is made annually for the best published paper in the history of pharmacology during the previous two years, whether appearing in a journal or a book collection of papers. The choice of topic reflects Worth Estes’ long tenure as Professor of Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics at Boston University and his own scholarship in the history of pharmacology.

For the purpose of this award, the history of pharmacology will be defined broadly to include ancient and traditional materia medica, folk medicines, herbal medicines, the pharmaceuticals and medications of the modern era, pharmacetics, and the like. It shall encompass the discovery of medicaments, basic investigations about them, their characteristics and properties, their preparation, and their therapeutic applications.

While the committee will be monitoring relevant journals and books where such papers might appear, they welcome nominations of papers that would be eligible for consideration. The nomination should consist of a letter citing the work along with a copy of the paper. For the current award, candidate papers will be those published in 2004 and 2005. Papers in languages other than English should be accompanied
by a translation or detailed precis. Nominations should be directed to the Chair of the Committee, Suzanne White Junod, Ph.D., 7212 Deer Lake Lane, Rockville, MD 20855-1986; sjunod@ora.fda.gov. Nominations must be received by the Committee Chair by 15 January 2006.

The award will be presented at the 2006 annual meeting of the AAHM in Halifax, Nova Scotia, 4-7 May. As a result of a generous contribution in honor of Worth Estes from a member of the Association, the award will be accompanied by a $500 check.

**Lifetime Achievement Award:** This award was established in 1988; the first recipients were Saul Jarcho, Lester King, and Owsei Temkin. The award is given annually to a member of the Association who has retired from regular institutional affiliation or practice, with a distinguished record of support of the history of medicine over many years, and who has made continuing scholarly contributions of a distinguished nature. Christian Warren, Ph.D., chair of the Lifetime Achievement Award Committee, welcomes nominations for the award, which should include one or two paragraphs of explanation and support for the nomination. Dr. Warren can be contacted at: New York Academy of Medicine, 1216 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10029; cwarren@nyam.org. Deadline for nominations: 31 October 2005.

**Osler Medal Essay Contest:** The William Osler Medal is awarded annually for the best unpublished essay on a medical historical topic written by a student enrolled in a school of medicine or osteopathy in the United States or Canada. First awarded in 1942, the medal commemorates Sir William Osler, who stimulated an interest in the humanities among medical students and physicians. The writer of the winning essay will be invited to attend the 2006 AAHM meeting, 4-7 May, in Halifax, Nova Scotia, where the medal will be conferred. Reasonable travel expenses will be provided, as will a two-year complimentary membership in the AAHM. If the Osler Medal Committee also selects an essay for honorable mention, its author will receive a certificate and a two-year complimentary membership in the Association.

All students who are candidates for the degree of Doctor of Medicine or Doctor of Osteopathy, or are graduates of the class of 2005, are eligible. The essay must have been written while the entrant was a student in good standing. Medical students who have been enrolled in a graduate program in history or a related discipline should submit their essays to the Shryock competition. No student should submit an essay to both competitions in the same year. Essays that have been awarded an Honorable Mention are not eligible for re-submission.

Essays may pertain to the historical development of a contemporary medical problem, or to a topic within the health sciences related to a discrete period of the past, and should demonstrate either original research or an unusual appreciation and understanding of the problems discussed. The essay (maximum 9,000 words, including endnotes) must be entirely the work of one contestant.

Complete contest information may be viewed on the AAHM website <www.histmed.org/Awards> or obtained from the Osler Medal Committee chair: Gerard J. Fitzgerald, Ph.D., Department of Medical Ethics, Center for Medical Ethics, University of Pennsylvania, 3401 Market Street, Suite 320, Philadelphia, PA, 19104-33319; (215) 573-8838; gerardf@mail.med.upenn.edu.

Entries must be postmarked no later than 15 January 2006.

**Pressman-Burroughs Wellcome Award:** This award honors Jack D. Pressman, Ph.D., a distinguished historian of medicine and Associate Professor of the History of the Health Sciences at the University of California, San Francisco at the time of his early and unexpected death in June 1997. The award and stipend of $2,500 is given in even-numbered years for outstanding work in twentieth-century history of medicine or medical science, as demonstrated by the
completion of the Ph.D. and a proposal to turn the dissertation into a publishable monograph.

The Ph.D. must have been completed and the degree granted within the last five years (i.e., 2001-2005). The application must include a curriculum vitae, the dissertation abstract, a one-page summary of the proposed book; a description (not exceeding two pages) of the work to be undertaken for publication; and two letters of support from faculty members knowledgeable about the applicant’s dissertation.

The award will be presented at the 2006 annual meeting of the AAHM, to be held in Halifax, Nova Scotia, 4-7 May. The application, including all supporting materials, must be postmarked by 31 December 2005 and addressed to the Chair of the Pressman-Burroughs Wellcome Committee, Jeffrey P. Brosco, M.D., Ph.D., Department of Pediatrics, University of Miami-School of Medicine, PO Box 016820, Miami, FL 33101; jbroesco@miami.edu. More information may be obtained from the AAHM website <www.histmed.org> or from the Committee Chair.

Shryock Medal Essay Contest: Graduate students in the United States and Canada are invited to enter the Shryock Medal Essay Contest. The medal honors Richard Harrison Shryock (1893-1972), a pioneer among historians interested in the history of medicine. The award is given for an outstanding, unpublished essay by a single author on any topic in the history of medicine. The essay (maximum 9,000 words, plus reasonable endnotes) must be the result of original research or show an unusual appreciation and understanding of problems in the history of medicine. In particular, the committee will judge essays on the quality of writing, appropriate use of sources, and ability to address themes of historical significance.

The winner will be invited to attend the 2006 meeting of the Association, 4-7 May, in Halifax, Nova Scotia, where the medal will be conferred. Reasonable travel expenses for the winner will be provided, as will a two-year complimentary membership in the AAHM. If the Shryock Medal Committee also selects an essay for honorable mention, its author will receive a certificate and a two-year complimentary membership in the AAHM.

This competition is open to students enrolled in a graduate program in history or a related discipline in the United States or Canada at the time of submission. Medical students who have been enrolled in such a program should submit their essays to the Shryock competition; medical students who have not done such graduate work should submit their essays to the Osler competition. No student should submit an essay to both competitions in the same year. Essays that have been awarded an Honorable Mention are not eligible for re-submission.

Complete contest information may be viewed on the AAHM website <www.histmed.org/Awards> or obtained from the Shryock Medal Committee chair: Chris Feudtner, M.D., Ph.D., M.P.H., Division of General Pediatrics, 3535 Market, Room 1523, Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia, 34th & Civic Center Blvd, Philadelphia, PA 19104; chris@feudtner.net. Essays must be submitted electronically, preferred, or postmarked no later than 15 January 2006.

William H. Welch Medal: The William H. Welch Medal is named in honor of a major American figure in the history of medicine and public health, who was among the first faculty at the Johns Hopkins medical school. The Medal was first presented in 1950, to Henry Sigerist, and is awarded to one or more authors of a book (excluding edited volumes) of outstanding scholarly merit in the field of medical history published during the five calendar years preceding the award. The Medal will be presented at the next annual meeting of the AAHM, in Halifax, Nova Scotia, 4-7 May 2006. The Chair of the Welch Medal Committee, Heather Munro Prescott, Ph.D., welcomes suggestions of books to consider for the award. To nominate a book, contact Dr. Prescott at 8 Brikham Way, Burlington, CT 06013; prescott@ccsu.edu. Deadline for nominations: 31 October 2005.
NEWS OF MEMBERS

Alan M. Kraut was awarded the Arthur Viseltear Prize by the Medical Care Section of the American Public Health Association in November, 2004 for his biography of Dr. Joseph Goldberger, *Goldberger's War: The Life and Work of a Public Health Crusader*. In Spring, 2004 the volume was named co-winner of the Henry Adams Prize by the Society for History in the Federal Government.

Jeffrey S. Reznick has been named Senior Curator for Collections at the National Museum of Health and Medicine.

Kenneth M. Ludmerer received a Mastership from the American College of Physicians at the organization’s annual meeting in San Francisco in April. He also was appointed to the Midwest Council of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and to the Public Policy Advisory Committee of the Joint Commission for the Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO), the body responsible for accrediting the nation’s hospitals.


The Office of NIH History, the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH), and the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS) are pleased to announce the publication of a new book: *Ingrid G. Farreras, Caroline Hannaway, and Victoria A. Harden*, eds., *Mind, Brain, Body, and Behavior: Foundations of Neuroscience and Behavioral Research at the National Institutes of Health* (Amsterdam: IOS Press, 2004). The book is the outcome of a symposium, “NIMH and NINDB Intramural Research in the 1950s,” held on the NIH campus on 11 April 2003.

THOUGHTS FROM THE 2005 LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD RECIPIENT

Dreams Can Come True

For almost a decade, I have experienced a recurrent nightmare: I am attending an AAHM meeting in a large hotel but somehow cannot find people I know or the location of sessions and receptions. To no avail, I repeatedly scan the lobbies for colleagues and former students. I even peer into empty meeting rooms and ride the elevators. Have I picked the wrong date? Has the venue changed? Only surrounded by strangers, my frustration turns into anxiety. Maybe the meeting is already over and everybody has already left. How could this happen to me? Since the teens, I have been proud about my ability to spot familiar faces in crowded streets and places. Friends, politicians, movie personalities, my eagle eyes detected them all. In fact, during three consecutive summer vacations, I managed to discover John Parascandola in such disparate places as New York, Edinburgh, and Michigan’s Upper Peninsula. Thus, I attributed the quirky dreams to my growing inability to recognize a younger and expanding AAHM membership distinct from the smaller group of yesteryear. But then came Birmingham. Still basking in the glow of my award and the warm reception from those who attended the banquet, we left for the airport Sunday morning, only to be turned back because of bad weather in Denver. Imagine returning for another day to a near empty hotel and city, closed shops, restaurants, and museums. It seemed as if plague was at the gates. As I wandered through the Sheraton’s deserted atrium, lobbies, and corridors with no familiar face in sight, I suddenly realized that I was actually reliving my nocturnal horror. My premonition had become reality. Who knows? Perhaps this memorable experience shall end or start another dreadful dream. Stay tuned.

Guenter B. Risse
CONSTITUENT SOCIETIES CORNER

The Medical History Society of New Jersey (MHSNJ) was founded in 1980 and celebrated its 25th anniversary in May. The Society seeks to promote interest, research, and writing in medical history, especially of New Jersey. It is dedicated to the enjoyment and discussion of the history of medicine and allied fields. The MHSNJ has been a constituent society of the American Association for the History of Medicine since 1988.

The Society maintains no research collections but its members benefit from semi-annual meetings held in Princeton, a newsletter, and other publications. The Morris H. Saffron Lecture is presented each May at the annual meeting. The Saffron Lecturer is a nationally known figure in academic or clinical medical history. Dr. Saffron (1905-1993) was one of the founding members of the Society and he generously established the Saffron Lecture endowment. Other founders still active in the Society include Francis P. Chinard, Vincent J. Cirillo, David L. Cowen, William F. Helfand, William D. Sharpe, and Richard P. Wedeen.

For the fall meeting, support for the invited lecturer has been provided from various sources. New Jersey based firms for a time supported this as the Corporate Lecture. This was succeeded by our own support as the Society Lecture. Since 2002, the Foundation of University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey has underwritten the event.

The MHSNJ has approximately 100 active members. An executive committee comprising a president, vice-president, secretary/treasurer, and committee chairs govern. For many years, the Academy of Medicine of New Jersey administered Society business but with the Academy’s demise, Society members took responsibility for managing their own affairs. The Society now utilizes the UMDNJ-University Libraries’ Special Collections Department as its permanent mailing address and initial contact site. In 2001, the Society established its own Web presence at <www.mhsnj.org>.

An early research project, jointly conducted by the Society and the UMDNJ’s Special Collections Department, was an oral history entitled "The Health Professions in New Jersey During the Great Depression, 1929-1939." The most recent project was the publication of A Guide to Resources in Medical History in New Jersey (1999) coinciding with the AAHM’s annual meeting in New Brunswick, as well as the Society’s co-sponsorship of the exhibit, “A State of Health: New Jersey’s Medical Heritage.”

The Society formally supported two student essay prizes, the Wickes and the Pasteur, both now on hiatus. In 2001, however, the Society established the David L. Cowen Award for Achievement in Medical History and named Professor Cowen as the first recipient.

MHSNJ’s archival records are located at UMDNJ’s Special Collections. A finding aid is available electronically at <www.umdnj.edu/librweb/speccoll/MHSNJ.html>.

As Allen B. Weisse noted, “The MHSNJ is somewhat unique when compared to other medical history societies throughout the country. Although we have some interaction with UMDNJ and a number of our members have been or are employees of the university, the society is a completely independent, freestanding organization. A recent polling by e-mail and the internet of the other 49 states and the District of Columbia revealed that only two other medical history societies in the nation seem to fit this description: The Charles F. Reynolds Medical History Society in Pittsburgh and the Beaumont Medical Club of New Haven, Connecticut. Like us, these two societies seem to be thriving. No doubt such success derives from a similar determination and enthusiasm; a dedication that has guided us for the first 25 years of our existence and promises to propel us into many more years of fruitful endeavors.
Lois R. Densky-Wolff


The Ohio Academy of Medical History held its 2005 annual meeting at the Dittrick Medical History Center, Case Western Reserve University, in Cleveland on 16 April. The program included the following papers/presentations: “Dr. Frederick William Jaeger–Black Swamp Doctor,” by John F. Jaeger (Perrysburg); “Oslerian Medicine Comes to the Midwest,” by Charles F. Wooley (Columbus); “Vivien Thomas and the Blalock-Taussig Shunt,” by James R. Hennessy (Toledo); “Ohio’s History in Granting Prescription Privileges,” by Victoria Reeder (Akron); “The Percy Skuy Collection on the History of Contraception: The Dittrick’s Newest Collection,” by James Edmonson (Cleveland); “How the Doctors Killed President Garfield,” by George Paulson (Columbus); “The Lloyd Bulletins: An Untapped Resource,” by Maggie Heran, Carol Maxwell, and Dennis Worthen (Cincinnati); “’Miss Tallant... Docteur en médecine:’ A Woman Physician in World War I France,” by Ximena Chrisagis (Dayton); “The Writings on the Walls: Bringing History into the Medical School Setting,” by Judith Wiener (Columbus)

Next year’s meeting is to be held at the Lloyd Library and Museum in Cincinnati. For more information, contact: Patsy Gerstner, Ohio Academy of Medical History, Dittrick Medical History Center, 11000 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, OH 44106-1714; p.gerstner@att.net.

C. F. Reynolds Medical History Society will present the following programs for 2005-06:

September 29, 2005, Norman Gevitz, Professor of the History of Medicine, Ohio University, “A Corrosive Plaster for Vices: Medical Ethics in New England, 1620-1720.”

November 10, 2005, 12th Annual Sylvan E. Stool History of Medicine Lecture Susan E. Lederer, Associate Professor of the History of Medicine, Yale University School of Medicine, “Hearts and Minds: Cardiac Transplantation in the 1960's.”

January 19, 2006, James Johnston, Professor, Department of Medicine, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine “Altering the Sea Within Us: A History of Dialysis.”

February 24, 2006, Bruce Fye, Professor of Medicine and Medical History, Mayo Clinic College of Medicine, “An Illustrated History of American Cardiology.”

April 14, 2006, Seventeenth Annual Mark M. Ravitch History of Medicine Lecture, James Edmonson, Chief Curator, Dittrick Medical History Center Case Western Reserve University, “The Evolution of Surgical Instrumentation and the Impact of Antisepsis.”

All lectures will be held in Lecture Room #5, Scaife Hall, University of Pittsburgh, at 6:00 p.m. Members will receive notices for each lecture. A dinner for members and their guests in the 11th floor Conference Center, Presbyterian University Hospital will follow each of the five individual lectures. We hope that you and any interested colleagues will join us for these five evenings of historical lectures and discussions. The C. F. Reynolds Medical History Society appreciates your continuing support and is confident that you will enjoy this coming
year's programming. Please refer all questions on the Society and its programming to Jonathon Erlen, 412-648-8927; erlen@pitt.edu.

**FELLOWSHIPS/GRANTS**

The American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS) is pleased to announce the opening of the 2005-2006 competitions for fellowships and grants.

The central ACLS Fellowships for tenure beginning in 2006-2007. Maximum stipends are $50,000 for full Professors and career equivalent, $40,000 for Associate Professors and equivalent, and $30,000 for Assistant Professors and equivalent. This program requires the Ph.D. conferred by 28 September 2003 and the last supported research leave concluded by 1 July 2003. Some of the central ACLS Fellowships awarded are designated as ACLS/SSRC/NEH International and Area Studies Fellowships. These encourage humanistic research on the societies and cultures of Asia, Africa, the Middle East, Latin America and the Caribbean, Eastern Europe, and the former Soviet Union. In addition, the joint ACLS/New York Public Library Fellowships are awarded to applicants chosen by both the central ACLS Fellowships program and the NYPL’s Dorothy and Lewis B. Cullman Center for Scholars and Writers. These are residential fellowships for research that would benefit from residence at the Library and use of its collections.

The Frederick Burkhardt Residential Fellowships for Recently Tenured Scholars: The Burkhardt fellowships this year will support scholars tenured no earlier than the fall 2001 semester or quarter, who are engaged in long-term, unusually ambitious projects in the humanities and related social sciences. Stipends will again be $75,000. Burkhardt fellowships may be used in 2006-2007, or in either of the two succeeding years, and entail an academic year of residence at one of eleven participating national research centers, plus support from the Fellow's institution for an additional period.

The Charles A. Ryskamp Research Fellowships: These fellowships, funded by The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, provide a stipend of $64,000 for an academic year of research, plus an allowance of $2,500 for research and travel, and the possibility of funding for an additional summer, if justified. The fellowships support tenure-track Assistant Professors and untenured Associate Professors in the humanities and related social sciences whose reappointment reviews have been successfully completed but whose tenure reviews will not be completed before February 1, 2006, whose scholarly contributions have advanced their fields, and whose plans for new research are well designed and carefully developed.

The Contemplative Practice Fellowship, including (1) Contemplative Practice Fellowships, of up to $10,000, in support of individual or collaborative research leading to the development of courses and teaching materials that integrate contemplative practices into courses—tenable in Summer 2006 or in one semester of the 2006-07 academic year; and (2) Contemplative Program Development Fellowships, of up to $20,000, in support of groups of faculty and administrators developing formal or informal curricular initiatives in contemplative studies—tenable in the 2006-07 academic year.

Fellowships of the Southeast European Studies Program, including Fellowships for Postdoctoral Research in Southeast European Students and Dissertation Fellowships in Southeast European Studies will be available for work related to Southeastern Europe: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Macedonia, Romania, and Serbia and Montenegro (including Kosovo). Fellowships of the Committee on Scholarly Communication with China Programs, including (1) fellowships for American Research in the Humanities in China, providing a stipend of up to $30,000, for scholars in the humanities for four to twelve months of continuous research in China; and (2) the Chinese Fellowships for Scholarly Development, for Chinese scholars nominated by an American host scholar to do four to ten months of research in the US.

Application guidelines are available on the ACLS Web site. Application guidelines for the language-training grants to institutions are available from Olga Bukhina, Coordinator of International Programs, obukhina@
INA Grant-in-Aid Program for 1005: The International Neuropsychopharmacology Archives (INA) is pleased to announce the availability of grants of up to $1,500 to support research at the INA at Vanderbilt University Medical Center Archives, Nashville, Tennessee. Applications for this competitive program must include a hard copy of the following: a one-page description of the project, with specific reference to the archival collection to be consulted; a detailed budget that estimates expenses for travel, lodging, and research; the applicant’s resume or vitae; one letter of recommendation from a scholar familiar with the applicant’s work. Grants will be given four times a year. Deadlines are 1 March, 1 June, 1 September, and 1 December. A complete list of grantees and their projects will be published in the ACNP Bulletin and the CINP Newsletter. Grant recipients are expected to write a brief summary of their findings for publication in the CINP Newsletter. Completed applications should be sent by the deadline to: INA Grant-in-Aid Program, c/o CINP Center Office, 1608 17th Avenue South, Nashville, TN, 37212.

NEH Summer Stipends: Beginning 1 August 2005, NEH will accept applications for Summer Stipends electronically at <grants.neh.gov>. Successful applicants receive an outright award of $5,000 for two consecutive months of full-time research and writing. For further information contact NEH's Division of Research Programs at (202) 606-8200 or stipends@neh.gov. Hearing-impaired applicants can contact NEH via TDD at 1-866-372-2930.

Summer Stipends support individuals pursuing advanced research that contributes to scholarly knowledge or to the public’s understanding of the humanities. Recipients usually produce scholarly articles, monographs on specialized subjects, books on broad topics, archaeological site reports, translations, editions, or other scholarly tools.

The School of Historical Studies, Institute for Advanced Study supports scholarship in all fields of historical research, but is concerned principally with the history of western, near eastern and far eastern civilizations, with particular emphasis upon Greek and Roman civilization, the history of Europe (medieval, early modern, and modern), the Islamic world, East Asian studies, the history of art, and modern international relations. Studies. Qualified candidates of any nationality are invited to apply for memberships. Residence in Princeton during term time is required. The only other obligation of members is to pursue their own research. If they wish, members may participate in seminars and meetings both within the Institute and at nearby universities, and there are ample opportunities for contacts with other scholars.

Approximately forty members are appointed for either one or two terms each year. The Ph.D. (or equivalent) and substantial publications are required of all candidates at the time of application. Member awards are funded by the Institute for Advanced Study or by other sources, including the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Thyssen Foundation. Application may be made for one or two terms (September to December, January to April). Further information and application materials may be found on the School's web site, <www.hs.ias.edu>, or they can be obtained from the Administrative Officer by electronic mail at mzelazny@ias.edu, or inquiries can be sent by post to: School of Historical Studies, Institute for Advanced Study, Einstein Drive, Princeton, New Jersey 08540. Completed applications must be returned to the Administrative Officer by 15 November 2005.

Research Fellowships in the New York Academy of Medicine Library For the 2006-2007 Academic Year. Each year, The New York Academy of Medicine offers the Paul Klemperer Fellowship in the History of Medicine and the Audrey and William H. Helfand Fellowship in the Medical Humanities to support work in history and the humanities as they relate to health, medicine, and the biomedical sciences:
The Paul Klemperer Fellowship in the History of Medicine supports research using the Academy Library’s resources for scholarly study of the history of medicine.

The Audrey and William H. Helfand Fellowship in the Medical Humanities supports work in the humanities, including both creative projects dealing with health and the medical enterprise, as well as scholarly research in a humanistic discipline—other than the history of medicine—as applied to medicine and health.

Each Helfand or Klemperer Fellow receives stipends of up to $5,000 to support travel, lodging, and incidental expenses for a flexible period between 1 June 2006 and 31 May 2007. Each Fellow will be expected to make a public presentation at the Academy and submit a final report. Applicants may compete for either the Klemperer or the Helfand Fellowship, but not both. Please contact us if you are not sure to which fellowship you should apply. We invite applications from anyone, regardless of citizenship, academic discipline, or academic status.

Online, visit <www.nyam.org/grants/history.shtml> for application forms and instructions. For those unable to access the forms through the web, address your requests for application forms or further information to: Office of the Academy Historian, New York Academy of Medicine, 1216 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10029; history@nyam.org; (212) 822-7314. Potential applicants are encouraged to visit the Academy website <www.nyam.org> to acquaint themselves with the Academy and its library. When using the online catalog of the Academy Library, please be aware that entries for a considerable portion of the collections have not yet been converted to electronic form. Applications must be received by 1 March 2006. Candidates will be informed of the results by 1 May 2006.

The Friends of the University of Wisconsin—Madison Libraries is pleased to offer a minimum of four grants-in-aid annually, each one month in duration, for research in the humanities in any field appropriate to the library’s collections. The purpose is to foster the high-level use of the University of Wisconsin—Madison Libraries' rich holdings, and to make them better known and more accessible to a wider circle of scholars. Awards are $1,500 each. Additional funds of $500 are available for those traveling from outside North America.

Generally, applicants must have a Ph.D. or be able to demonstrate a record of solid intellectual accomplishment. Foreign scholars and graduate students who have completed all requirements except the dissertation are also eligible.

The grants-in-aid are designed primarily to help provide access to UW—Madison library resources for people who live beyond commuting distance. Preference will be given to scholars who reside outside a 75-mile radius of Madison. The grantees are expected to be in residence during the term of the award, which may be taken up at any time during the year.

Applications are due 1 February 2006. For application forms or more information, see <giving.library.wisc.edu/friends/grant-in-aid.shtml>, or write to Friends of the University of Wisconsin—Madison Libraries, University of Wisconsin—Madison, 976 Memorial Library, 728 State St., Madison, WI 53706, or contact Thomas H. Garver (608) 265-2505; fax: (608) 265-2754; friends@library.wisc.edu.

**FELLOWSHIPS/GRANTS AWARDED**

The National Humanities Center has announced the appointment of 39 Fellows for the academic year 2005-06. Representing history, literature, philosophy, and other humanistic fields of study, these scholars will come to the Center from the faculties of 33 colleges and universities in the United States, England, and Germany.

The Center received 535 applications in its fellowship competition for 2005-06. The appointed Fellows will also include four scholars who have received Burkhart Fellowships from the American Council of Learned Societies.

The National Humanities Center will grant $1.3 million to enable its chosen Fellows to take leave from their normal academic duties and pursue their research
at the Center. Funding for these fellowships is made possible by the Center’s endowment, by contributions from alumni Fellows of the Center, and by grants from the Gladys Krieble Delmas Foundation, the Jessie Ball duPont Fund, the Florence Gould Foundation, the Lilly Endowment, and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Deborah Cramer has been chosen as the Science Writer Fellow for 2005-2006 at the Dibner Institute for the History of Science and Technology. She is currently working on a book “Cholera: The New Face of an Old Disease,” in which she examines how the complex interplay among a wide array of scientific disciplines—climatology, limnology, epidemiology, ecology, engineering, genetics, and microbiology—has framed, and reframed, our understanding of this disease.

The Francis C. Wood Institute for the History of Medicine of the College of Physicians announces the winners of its 2005-06 resident research fellowships:


Eighteenth-Century Affluent Household: The Fertility Transition of Elizabeth Sandwith Drinker and her Daughters.”


Constance E. Putnam, Ph.D., an independent scholar from Concord, Massachusetts, has been awarded a
Fulbright Fellowship to do research in Hungary in 2005-06. For her project in the social history of medicine, she will be reviewing the work done by Ignác Semmelweis on puerperal fever in the 19th century, using cross-cultural comparisons and contrasts (with Oliver Wendell Holmes's life, career, and work on the same subject) to explore how medical information becomes medical knowledge and how fame in medical science leads to medical “heroism,” issues still relevant for medical practice today.

The Office of NIH History and Stetten Museum at the National Institutes of Health is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Lisa K. Walker as the 2005-2006 DeWitt Stetten, Jr., Memorial Fellow in the History of Biomedical Sciences and Technology. Dr. Walker holds a Ph.D. in history from the University of California, Berkeley, and she has worked as a Senior International Health Officer for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Global Health Affairs, Office for Eurasia, Biotechnology Engagement Program.

As a Stetten Memorial Fellow, she will work with the National Institute on Allergy and Infectious Diseases on a project titled, “U.S. Soviet Collaboration in the Fight Against Polio: NIAID, Attenuated Vaccines, and the Prevention of Viral Diseases in the Twentieth Century.”

MEETINGS/CALLS FOR PAPERS

Call for Papers: First Conference on History of Medicine in Southeast Asia, Center for Khmer Studies, Siem Reap, Cambodia, 9-10 January 2006 <www.khmerstudies.org/>

This conference is sponsored by the Wellcome Trust, the University of Montreal, and the University of Western Ontario. This international conference, the first of its kind, seeks to promote research in all aspects of the Southeast Asian history of medicine, to foster closer fellowship among all medical historians and greater cooperation among scholars and students, especially those practicing in Southeast Asia. Please submit title and abstract (300 words) before 1 August 2005 to Laurence Monnais at: laurence.monnais-rousselet@umontreal.ca. For registration information: please contact Lesley Perlman at lperlman@khmerstudies.org.

Announcing the 3rd Annual Joint Atlantic Seminar for the History of Medicine, to be held the weekend of 30 September-2 October 2005, and hosted by the University of Pennsylvania and the College of Physicians of Philadelphia. The seminar is organized and coordinated by graduate students across North America working in fields related to the history of medicine. Our mission is to foster a sense of community and provide a forum for sharing and critiquing graduate research by peers from a variety of institutions and backgrounds. For more information, including last year’s program, please visit <www.jointatlantic.org>.

This year’s seminar will feature a guided tour of the library of the College of Physicians of Philadelphia and free admission to the Mütter Museum. Those familiar with the Mütter know what a treat this will be. For more information on the College Library and the Mütter Museum, see <www.collphyphil.org>.

The Southern Association for History of Medicine and Science (SAHMS) invites paper proposals for its eighth annual meeting 24-25 February 2006 in San Antonio, Texas. The meeting will be hosted by the University of Texas at San Antonio and The Center for the Medical Humanities at the University of Texas Health Science Center.

SAHMS welcomes papers on the history of medicine and science, broadly construed to encompass historical, literary, anthropological, philosophical, and sociological approaches to health care, including race and gender studies. While some sessions will relate to the American South, SAHMS is open to a wide range of topics. Scholars from all areas and disciplines are welcome. M.D./Ph.D. students may submit works in progress and should indicate their graduate student status. Participants may propose individual papers or panels of several papers on a particular theme. In general each presenter is limited to 20 minutes, with additional time for questions and discussion. Please do not submit papers that have already been published,
presented, or scheduled for presentation at another meeting. All participants are responsible for their own travel and registration costs.

Electronic submissions in MSWord are preferred (see e-mail below). Send MSWord documents or plain text files as e-mail attachments. Submit a one-page abstract of the paper (about 250 words) stating the general thesis, sources used, research findings and general conclusions. Include a one-page c.v. for each presenter with phone/fax numbers and e-mail addresses. Proposals should be submitted by 15 September 2005. The program will be announced 1 November 2005. All attendees will be expected to register for the meeting.

Students note: SAHMS offers a limited number of modest travel grants for student presenters to attend the meeting. Those interested should submit their request at the time of paper submission to the program committee chair. In no case does this exempt these or any students from paying the stated registration fee.

Send proposals to the 2006 Program Committee Chair: Michael A. Flannery, LHL-301, UAB, 1530 Third Avenue S., Birmingham, AL 35294-0013; flannery@uab.edu

Cultural History of Health and Beyond, Paris, 7-10 September 2005, organized by the Society for the Social History of Medicine and the European Association for the History of Medicine and Health. Diverse cultural representations of the healthy body, behavior, and practices of care are deeply intertwined with social relations in Europe today. It is not a new configuration. Since the early modern period, processes such as the acculturation of new immigrants from countryside to city, or from a foreign to a familiar culture, as well as resistance to assimilation, have been among the main issues of the process of medicalization. The conference explores whether lay or expert, and conflicting interests that structured this domain of life. All the domains of medicine and health will be addressed: mental health, professional versus lay medical cultures, health services and administration, as well as individual preventive behavior or scientific theories. Details of the conference, registration form and an online booking form are available at: <www.eahmh.net/>.

Members of the Society for the Social History of Medicine qualify for a discounted conference fee. Bursaries are available for student members on request, with further details available at <www.sshm.org/bursaries.html>. Details on how to join the Society and information about further membership benefits can be found at: <www.sshm.org/>. For further information about the conference, please contact Professor Patrice Bordelais, Patrice.Bourdelaiss@ehess.fr.

Call for Papers: The Society for the Social History of Medicine invites submissions for its 2006 Annual Conference, “Practices and Representations of Health: Historical Perspectives,” to be held at the University of Warwick on 28-30 June 2006, organized jointly by the Centres for the History of Medicine at the Universities of Birmingham and Warwick. Keynote speakers include: Susan E. Lederer, Yale University; Sir Geoffrey Lloyd, Cambridge; and Charles E. Rosenberg, Harvard University. The Program Committee welcomes offers of papers on a wide range of topics that link to the theme of the conference, but particularly encourages papers on the following themes: alternative and complementary health movements; airs, waters and places; medicine and emotions; theatre, music and medicine; child health; old age and death; body shape and image; disability; race, post-colonialism and health; health and the workplace; the historiography of the history of medicine. In addition to single-paper proposals, the Program Committee seeks proposals for panel sessions. All papers should ideally present original work not yet published or in press. The deadline for the submission of abstracts has been extended to 15 September 2005.

We invite you to submit an abstract by email to Molly Rogers at molly.rogers@warwick.ac.uk. If you are unable to submit electronically, please send eight copies of your abstract to Molly Rogers, Centre for
the History of Medicine, University of Warwick, Coventry CV4 7AL, United Kingdom. Abstracts should be limited to one page and must include your mailing and email addresses, telephone number, and affiliation. Program Committee: Robert Arnott, University of Birmingham, Sarah Hodges, University of Warwick, Colin Jones, University of Warwick, Hilary Marland, University of Warwick, Jonathan Reinarz, University of Birmingham.

Call for Papers: Race, Pharmaceuticals, and Medical Technology Conference 7-8 April 2006, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Boston, Massachusetts Submission deadline: 1 October 2006

The emergence of BiDil® as potentially the first medication approved and marketed for treating specific racial and ethnic groups raises many crucial questions for medicine and society. Do the causes of diseases vary significantly between different racial and ethnic groups? Can group-specific medications be developed? Should treatment decisions be based on the race and ethnicity of patients? Many of these questions reflect old tensions in medicine, made newly relevant by growing concern with health disparities, the advent of genetic technology, and the intensification of pharmaceutical marketing. This conference will bring together scholars from many fields--medicine, pharmacology, history, anthropology, sociology, STS, genetics, business, ethics, and law -- to discuss the promise and pitfalls of the new racial therapeutics in medicine.

Abstracts (300 words or less) should be submitted by October 1st, to: David S. Jones, Program in Science Technology and Society, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 77 Massachusetts Avenue, E51-185, Cambridge, MA 02139; dsjones@mit.edu (email submissions are welcomed).

The National Museum of Civil War Medicine (NMCWM) will hold its 13th Annual Conference on Civil War Medicine from Friday, 30 September to Sunday, 2 October 2005. This three-day conference will be held in Hagerstown, Maryland, at the Clarion Hotel and Conference Center. Highlights of the conference include ten unique lectures on Civil War medicine on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, and a bus tour Saturday afternoon following “Lee’s Retreat, Chambersburg, PA to Williamsport, MD,” with a reception at the newly opened Pry House Field Hospital Museum on Antietam National Battlefield. For further information, visit the NMCWM at <www.civilwarmed.org>; museum@civilwarmed.org; or contact Karen Thomassen, Deputy Director, NMCWM, PO Box 470, Frederick, MD 21701.

Call for Abstracts: “Medicine, Philosophy and the Humanities,” Twentieth European Conference on Philosophy of Medicine and Health Care, 23-26 August 2006, Helsinki, Finland.

The program of the conference includes plenary sessions as well as parallel sessions. Persons wishing to present papers at the conference are invited to submit an abstract (500 words maximum) before 1 December 2001. Abstracts will be selected for oral presentation by the Conference Program Committee. Please send abstracts by e-mail or on diskette in Word format to: Bert Gordijn, Secretary of the ESPMH, Department of Ethics, Philosophy and History of Medicine, University Medical Centre Nijmegen, PO Box 9101, 6500 HB Nijmegen, The Netherlands; b.gordijn@efg.umcn.nl or d.verhaar@efg.umcn.nl.

The United Nations Research Institute for Social Development and The Penn State Women's Studies Program is hosting the North American Regional Conference, Beijing Ten Years Later, on 14-16 May 2006. Proposed papers, panels or presentations on the status of women since the 1995 Beijing meeting may be submitted (250 word abstract) by 15 October 2005. For details see our new web site: <www.womensstudies.psu.edu> or contact Amy Dietz, ard5@psu.edu.

PRIZES

The Society for the Social History of Medicine (SSHM) invites submissions to its 2005 Roy Porter Student Essay Prize Competition. This prize will be awarded to the best original, unpublished essay in the social history of medicine submitted to the competition as judged by the SSHM’s assessment
panel. It is named in honor of the late Professor Roy Porter, a great teacher and a generous scholar. The competition is open to undergraduate and postgraduate students in full or part-time education. The winner will be awarded £500, and his or her entry may also be published in the journal, Social History of Medicine. Deadline: 31 December 2005.

Further details and an entry form for the 2005 competition can be found at <www.sshm.org/prize/prize.html>. Any questions about the competitions should be directed to: David Cantor, Division of Cancer Prevention National Cancer Institute, Executive Plaza North, Suite 2025 6130 Executive Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20892-7309; competition@sshm.org.

PRIZES AWARDED

The Francis C. Wood Institute for the History of Medicine and the Section on Medical History of the College of Physicians of Philadelphia announce the winners of the 2005 Krumbhaar Award, a medical history essay contest for medical students attending school in Eastern Pennsylvania or New Jersey named in honor of Edward Bell Krumbhaar, M.D. (1882-1966), a distinguished pathologist and cardiac physiologist, as well as one of Philadelphia's leading historians of medicine.

In February 1957, the Section on Medical History of the College of Physicians awarded the first Krumbhaar Award. The Wood Institute for the History of Medicine and the Section on Medical History revived this award in 2004. Winner of the 2005 Krumbhaar Award is Adam Lipworth, a third-year medical student at the University of Pennsylvania, for his essay, “The Waksman Campaign: Dr. Selman Waksman's Struggle to Preserve His Heroic Image through a Bitter Credit Dispute over Streptomycin.” The Award committee was particularly impressed with Lipworth's use of primary sources, including oral history interviews.

The committee awarded an honorable mention to Casey Halpern, also of the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, for his essay, “Rhetoric and Medicine in Antiquity.” Committee members agreed that that Halpern’s essay did a fine job of tying together elements of philosophy and medical thinking in the ancient Mediterranean.

The Society for the Social History of Medicine (SSHM) is pleased to announce that the winner of its 2004 Roy Porter Student Essay Prize Competition is Matthew Osborn, a PhD Candidate at the University of California, Davis.

A revised version of his essay—“Diseased Imaginations: Constructing Delirium Tremens in Philadelphia, 1813 to 1832”—will be published in Social History of Medicine.

Details of this year's essay competition, how to join the Society, and information about membership benefits are available at <www.sshm.org> or from David Cantor, Division of Cancer Prevention, National Cancer Institute, Executive Plaza North, Suite 2025, 6130 Executive Boulevard, Bethesda MD 20892-7309; competition@sshm.org.

LECTURES/SYMPOSIA

The Northwest Independent Scholars Association (NISA) will host a one-day conference on “Selling Your Scholarship: Writing Marketable Non-Fiction” from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, 8 October 2005, at the Pacific Northwest College of Art, 1241 NW Johnson Street in Portland, Oregon. The conference is being hosted in partnership with the National Coalition of Independent Scholars (NCIS).

The keynote speaker will be Robert Kanigel, Professor of Science Writing in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Program in Writing and Humanistic Studies. Panels and workshops will include topics such as working with agents, rewriting your prose, freelance non-fiction, writing for a local audience, and writing biographies. Conference registration is $68 for NISA or NCIS members, $73 for non-members and $78 at the door or after September 1 and includes lunch. The conference hotel is the Mark Spencer, 409 SW 11th. Ave. (503) 224-3294. More information and
registration is available on the NCIS website at <www.ncis.org/>.

The Office of NIH History is pleased to announce that the third annual NIH History Day will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, 22 September 2005, in the Lipsett Amphitheater, Building 10, on the campus of the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland. The program will include welcoming remarks by NIAID Director Anthony Fauci and Director of Intramural Science Michael Gottesman, an illustrated lecture entitled “‘An Indescribable Experience’: NIH Researchers and the AIDS Epidemic, 1981-1990,” by Office of NIH History Director Dr. Victoria A Harden, and the display of two panels from the AIDS Memorial Quilt. At the lecture, all NIH Staff who worked on AIDS research or patient care in any capacity during the 1980s will be asked to stand and be recognized.

Leo B. Slater, Ph.D., DeWitt Stetten, Jr., Memorial Fellow in the History of Biomedical Sciences and Technology, will deliver his Stetten Lecture, “A History of Malaria Research at NIAID,” on 8 November 2005 at 2:00 p.m. at the Lipsett Amphitheater, Building 10, on the campus of the National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD.

The Office of NIH History is sponsoring a major two-day conference on “Biomedicine in the Twentieth Century: Practices, Policies, and Politics.” It will be held in the Lister Hill Auditorium on the NIH campus in Bethesda, Maryland, on 5-6 December 2005. The conference is to honor Dr. Victoria A. Harden, Director, Office of NIH History, on her retirement.


All historians of medicine are invited. Please mark the dates on your calendars. More information about conference arrangements will be announced later. Questions should be addressed to Caroline Hannaway, conference organizer, at channaway@aol.com.

The College of Physicians of Philadelphia Medical History Programming, 2005-06 as of June 16, 2005:

Wednesday, July 27, 2005, The First Sadoff Library Lecture on Legal Medicine and Forensic Psychiatry, Joseph Bloom, Dean, Drexel University School of Medicine, “A Twenty-Eight Year Follow-Up of Individuals Found Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity in Oregon”

Thursday, September 22, 2005, The Section on Medical History presents: Samuel Roberts, History, and History and Ethics of Public Health, Columbia University, Roberts will discuss his research on health
and disease among African Americans in the nineteenth century

Thursday, September 29, 2005, The Alma Dea Morani Renaissance Award and Lecture, Co-sponsored with the Foundation for the History of Women in Medicine, Audrey E. Evans, Professor Emeritus, University of Pennsylvania, Associate Director, Pediatric Urology, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, “Health Care for Children, Then and Now”


Thursday, October 20, 2005, The Section on Medical History presents The 2005 Samuel X Radbill Lecture, Margaret Humphreys, History, Duke University, “Immensely Human: The Health of Black Soldiers in the American Civil War”

Thursday, November 10, 2005, Section on Medical History, Speaker and topic to be announced

Thursday, March 16, 2006, The Section on Medical History presents The 2006 Kate Hurd-Mead Lecture, Joan Lynaugh, Nursing, University of Pennsylvania, and former Director of the Barbara Bates Center for the Study of the History of Nursing. Lynaugh will discuss her historical research on education and the health professions


Thursday, May 11, 2006, The Wood Institute for the History of Medicine presents “The Medical World of Benjamin Franklin” with funding from the Barra Foundation, Toby Gelfand, Hannah Chair of the History of Medicine University of Ottawa, “Franklin and the Medical World of Paris”

Tuesday, June 6, 2006, The Wood Institute for the History of Medicine presents “The Medical World of Benjamin Franklin” with funding from the Barra Foundation, Andrew Cunningham, Cambridge University, England, “A Number of Friends: Benjamin Franklin and the Medical Reformers of London”

For further information, contact Margaret Patton, (215) 563-3737, ext. 305, or mpatton@copllphyphil.org.

ARCHIVES/LIBRARIES/MUSEUMS

The Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) Reference Center and Mary H. Littlemeyer Archives staff are pleased to announce the completion of an historical exhibition. The exhibit is located in the AAMC headquarters building in Washington, DC. It comprises panels on the mission and membership of the AAMC, a timeline history of the AAMC, and panels highlighting the history of medical education in the United States, 1620-2005. Visitors are welcome by appointment. For more information, contact Cynthia Kahn, Manager, Reference Center and Archives, Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC), 2450 N Street,NW, Washington, DC 20037; (202) 828-0433, fax (202) 862-6136; ckahn@aamc.org.

A new exhibit, “Nursing: Care for a Changing World,” opened at the International Museum of Surgical Science on 3 June 2005. This exhibit will run indefinitely.

“Nursing is an art”—with these words Florence Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing, described the profession of medical and surgical patient care. The pioneers and progress through time in the field of nursing—past, present and future—are the subjects of “Nursing: Care for a Changing World.” This exhibit is a collaborative project with the Association of peri-Operative Registered Nurses (AORN).
Sponsorship for the exhibit “Nursing: Care for a Changing World” has been generously provided by Association of peri-Operative Registered Nurses (AORN). This project is partially supported by a City Arts Program 2 grant from the City of Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and the Illinois Arts Council, a state agency.

The Museum is located at 1524 N. Lake Shore Drive. Hours are Tuesday through Sunday, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM Admission rates are $6 for adults and $3 for students and seniors. Tuesdays are free.

The Lloyd Library and Museum announces its summer 2005 Exhibit: “Pharmacy Education in the Nineteenth Century” On display 1 July 1 through 30 September, “Pharmacy Education in the Nineteenth Century” explores the development of pharmacy education in the United States.

The exhibit focuses on local history highlighting the founding of the Cincinnati College of Pharmacy in 1850 and its subsequent growth. Now part of the University of Cincinnati Medical Center, Cincinnati was the sixth college of pharmacy in the United States and the first west of the Alleghenies. Other local history incorporated includes John Uri Lloyd’s career in pharmacy from apprentice to respected professional, as well as his establishment of the Lloyd Library and Museum. The display features resources from the Lloyd Library’s book and archival collections. Nineteenth-century pharmacy texts and college catalogs, photographs, rare books, and artifacts all combine to tell the story of pharmacy education in America.

The exhibit coincides with the Annual Meeting of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP) held this year in Cincinnati during the week of 11 July. Lloyd Library and Museum is hosting a session of the AACP Library Special Interest Group on Tuesday morning, 12 July. Mike Flannery, Associate Director for Historical Collections, Lister Hill Library at the University of Alabama and former Lloyd Library Director and adjunct faculty member of UC College of Pharmacy, will present “Botanicals as Dietary Supplements: Changing Perspectives and Challenging Resources.” Dennis Worthen, Lloyd Scholar, adjunct faculty member of UC College of Pharmacy, and former director of the Lloyd Library, will provide a brief introduction to the Library, its history and resources. Maggie Heran, Lloyd Director, will serve as host and moderator. For additional information see the Lloyd Library website: <www.lloydlibrary.org>.

News from the History of Medicine Division, National Library of Medicine
Conference on Women’s Health “Women Physicians, Women's Politics, Women's Health,” a symposium organized by the Exhibition Program in conjunction with its current exhibition, Changing the Face of Medicine, was held on 10-11 March. In six sessions, twenty-four scholars presented papers on subjects such as the history of the women’s health movement, images of women physicians, and race/class/gender issues in medicine.

Online Syllabus Archives: Three educators, Janet Tighe, University of Pennsylvania; Susan Lederer, Yale University; and Marcos Cueto, Peru; and Robert Martensen, Tulane University, visited the History of Medicine Division to study its audiovisual resources in medical history. Subsequent to their visits, they have added syllabi to HMD’s Online Syllabus Archives <www.nlm.nih.gov/hmd/collections/digital/syllabi/>.

Historical Anatomies on the Web: Clorion’s “Anatomical sketchbook,” a stunning but peculiar manuscript prepared by a pseudonymous artist in New Harmony, Indiana in 1830 was added to Historical Anatomies on the Web <www.nlm.nih.gov/exhibition/historicalanatomies/home.html>.

Recent Acquisitions: Books and Early Manuscripts: Rhazes (865-ca. 925), Tibb Almansorem, an early seventeenth-century Arabic manuscript of his systematic treatise of medicine. Divided into 10 sections, it covers physiology, pathology, surgery, fevers, and poisons.

A printed Tibetan work, Rgyud-bzhi, comprised of four treatises forming the basis of Tibetan medicine. Although its origins are unclear, many attribute its compilation to Yuthog Yontan Gonpo the Younger in the twelfth century. The texts are divided into sections including, anatomy, diseases of women, childhood diseases, and old age. This eighteenth-century edition was printed from woodblocks.

Archives and Modern Manuscripts: The Sol Spiegelman papers (245 linear feet). Spiegelman was the Lasker awardee in Basic Research for 1974, “for his contributions to molecular biology, including techniques of molecular hybridization and the first synthesis of an infectious nucleic acid.” He shared the award with Ludvik Gross, whose papers are also at NLM (MS C 504).

Prints and Photographs: 10,000 postcards depicting public health issues, donated by William G. Helfand. They range from the late nineteenth century to the present.

National Museum of American History: “Whatever Happened to Polio?” To mark the 50th anniversary of the announcement of Jonas Salk’s polio vaccine, this multi-media exhibition looks at the polio epidemics, the vaccine development and early virology, current world efforts at stopping poliovirus transmission, and the impact on American society of the people who contracted polio. The exhibition also explores some of the changes in American medicine and public health policy initiated by the polio epidemics. 12 April 2005-April, 2006, at the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History. <www.americanhistory.si.edu/polio>.

The National Museum of Health and Medicine hosts an ongoing exhibit entitled “Medical Diagnostic and Treatment Technology” which features large-scale, historical artifacts that were once used as a primary source of treatment for various conditions. The equipment on display in this exhibit includes a J.H. Emerson iron lung, an electrostatic generator, a shoe fluoroscope, a dental X-ray machine, a Dermatex X-ray machine, and a Philips Fluoroscope. These six artifacts can often appear gothic, cumbersome or even frightening to the modern eye, however each piece represents a vital stage in the development of contemporary medical technology.

The artifacts are some of the larger items in the museum's historical collection, which includes objects ranging in size from a suture needle to a two-ton MRI magnet. The museum's historical collection documents changes in medical technology since the early 17th century, and its more than 12,000 historical medical objects also include microscopes, surgical instruments, numismatics, and anatomical models. For more information on this and other exhibits, visit the web site at <www.nmhm.washingtondc.museum> or call (202) 782-2200.

A new online exhibit from the Claude Moore Health Sciences Library at the University of Virginia, titled “Patients’ Voices in Early 19th Century Virginia,” <carmichael.lib.virginia.edu> presents 700 letters from the patients of Dr. James Carmichael, a Scottish physician whose practice was based in Fredericksburg, Virginia. The collection of correspondence, written between 1819 and 1830 and held in the new Albert and Shirley Small Special Collections Library, gives a unique view into the physician-patient relationship.

The letters can be seen online in their original, handwritten form, side by side with a typed version. The 19th-century patients’ terms for complaints, diseases, and treatments have been matched to their 21st-century equivalents. The letters are not only descriptive but show familiar emotions that we would recognize today. A father in 1820 pleads for his sick daughter, “Pray send out Dr. Carmichael to me immediately—as I consider her to be in great danger. Delay not a moment for her life and my happiness depend on it.”
In addition to the correspondence, the web site also includes a photo essay of the landscape of the Carmichael letters, newspaper articles, book excerpts, court records, maps, WPA reports, and extensive listings of “Who’s Who” and “Places Mentioned” in the letters, with links to related sources of information. For more information, contact Joan Echtenkamp Klein at (434) 924-0052 or jre@virginia.edu.

OTHER NEWS

Graduate Certificate Program in Science, Technology, and Society at the University of Michigan: The program in Science, Technology, and Society at the University of Michigan solicits applications from students wishing to pursue a Ph.D. with specialization in STS, the history or anthropology of medicine, or related fields.

UM's STS program offers a wide range of perspectives on the reciprocal role of science, technology, and medicine in shaping societies, cultures, and politics. Topical strengths include: Colonial, transnational, and global dynamics in the practice of technology, science, and medicine; Historical and anthropological perspectives on bodies, health, genetics, and environment; Politics and culture of information systems; Life sciences and their social implications; Cultural meanings of science, technology, and medicine.

The University of Michigan encourages scholars routinely to move across traditional academic boundaries. In order to balance disciplinary training and accreditation with interdisciplinary research, the STS certificate is offered in conjunction with disciplinary Ph.D. programs. Candidates should therefore apply to departments for admission. The program particularly encourages applications to the departments of History, Anthropology, American Culture, and Sociology, and to the schools of Information and Public Health. For more information about the program and its faculty, please consult our web site: <www.umich.edu/~umsts/>.

The thirty-second meeting of the History of Dermatology Society was held in New Orleans, LA on Thursday, 17 February 2005, according to Lawrence Charles Parish, MD, Philadelphia, president of the Society. This year’s topic was entitled “Skin Diseases and the Ancients.”

The Samuel J. Zakon Lecture was delivered at the annual dinner of the Society on 18 February by Dr. Elizabeth McBurney, Slidell, LA. Dr. McBurney’s presentation was “Spitfire and Scandal: Huey P. Long’s Lasing Influence on Louisiana Medicine.”

The Twenty-sixth Samuel J. Zakon Award in the History of Dermatology was awarded to Dr. Barry E. Monk of Bedford, UK, for his paper entitled, “Sir Ernest Graham-Little (1867-1950) M.P., M.D., F.R.C.P., Dermatologist and Politician.”

Papers are now being called for the Twenty-seventh Annual Samuel J. Zakon Award in the History of Dermatology. This competition is open to historians and dermatologists in practice or training. Manuscripts should be submitted to Mark C. Valentine, M.D., Chairman, Samuel J. Zakon Award Committee, 3327 Colby Avenue, Everett, WA 98201 by 1 November 2005. Essays may relate to any aspect of the history of dermatology not heretofore published.

Both the Zakon Lectureship and the Zakon Award are given in memory of Dr. Samuel J. Zakon, outstanding Chicago dermatologist and historian.

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