



# Newsletter

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

In my last message, I noted that Todd Savitt was stepping down after more than nine years of dedicated and exceptional service as Secretary-Treasurer of AAHM and that a search for a replacement was underway. The position of Secretary-Treasurer is the most crucial one in the organization and provides AAHM with continuity of leadership. Presidents come and go every two years, but the Secretary-Treasurer tends to hold the office for several terms. It is not an easy task to find a suitable person willing to take on this important but time-consuming job, and it is especially hard to replace Todd. We will miss his steady hand at the helm.

I am pleased to report, however, that the Nominating Committee and the Executive Committee were able to identify an excellent candidate to recommend to the Council. According to the by-laws, when an officer resigns during his/her term, the Council selects a successor. The Council approved the nomination of Dr. Christopher Crenner as the new AAHM Secretary-Treasurer, and Chris has worked with Todd to transition the office to its new home. The Executive Committee and the Council are confident that Chris will do a splendid job in the position, and he is enthusiastic about filling the role.

Many of you already know Chris, but let me provide some brief biographical information for those who may not be familiar with his career and accomplishments. Chris is currently Associate Professor and Chair of History and Philosophy of Medicine at the University of Kansas Medical Center. He has an M.D. and a Ph.D. in History of Science from Harvard University. His research and teaching have focused chiefly on the history of American medicine from the 18th through the 20th centuries, with an emphasis on the development of scientific medical practice. Chris is the author of a book titled *Private Practice: In the Early Twentieth-Century Medical Office of Dr. Richard Cabot* (Johns Hopkins, 2005) which investigates daily medical practice and patient-doctor interactions in the office of the eminent Boston physician, Richard Cabot. He has served AAHM in the past on various committees.

I know you will join me in welcoming Chris to the position of Secretary-Treasurer and will give him your full support.

*John Parascandola,  
AAHM President*

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## AAHM NEWS

### From the New Secretary-Treasurer

I am pleased to report that I have taken up the duties of the Secretary-Treasurer for the Association from Todd Savitt. Let me take a moment to introduce myself and to offer a thank you to Todd for everything that he has done for the Association and for helping me already with this transition. Like so many of you, I have admired and appreciated Todd for his remarkable detailed, personal attention to the Association over the last decade. I am looking at the proverbial large shoes to fill.

I accepted this job because of my deep respect and affection for the membership of the organization. One awkwardness of the AAHM is also among its greatest strengths. The Association is an overlapping group of historians, archivists, librarians and medical practitioners who share an interest in the social, material, and intellectual roots of health and healing. Historians in the AAHM occasionally find themselves talking to an audience of practitioners who have lived what they study. And practitioners, in turn, are asked at times to step back from the immediacy of professional life to take in the historians' capacious views. We are not an ordinary academic society and that suits me just fine.

I am honored and excited to be offered the chance to take a central role in nurturing this organization and moving it ahead.

*Chris Crenner*

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News items of 250 words or less are invited and may be submitted by e-mail, fax, or regular mail. Deadlines: 1 February, 1 July, and 1 October.

## AAHM 2008 Rochester, NY

Currently ranked as the sixth "most livable city in the United States" in one national survey and in another as first for its quality of life, Rochester's initial claim to fame was as the nation's first "boomtown." Rochester grew rapidly in the early nineteenth century along the banks of the Genesee River in western New York State, where rapids and falls provided an abundance of water power. When the Erie Canal reached the city in 1823, Rochester was connected by an inexpensive shipping route to the Hudson River and New York City to the east and south and to the Great Lakes to the west and north. Rochester was thus a frontier town, known as "The Young Lion of the West" and, soon after, the "Flour City" when in 1838 it was the country's largest flour producer. In 1861 its rapidly growing population was larger than that of Chicago,

Detroit, or Cleveland. Major new industries developed by 1900, first supplementing and ultimately replacing flour milling as Rochester became home to the innovative Eastman Kodak Company, Bausch and Lomb, the Hickey-Freeman clothing factory, and many other industries.

Throughout this period of rapid demographic expansion and economic growth, Rochester also developed strong traditions of social and political reform. Rochester's Anti-Slavery Society, founded in 1833, was one of the first in the nation, and in 1847 former slave and abolitionist leader Frederick Douglass moved to Rochester to begin publishing his influential newspaper the *North Star*. The city and surrounding areas became major stations on the Underground Railroad. In 1872, another national leader, Susan B. Anthony, and thirteen other women were arrested for voting in a national election. In 1900, due in large part to pressure from Ms. Anthony, the fifty year-old University of Rochester (UR) formally admitted women students. During the Progressive Era, Rochester was famous for its settlement houses, infant milk stations, free dental clinics, and other social service and public health initiatives. Local business leaders also turned major philanthropists, none more notably than George Eastman, founder of Kodak. He helped found the university's world-class medical and music schools, and built the magnificent Eastman Theater for the greater Rochester community, where all could enjoy first-rate performances of classical music. Other philanthropists built museums and art galleries, and created parks, gardens, and zoos for the public to enjoy.

By 1950, Rochester was at the peak of its population and its technical industries were thriving. With the addition of the Xerox Corporation and the Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT), Rochester was widely known as the "Image Capital of the World." Much activity focused on the art, science, and technology of light, as RIT developed programs in photography and film while the UR created its renowned Institute of Optics and, later, its Laboratory of Laser Energetics. Rochester's social and cultural resources expanded to

meet the growing needs of its academic and professional populations and their families. Even as much of the population shifted to the surrounding towns and suburbs to create a Rochester metropolitan area of over a million, many still worked in the city and returned in the evenings to concerts of the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra, independent and foreign films at the Little Theater, classic film at the Dryden, modern dance and classical ballet, Broadway theater and experimental drama, and exhibitions at the Memorial Art Gallery.

For all its modern amenities, what continues to make Rochester distinctive are the links to its earlier history which are evident everywhere in the city and surrounding region. One can explore old locks and canal towns along the Erie Canal that still runs near the city and hike through river gorges or city parks designed by Frederick Law Olmsted. The High Falls District, where water power was harnessed so effectively in the nineteenth century, is just a short walk from the Hyatt Regency Riverside Hotel, the principal meeting venue. The Garrison Lecture will be held in the Dryden Theater, part of the Eastman House International Museum of Photography and Film that was once George Eastman's elegant private residence. Tours will be available to the Susan B. Anthony House, Underground Railroad sites, and the Mt. Hope Cemetery, one of the first landscaped Victorian cemeteries in the country, where both Anthony and Frederick Douglass are buried. Rochester's mix of history, outstanding cultural venues, parks, and bustling city streets all contribute to its charm and surprise.

*Ted Brown and Stephanie Brown Clark*  
2008 Local Arrangements Committee Co-Chairs

### **Call for Nominations, AAHM Awards 2008**

A reminder that several award committees are still accepting nominations. Additional information about the awards may be found in the July 2007 issue of the AAHM *NewsLetter* or through the AAHM Web site: <[histmed.org](http://histmed.org)>.

**Osler Medal Essay Contest, 2008:** Entries must be postmarked no later than **15 January 2008**. For additional information contact the Osler Medal Committee Chair: William Summers, Ph.D., 450 Saint Ronan Street, New Haven, CT 06511; e-mail: [william.summers@yale.edu](mailto:william.summers@yale.edu).

**Shryock Medal Essay Contest, 2008:** Essays must be postmarked or submitted electronically via e-mail (which is the preferred method of submission) no later than **15 January 2008**. For additional information contact the Shryock Medal Committee chair: Laura Ettinger, Ph.D., Box 5750, Clarkson University, Potsdam, NY 13699-5750; e-mail: [ettingle@clarkson.edu](mailto:ettingle@clarkson.edu).

**J. Worth Estes Award, 2008:** Nominations must be received by the Committee Chair by **15 January 2008**. Please direct questions or nominations to the Chair of the Committee: Leo B. Slater, Ph.D., 2070 Belmont Road, NW, Apt. 101, Washington, DC 20009; e-mail: [leobslater@yahoo.com](mailto:leobslater@yahoo.com).

**Jack D. Pressman-Burroughs Wellcome Fund Career Development Award in 20th Century History of Medicine or Science:** The application for the award, including all supporting materials, must be postmarked by **31 December 2007** and addressed to the Chair of the Pressman-Burroughs Wellcome Committee: Susan D. Jones, D.V.M., Ph.D., Program in History of Science, Technology, Medicine, 100 Ecology Building, 1987 Upper Buford Circle, St Paul, MN 55108; e-mail: [jone0996@umn.edu](mailto:jone0996@umn.edu).

## NEWS OF MEMBERS

**Susan M. Reverby** has been appointed to the Marion Butler McLean Chair in the History of Ideas at Wellesley College.

**Antoinette Emch-Deriaz** has edited and annotated *The correspondance entre Tissot et Zimmermann 1754-1797*, which has been recently published by Editions Slatkine.

**Keith Wailoo**, has been elected to the Institute of Medicine, one of four learned academies that advise

the government on scientific matters. He is the seventh Rutgers University professor and the second historian from Rutgers to be elected to the institute.

## OBITUARIES

### James H. Cassedy, 1923-2007

James H. Cassedy, one of the AAHM's most prominent members during the past forty-five years, died at his home in Bethesda, Maryland, on 14 September 2007, after a long illness. A well-known staff member at the National Library of Medicine's History of Medicine Division also, his career as a medical historian spanned nearly fifty years.

A native of Fultonville, New York, Jim graduated from Middlebury College and served in the Army in the Pacific theater during World War II. He earned his Master's and Ph.D. degrees in American civilization from Brown. After a brief teaching stint at Williams College, he served as director of cultural centers for the U.S. Information Agency in Haiti, Burma, and Pakistan and executive secretary in the history of the life sciences study section at NIH before joining the staff of the National Library of Medicine in 1969.

Jim authored five monographs: *Charles V. Chapin and the Public Health Movement* (1962), *Demography in Early America: Beginnings of the Statistical Mind, 1600-1800* (1969), *American Medicine and Statistical Thinking, 1800-1860* (1984), *Medicine and American Growth, 1800-1860* (1986) and *Medicine in America: A Short History* (1991). During his long career he also wrote nearly forty articles and about seventy-five book reviews.

As prolific an author as Jim was, most historians have encountered his work without realizing it was his. For more than thirty five years he edited and compiled the medical-historical literature into the Bibliography of the History of Medicine and its electronic sequels, HISTLINE, and PubMed. During those years, he identified, indexed, and organized tens of thousands of historical articles. Authors now use his editorial

efforts every day, unaware of the erudite historian who made their searches possible.

The History of Medicine Division, the Washington Society for the History of Medicine, and the Office of the Public Health Service Historian sponsored a symposium in Jim's honor on 22 May 1996. Entitled Public Health, Demography, and American Medicine, it featured Philip D. Curtin, Caroline C. Hannaway, Victoria A. Harden, Alan M. Kraut, and John Parascandola.

Jim was an active member of the American Association for the History of Medicine and served as president of the Association in 1982-1983. He was the recipient of the Association's Welch Medal in 1987 for his books *American Medicine and Statistical Thinking, 1800-1860* and *Medicine and American Growth, 1800-1860*. In 2000 the AAHM recognized Jim's numerous accomplishments by bestowing on him Lifetime Achievement Award.

Survivors include his wife, Carol Clausen, of Bethesda, a long-time member of the AAHM also, as well as a long-time staff member in the History of Medicine Division.

*Philip Teigen*

## CONSTITUENT CORNER

### **The Society for the History of Navy Medicine**

The Society for the History of Navy Medicine reached a membership milestone of 80 in September. Our goal is 100 members by the end of 2007. The Society aims to provide a place of "Community, Collaboration and Camaraderie" for people interested in study, research, and writing on any aspect of the history of "naval medicine," or of medicine in the maritime environment.

Membership presently is free. Contact Tom Snyder, M.D., Captain, Medical Corps, U. S. Navy, Retired, for membership information and application forms: [thomaslsnyder@gmail.com](mailto:thomaslsnyder@gmail.com); (707) 373-3989; 131 el Camino Real, Vallejo, CA 94590-3464.

## FELLOWSHIPS/GRANTS

**The Bakken Library and Museum** in Minneapolis offers two kinds of assistance for the purpose of facilitating research in its collection of books, journals, manuscripts, prints, and instruments: Visiting Research Fellowships and Research Travel Grants.

Visiting Research Fellowships up to a maximum of \$1,500 are to be used to help to defray the expenses of travel, subsistence, and other direct costs of conducting research at The Bakken. The minimum period of residence is two weeks. Preference is given to researchers who are interested in collaborating for a day or two during their research visit with The Bakken on exhibits or other programs. The next deadline is 15 February 2008 for fellowships to be used in 2008.

Research Travel Grants up to a maximum of \$500 (domestic) and \$750 (foreign) are to be used to help to defray the expenses of travel, subsistence, and other direct costs of conducting research at The Bakken. The minimum period of residence is one week. Application may be made at any time during the calendar year.

For more details and application guidelines, please contact: Elizabeth Ihrig, Librarian, The Bakken Library and Museum, 3537 Zenith Avenue So., Minneapolis, MN, 55416; (612) 926-3878 ext. 227; (612) 927-7265 fax; [Ihrig@thebakken.org](mailto:Ihrig@thebakken.org); <[www.thebakken.org](http://www.thebakken.org)>.

**The Francis A. Countway Library of Medicine** is pleased to offer two annual fellowships to support research in the history of medicine. Established in 1960 as a result of an alliance between the Boston Medical Library and the Harvard Medical Library, the Francis A. Countway Library of Medicine is the largest academic medical library in the United States. The Countway Library maintains a collection of approximately 700,000 volumes. Its Center for the History of Medicine holds 250,000 books and journals published before 1920, including 802 incunabula. The

department's printed holdings include one of the most complete medical periodical collections, an extensive collection of European medical texts issued between the 15<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries, and excellent holdings of pre-1800 English and pre-1900 American imprints. The book collection is strong in virtually every medical discipline and is particularly rich in popular medicine, medical education, public health, Judaica, and travel accounts written by physicians. The Countway's collection of archives and manuscripts, approximately 20 million items, is the largest of its kind in the United States. The manuscript collection includes the personal and professional papers of many prominent American physicians, especially those who practiced and conducted research in the New England region, or who were associated with Harvard Medical School. The Countway Library also serves as the institutional archives for the Harvard Medical School, Harvard School of Dental Medicine, and the Harvard School of Public Health. The printed, manuscript, and archives holdings are complemented by an extensive print and photograph collection and the collections of the Warren Anatomical Museum. Established in 1847, the museum houses an exceptional collection of medical artifacts, pathological specimens, anatomical models, and instruments.

The Francis A. Countway Library Fellowships in the History of Medicine provide stipends of up to \$5,000 to support travel, lodging, and incidental expenses for a flexible period between 1 June 2008 and 31 May 2009. The fellowship proposal should demonstrate that the Countway Library has resources central to the research topic. Preference will be given to applicants who live beyond commuting distance of the Countway. The application, outlining the proposed project (proposal should not exceed five pages), length of residence, materials to be consulted, and a budget with specific information on travel, lodging, and research expenses, should be submitted, along with a curriculum vitae and two letters of recommendation, by 31 January 2008. Applications should be sent to: Countway Fellowships, Center for the History of Medicine, Francis A. Countway Library of Medicine, 10 Shattuck Street, Boston, MA 02115. The appointment will be announced by 1 March 2008.

The Boston Medical Library's Abel Lawrence Peirson Fund provides support for this program.

## MEETINGS/CALLS FOR PAPERS

"History and the Health Population: Society, Government, Health and Medicine" is the theme for the annual conference of the **Society for the Social History of Medicine** to be held in Glasgow 2-5 September 2008 <[sss.sshm.org](http://sss.sshm.org)>. The 2008 annual conference will be jointly organized by the Centre for the Social History of Health and Healthcare Glasgow, a research collaboration between Glasgow Caledonian University and the University of Strathclyde <[www.gcal.ac.uk/historyofhealth](http://www.gcal.ac.uk/historyofhealth)> and the Centre for the History of Medicine at the University of Glasgow <[www.arts.gla.ac.uk/History/Medicine/](http://www.arts.gla.ac.uk/History/Medicine/)>

The conference will embrace all historical perspectives on the broad issue of how health has been defined and by whom. It will also consider the reasons that the various agencies involved in healthcare, including patients and communities, have adopted in their approaches and strategies. The event is framed by reference to the generation of historians influenced by the idea that issues of health and healthcare are entangled in the projects of government, and seeks to engage with and critique "governmentality" as a tool of analysis in the history of medicine.

The conference encourages papers from all periods and places in seeking a wide-ranging and inclusive set of discussions. Deadline for abstracts: 31 March 2008. To submit a title and abstract of no more than 300 words please contact Lydia Marshall: [lmarsall@arts.gla.ac.uk](mailto:lmarsall@arts.gla.ac.uk).

The Pennsylvania Hospital, Philadelphia, will host its third annual **History of Women's Health Conference** on Wednesday, 23 April 2008. We invite interested persons to send a two-page proposal/abstract of your topic by Friday, 9 November 2007 for consideration. The History of Women's Health Conference focuses on women's health issues from the late 18<sup>th</sup> century to the present. This conference encourages interdisciplinary work. Topics of interest include, but are not limited to,

obstetric and gynecology issues (fertility, infertility, birth control, menopause), adolescence (health, cultural influences, body image), mental health, geriatric concerns, overall women's health, access to health care, minority health, and more. This year's keynote speaker will be Dr. Afaf I. Meleis. She is the Margaret Bond Simon Dean of Nursing at the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing, Professor of Nursing and Sociology, and Director of the School's WHO Collaborating Center for Nursing and Midwifery Leadership.

Pennsylvania Hospital, the nation's first hospital, is a 515-bed acute care facility that provides a full range of diagnostic and therapeutic medical services and functions as a major teaching and clinical research institution. The Archives of the Pennsylvania Hospital have been gathered for 255 years—an almost unbroken series since 1751. It is a unique resource for scholars interested in the history of hospital development, mental health care, medicine, architecture, and genealogy. For more on our collections or the history of Pennsylvania Hospital, please visit <[www.uphs.upenn.edu/paharc/](http://www.uphs.upenn.edu/paharc/)>.

Please submit your proposals/abstracts to: Stacey C Peebles, Curator-Lead Archivist, Pennsylvania Hospital, 3 Pine East, 800 Spruce St., Philadelphia, PA 19107; [peeplecs@pahosp.com](mailto:peeplecs@pahosp.com).

**Workshop : Writing the history of psychiatry after 1945:** The history of psychiatry in the twentieth century is characterized by an historiographic void compared with the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. This post-1945 historiographic void has been cited frequently in recent literature and comprises the starting point for this workshop. It aims to present an overview of the current state of research and move beyond the narrow perspectives that characterizes the history of psychiatry in terms of whiggish or cyclic (biological against social psychiatry) progression.

At the same time, the workshop may be the starting point for a network of researchers and universities working on the history of psychiatry after 1945 The

initiative is being launched by the following persons: Jean-Christophe Coffin (Université Paris 5- CNRS, Centre A. Koyré), Emmanuel Delille (EHESS, Centre A. Koyré) Volker Hess, Eric Engstrom (Institut für Geschichte der Medizin–Charité), Sloan Mahone, Mathew Savelli (Wellcome Institute for the History of Medicine – Oxford), Benoît Majerus (Université libre de Bruxelles), Jakob Tanner, and Marietta Meier (Universität Zürich).

The workshop is organized by the Institut für Geschichte der Medizin–Charité Berlin and the Université libre de Bruxelles. It will be held in Brussels on 30 and 31 May 2008. The deadline for (1 page) proposals is 15 November 2007 and they should be sent to the following address: [bmajerus@ulb.ac.be](mailto:bmajerus@ulb.ac.be). To allow for pre-circulation, manuscripts should be submitted to the organizers by 15 April 2008.

The 26th annual **MEPHISTOS** graduate student conference devoted to the History, Philosophy, Sociology, and Anthropology of Science, Technology, and Medicine. It will take place 4-6 April 2008, at the University of Texas at Austin.

The MEPHISTOS Organizing Committee welcomes proposals for individual papers from graduate students examining issues related to the History, Philosophy, Sociology, and Anthropology of Science, Technology, Medicine, and Health. Applicants should not, however, feel constrained by the above-listed disciplinary approaches. We welcome paper proposals from all disciplinary fields. Further, applicants should not feel restricted to the modern and contemporary time period as we strongly encourage paper proposals devoted to early modern, medieval, and renaissance periods as well.

All interested applicants please submit a CV and an Abstract (200-300 words, separate attachments preferred) by email to: [mephistos2008@gmail.com](mailto:mephistos2008@gmail.com). Please include in your CV full contact information, department and university affiliation, and level in graduate program. Deadline: 1 January 2008. Letters of Acceptance will be emailed to applicants in February 2008. MEPHISTOS presentations are

expected to be 15 minutes in length. In accordance with MEPHISTOS traditions, lodging will be provided to conference speakers, and some modest travel grants will also be available—for both international and domestic travelers. Questions may be directed to [mephistos2008@gmail.com](mailto:mephistos2008@gmail.com).

**The American Association for the History of Nursing and the School of Nursing, University of Pennsylvania**, are co-sponsoring the Association's twenty-fifth annual conference to be held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The conference provides a forum for researchers interested in sharing new research that addresses events, issues, and topics pertinent to the history of the nursing profession, its clinical practice, and the field of nursing history. Individual papers, posters, and panel presentations of interest to an international audience are featured at the conference. Additional information about AAHN and the conference can be obtained at [www.aahn.org](http://www.aahn.org).

**Guidelines for Submission:** A one page abstract of a completed study will be accepted by e-mail. Submit two copies of your abstract: one must state the complete title, name(s) of author(s), credentials, institutional affiliation, phone/fax and e-mail. Indicate whether a paper, poster or panel presentation is sought. The second abstract copy should include the title and mode of presentation with no other identifying information. If more than one author is listed, indicate who is serving as the contact person.

**Abstracts must include:** Purpose of study, rationale and significance, description of methodology, identification of major primary and secondary sources, findings and conclusions. Each section of the abstract should be clearly identified. Abstracts will be selected on the basis of merit through blind review.

**Abstract preparation:** Margins must be one and one-half inches on left, and one inch on right, top and bottom. Center the title in upper case, and single space the body using 12 point Times (New Roman) font. Use on one side of one 8.5" x 11" paper. Accepted abstracts will be printed as submitted in the conference program. Submission date: Abstracts must

arrive on or before January 15, 2008. Late abstracts will not be reviewed. Submit to: [jcwhelan@nursing.upenn.edu](mailto:jcwhelan@nursing.upenn.edu)

The Department of History at the University of Texas at Austin announces an upcoming conference, **“Making Race, Making Health: Historical Approaches to Race, Medicine, and Public Health,”** to be held 13-15 November 2008. We are interested in generating a dynamic conversation among scholars around the following themes: the interconnectedness between medical knowledge, medical practice, and processes of racialization; race, difference, and power within public health discourse and policy; inequality, activism, and health; and diagnostic and therapeutic regimes as sites of contestation. Paper topics are not limited to national field or geographic area and proposals that explore a particular topic within a diasporic, imperial, or transnational framework are welcome. We invite proposals for individual papers on topics including, but not limited to: health and medical care in slave and/or post-emancipation societies; medicine and public health in colonial settings; racial politics of the production of medical knowledge; racial disparities in health care; encounters between professional and popular medicine; race and mental health; medicalization of racial difference; medicine, health and European-indigenous contact; medicine and American expansion/conquest/empire; racial politics of medical and public health responses to epidemics and disasters; diasporic dimensions of healing practices; and race and reproductive freedom/control.

Please send an abstract (of no more than 250 words) and a CV, by 15 January 2008 to: University of Texas at Austin, Department of History – Making Race, Making Health Conference, 1 University Station B7000, Austin, TX 78712-0220. For more information, e-mail [msummers@mail.utexas.edu](mailto:msummers@mail.utexas.edu).

## LECTURES/SYMPOSIA

The New York Academy of Medicine's Section on the History of Medicine and Public Health proudly announces the second talk in its 2007-2008 Public



Lecture Series, and the first of four talks this year on the theme of Medicine in Wartime.

November 28, 6:00 p.m. (with reception at 5:30), **Jeremy Hugh Baron**, Mount Sinai School of Medicine and Imperial College, London, Medicine in Wartime, Part I: "The Anglo-American Biomedical Antecedents of Nazi Crimes."

Dr. Baron's talk is drawn from his new book, *The Anglo-American Biomedical Antecedents of Nazi Crime s: An Historical Analysis of Racism, Nationalism, Eugenics and Genocide*, which explores racist and supremacist ideas common in British and American biomedicine, demonstrating how they were adopted and employed to horrific effect by National Socialism. Dr. Ben Barkow, Director of the Wiener Library at the Institute of Contemporary History in London, writes that Baron's work "offers an antidote to bland historical studies which can lead the reader to believe that Nazi policies arose in an intellectual vacuum."

Dr. Jeremy Hugh Baron trained as a physician-scientist-scholar in Oxford, London, and New York, leading to clinical and academic positions in university hospitals in London. He is the author of numerous books and articles in his biomedical field. Since 1996, Dr. Baron has held honorary posts as professorial lecturer at Mount Sinai School of Medicine of New York University, and Senior Lecturer at Imperial College, London. His current interests include bioethics and social responsibility.

December 12, 2007 6:00 p.m. (with reception at 5:30), **Alan Kraut**, "Mirrors of the Culture: Jewish Hospitals in the History of American Health Care."

January 22, 2008, 6:00 p.m. (with reception at 5:30), **Will Noel**, The Annual Friends of the Rare Book Room Lecture, "The Strange Case of the Archimedes Codex."

February 21, 2008, 6:00 p.m. (with reception at 5:30), **Bertrand Taithe**, Medicine in Wartime, Part II: "The Giant Hospital: Besieged Paris in the Modern War Era, 1870-1871."

Thursday, March 27, 2008 , 6:00 p.m. (with reception at 5:30), **Arleen Tuchman**, "Diabetes: A Cultural History."

April 24, 2008, 6:00 p.m. (with reception at 5:30), **Beth Linker**, Medicine in Wartime, Part III: "Limb Lab: Getting Amputee Soldiers Back to Work in World War I America."

May, 2008, Date TBD, 6:00 p.m. (with reception at 5:30), **Susan Smith**, Medicine in Wartime, Part IV: "Human Experimentation with Mustard Gas in World War II."

For more information about NYAM programs in the history of medicine, visit our website at <[www.nyam.org/initiatives/im-histe.shtml](http://www.nyam.org/initiatives/im-histe.shtml)>, write [history@nyam.org](mailto:history@nyam.org), or call Chris Warren at (212) 822-7314. Historical programs at NYAM are supported by the Friends of the Rare Book Room.

On Thursday, October 18 at 6:00 p.m., **Jonathan Sadowsky** presented the Anton and Rose Zverina Medical History Lecture at the Allen Memorial Library, Case Western Reserve University. The lecture was entitled "The History of a Side Effect: Electroconvulsive Therapy and Memory Loss, 1940-The Present." Professor Sadowsky is the Dr. Theodore J. Castele Associate Professor of Medical History & Chair of the History Department. His research interests focus upon the history of psychiatry, and for this presentation he concentrates upon a topic related to his forthcoming book on electroconvulsive therapy.

"What is 'Dead' Anyway?: Determining Death for Organ Transplantation," the last History of the Health Sciences Lecture at the University of Virginia Health System for Fall 2007 will be on 14 November. **Susan E. Lederer**, Ph.D., History of Medicine and Science, Yale University, and **Timothy L. Pruett**, M.D., Surgery and Internal Medicine, University of Virginia, and President, United National Organ Sharing (UNOS), will speak. All History of the Health Sciences Lectures, including talks from earlier in the

2007/2008 season, are available as podcasts at <[www.healthsystem.virginia.edu/internet/library/historical/lectures.cfm](http://www.healthsystem.virginia.edu/internet/library/historical/lectures.cfm)>.

## PRIZES

**The International Society for the History of East Asian Science, Technology, and Medicine (ISHEASTM)** would like to solicit nominations for the Zhu Kezhen Awards. The Zhu Kezhen Award and the Zhu Kezhen Junior Award were both established in 2002 through the generosity of the Institute for the History of Natural Science, Chinese Academy of Sciences.

The Zhu Kezhen Award consists of a medal and a cash prize of U.S. \$1,000. It is the highest honor awarded by the ISHEASTM for an essay of original scholarship in the history of science, technology, and medicine in East Asia. The two Zhu Kezhen junior awards, consisting of a certificate and a cash prize of US\$500, are awarded for an essay written by a junior scholar in the history of science, technology, and medicine in East Asia. All three prizes are awarded once every three years at the plenary conference of the ISHEASTM. The next ISHEASTM conference will take place in Baltimore, MD 14-17 July 2008.

Essays in English, Chinese, Japanese, Korean, or Vietnamese published less than four years prior to the deadline for nomination will be considered. Essays in other Asian languages will be considered if they are accompanied by an English translation. For the Zhu Kezhen Junior Award, the author should be a graduate student or a scholar who received his/her doctoral degree less than five years prior to the deadline for nomination. Nominations, accompanied by a copy of the nominated essay, should be submitted to the Zhu Kezhen Award Committee. To ensure fair evaluation, it is advised that all essays in East Asian languages should be accompanied by an English translation.

The deadline for acceptance of nominations is 31 December 2007. All nominations should be sent electronically to the Chair of the Zhu Kezhen Award Committee, Univ.-Prof. Dr. Paul Ulrich Unschuld,

[unschuld@charite.de](mailto:unschuld@charite.de). If you have any questions regarding the awards, please contact Fa-ti Fan, [ffan@binghamton.edu](mailto:ffan@binghamton.edu), Secretary, International.

The **American Academy of Neurology (AAN)** established the H. Richard Tyler Award to encourage historical research using the AAN Library Collection at the Bernard Becker Medical Library at the Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis. The deadline to apply for the next H. Richard Tyler Award is 1 December 2007. Investigators of neurology-related topics could receive up to \$1,200 for research expenses. The award is open to AAN members and non-members.

Applicants must submit a proposal that includes a hypothesis for use, background, and the objectives of the research. A curriculum vitae with a reference letter also is required. Upon completion of the research, the award recipient must submit a final research paper as well as an evaluation on use of the library collection.

The AAN Library Collection contains a wealth of publications on the general history of neurosciences, as well as in-depth coverage of such topics as: development of neurosurgery; Harvey Cushing; early French neurology (Charcot, et al.); Thomas Willis; neuroanatomy (early authors); brain functions; and phrenology.

The library began with a donation of more than 3,000 neurology-related books by H. Richard Tyler, M.D. It now comprises more than 7,000 books, making it one of the most significant national or international research resources for the history of neurology and neurosciences. The library provides research assistance in an elegant reading room, as well as reference, photocopy, and photographic services including digitization. All materials in the AAN collection are easily retrievable and requests are filled on-site or via correspondence, telephone, and email.

For more information about the H. Richard Tyler Award, visit <[www.aan.com/h Tyler08](http://www.aan.com/h Tyler08)> or contact Jeff Sorenson at [jsorenson@aan.com](mailto:jsorenson@aan.com) or (651) 695-2728.

## ARCHIVES/LIBRARIES/MUSEUMS

The supranational organization now known as the European Union (EU) is 50 years old. Like any organization, the EU has produced a “government documents” collection throughout its 50 years. The Delegation of the European Commission to the USA, Washington DC (in effect, the European Union’s embassy to the US) recently donated its entire library/archive collection – containing the complete “government document” collection since the 1950s - to the **University Library System, University of Pittsburgh**. When combined with the electronic collection already online on the EU’s Web site “Europa” <europa.eu/> (containing materials published mostly between 1995 and 2007), this new collection at the University of Pittsburgh constitutes nearly a full run of “official” EU government documents. This collection includes the *Official Journal*, dozens of annual and periodical reports, and literally tens of thousands of monographs. The collection contains over 3,000 linear shelf feet of paper documents and 120 feet of microfiche.

This collection contains a significant amount of unique primary research material on many aspects of the recent history of public health and medicine including: many aspects of public health and health care; environmental and industrial health issues; regulations pertaining to the health care professions; legislation regulating drug and substance abuse issues; a wide variety of social issues affecting health; medical technology and research issues; issues pertaining to women’s health; global health concerns; health policies specific diseases; biomedical ethics; and demographics.

Since the EU has been very involved in providing support for health care initiatives in many third world nations there is a large amount of material pertaining to the health issues in a number of third world countries over the past fifty years. This is not an exhaustive list of the history of medicine/public health topics to be found in this great resource. The EU has significantly increased its authority over its member states during the last 20 years as well as

expanded to include many of the countries in the former Soviet Union, so there are more materials available for the last 20 years. The publications from the 1950s-1990 are entered in a traditional paper card catalog, with author, subject, and title indexes; publications 1990-2004 are cataloged in an electronic file with the same three access points.

Daily access to the EU Archives will be overseen by Dr. Phillip Wilkin of Hillman Library. He can be reached at [pwilkin@pitt.edu](mailto:pwilkin@pitt.edu) or (412) 648-7829. For information about available housing near the University of Pittsburgh, contact Dr. Jonathon Erlen, [erlen@pitt.edu](mailto:erlen@pitt.edu) or (412) 648-8927.

**The Otis Historical Archives of the National Museum of Health and Medicine** (Armed Forces Institute of Pathology) has recently digitized several texts of historical significance, including *The Medical and Surgical History of the War of the Rebellion*, a six-volume, in-depth study of Civil War wounds and diseases, based on specimens collected from the battlefield; *A History of the United States Army Medical Museum, 1862-1917*, a formerly unpublished manuscript; *A Catalogue of Surgeons’ Instruments, Air and Water Beds, Pillows, and Cushions, Bandages, Trusses, Elastic Stockings, Inhalers, Galvanic Apparatus, and Other Appliances Used by the Medical Profession* (1866); *The Medical Department of the United States Army in the World War*, 15 volumes recording “...the permanent written record of the accomplishments of the Medical Department in [World War I]...;” *A Medical Survey of the Bituminous-Coal Industry* (Report of the Coal Mines Administration, 1947), well-illustrated with photographs of life in coal towns; and a collection of several medical texts and journals, some hand-illustrated, from a captured Viet Cong physician. We hope to have these materials available soon.

Additionally, Otis Historical Archives has just begun to digitize a collection of about 8,000 combat casualty cases from the Vietnam War known as WDMEIT (Wounds Data Munitions Effectiveness Team), comprised of approximately 200,000 pages of original documents, 120,000 slides, and several filing cabinets

of bullets and shrapnel, collected from 1967-1969. The project is expected to take about one year.

**Rare Books and Special Collections Health Sciences Library System, University of Pittsburgh Rare Books and Special Collections at the University of Pittsburgh Health Sciences Libraries** now have a presence on the Web. A new Web site was recently launched with information about these collections <[www.hsls.pitt.edu/about/libraries/falk/rarebook/index\\_html](http://www.hsls.pitt.edu/about/libraries/falk/rarebook/index_html)>.

The Rare Books pages describe the history of the collections and some of the highlights. The collections include a significant number of early works in dentistry, a substantive group of books pertaining to the field of psychiatry and mental health, a unique collection of books on rheumatism and gout (donated by Dr. Gerald P. Rodnan), and an outstanding collection of books relating to hernias and surgery (donated by Dr. Mark M. Ravitch). In the future we hope to enrich the site with images from some of the unique books in these collections.

Special Collections are few in number because the libraries are not actively collecting in this area. There are two collections of note: the Detre Collection and the Insane Hospital Reports. Dr. Thomas Detre was director of the Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic and during his tenure as Senior Vice Chancellor for the Health Sciences at the University of Pittsburgh was instrumental in the creation of the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC). His papers are extensive and chronicle over thirty years of innovation at Pitt.

The Insane Hospital Reports collection contains 25 bound volumes. Each one includes fifteen to thirty reports from mental institutions in the United States, generally for the same years; the bulk of the reports are from 1870-1882. The individual reports had been bound together, but detailed contents were not available up to this point. The finding aid includes a detailed list of reports in each volume, arranged by state, city, and hospital so that researchers can easily locate reports from institutions in which they are

interested. More data regarding the reports is available in the library. For additional information contact: Leslie Czechowski, Head of Collection Services University of Pittsburgh Health Sciences Library System, 200 Scaife Hall, 3550 Terrace St. Pittsburgh, PA 15261; (412) 648-2049; email: [lczech@pitt.edu](mailto:lczech@pitt.edu).

### News from the History of Medicine Division of the National Library of Medicine

#### Upcoming Events

Unless otherwise noted all upcoming lectures will be held in Building 38A, Lister Hill Visitors Center from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.

October 25, 2007, **Isabelle Dussauge**, Royal Institute of Technology Stockholm, Sweden, "Anatomy Remediated: Aligning Recent and Older Technomedical Gazes."

October 31, 2007, **Anita Guerrini**, University of California - Santa Barbara, "Animals, Anatomy, and Natural History in Louis XIV's Paris."

December 3, 2007 (4:00-6:00 p.m.), **Bernadette Wegenstein**, "Made Over in America." (Film Premier).

February 5, 2008, **Samuel Roberts**, Columbia University, "New Histories for New Politics: Making African-American Health History Matter." (African American History Month Lecture).

#### Profiles in Science

The History of Medicine Division released recently a Web version of the Sol Spiegelman (1914-1983) papers. An American molecular biologist whose pioneering discoveries accelerated the study of gene mechanisms and laid the foundations of recombinant DNA technology, his early work on enzymatic induction in yeasts demonstrated a new way to investigate how genes work. He later developed RNA-DNA hybridization, and synthesized biologically

competent and infective virus RNA in test tubes. Receiving a Lasker Award in 1974, he continued innovative work on viral causes of cancers.

This new online exhibit introduces Spiegelman's scientific career and professional life. Web address: <[profiles.nlm.nih.gov/PX/](http://profiles.nlm.nih.gov/PX/)>.

### New Exhibitions

*Hooke's Books: Books that Influenced or Were Influenced by Robert Hooke's Micrographia*, a new exhibition, recently opened in the HMD foyer and Reading Room. It remains on display until 15 November 2007.

Focusing on Robert Hooke's principal work, *Micrographia: or Some Physiological Descriptions of Minute Bodies made by Magnifying Glasses* (1665), the exhibit surveys Hooke's predecessors and legacy. Featuring a selection of books from the NLM collection, and a facsimile of Hooke's own microscope from the National Museum of Health and Medicine, it is a companion to NLM's latest "Turning the Pages" production, which can be viewed at <[ttp.nlm.nih.gov](http://ntp.nlm.nih.gov/)>.

*Do Mandrakes Really Scream? Magic and Medicine in Harry Potter Exhibit in History of Medicine Division Reading Room*, until 30 November 2007. Online version: <[www.nlm.nih.gov/exhibition/mandrakes/introduction.html](http://www.nlm.nih.gov/exhibition/mandrakes/introduction.html)>.

A decade ago, British writer J.K. Rowling published *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone*, the first in a series of seven books about a boy wizard who is the only known survivor of a "Killing Curse." A year later, the book was released in the United States with the title *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*. Ms. Rowling's books were soon breaking publishing records and "the boy who lived" became entrenched in the popular imagination.

In the books, Harry Potter attends Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. There he makes friends, learns magic, and begins a seven-year battle with the

evil Lord Voldemort—the wizard whose curse failed to kill Harry as a baby.

There is more to the Harry Potter series than a child hero or a fantasy adventure—many of the characters, plants, and creatures in Rowling's stories are based in history, medicine, or magical lore. Death, evil, illness, and injury affect the characters of Harry Potter's imaginary world. In describing their experiences, Ms. Rowling has drawn on important works of alchemy and herbology. These works and other links to Harry Potter books are examined in this exhibition.

### Recent Acquisitions

The National Center for Homeopathy in Arlington, Virginia, donated its entire historical collection to NLM. Of the 1870 volumes included, most were published before 1915. Some archival and manuscript material arrived also.

Girolamo Mercurio's *La Comare Oricoglitrice di Scipione Mercuri* (Venice, 1596). An early vernacular work on obstetrics, it was written for midwives and included illustrations.

### OTHER NEWS

**The Optometric Historical Society (OHS)** is an organization for the study of the history of optometry, spectacle lenses, vision science, vision care, and related topics. OHS produces a quarterly publication entitled *Hindsight: Journal of Optometry History*.

Annual dues are \$25 (US) for regular membership or \$50 for patron membership. Lifetime membership is \$250. Membership in OHS can be secured by sending name, mailing address, and dues payment to: Bridget Kowalczyk, OHS Secretary-Treasurer, International Library, Archives, and Museum of Optometry, 243 North Lindbergh Boulevard, St. Louis, MO 63141. Checks should be made payable to the Optometric Historical Society.

Manuscripts submitted for publication in *Hindsight: Journal of Optometry History* should be submitted to the Editor: David A. Goss, Hindsight Editor, School of Optometry, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN 47405; email: dgoss@indiana.edu. A Word document attached to an email message is the preferred means of submission.

For a sample copy of *Hindsight: Journal of Optometry History*, write the Editor or see <www.opt.indiana.edu/ohs/hindsightJan07.pdf>. Institutional or library subscriptions to the journal can be obtained by registering membership in OHS. Additional information about OHS can be obtained at: www.opt.indiana.edu/ohs/optohiso.html.

**The University of Minnesota** is pleased to announce the formation of a new graduate program in History of Science, Technology, and Medicine resulting from the merger of the long-established graduate programs in History of Science and Technology and History of Medicine. In addition to strong offerings in the social and intellectual history of science, technology, and medicine the new program allows students to study the history of topics that lie at the boundaries of these areas such as biomedical engineering, the biomedical sciences, and the use of computer technology in health care and the health sciences. Substantial financial aid is available in the form of fellowships and teaching and research assistantships. Applications for graduate study are now being accepted for admission in fall 2008.

The new program has eleven faculty members: Jennifer Alexander (modern European technology), Mark Borrello (modern biology), John M. Eyler (modern medicine and public health), Jennifer Gunn (modern medicine and social sciences), Michel Janssen (modern physics), Susan Jones (modern biomedical and life sciences), Sally Gregory Kohlstedt (American science), Tom Misa (modern technology and culture), Robert W. Seidel (19th and 20th century science and science-based technologies), Jole Shackelford (Renaissance medicine), and Alan E. Shapiro (early-modern physical sciences).

For further information contact: The Program in the History of Science, Technology, and Medicine, University of Minnesota, 148 Tate Laboratory of Physics, 116 Church St. SE, Minneapolis, MN 55455, or at [www.hstm@physics.umn.edu](mailto:www.hstm@physics.umn.edu) or visit the Web page at <[hstm.umn.edu/](http://hstm.umn.edu/)>.

**Museums and Natural Wonders of Scotland** (7-19 May 2008) Tour Leaders: Dr. Bruce Latimer, Executive Director, Cleveland Museum of Natural History (CMNH) and Dr. Jim Edmonson, Chief Curator of the Dittrick Medical History Center and Museum, Case Western Reserve University (CWRU).

The Dittrick Travel Program is now partnering with the CMNH to offer a specially enhanced reprise of our Scotland tour. Join Bruce Latimer and Jim Edmonson on this custom designed 12 day tour uncovering the natural history, medical heritage, and culture of Scotland. We'll spend three days in Glasgow, which will include a privileged behind the scenes tour of the Hunterian Museum with curators Maggie Reilly and Paula Summerly, a tour of Stirling Castle set high on an extinct volcano overlooking the battlefields on which William Wallace and Robert the Bruce fought for Scottish independence, and a private dinner in the historic surroundings of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow. We will then head to the rugged northern regions of Inverness past Loch Ness and the Cairngorm Mountains, have a tour of the Royal Scottish Zoological Society's Wildlife Park by the Director, and view the Great Caledonian Forest's primeval woodland habitat. Then it's on to the western coast's Isle of Skye where the unique geology and local fauna are in contrast to the verdant lowlands near Oban. We finish the tour in lively Edinburgh where a special walking tour of the city's "Medical Triangle" has been devised for us by Sheila Devlin-Thorp, and we will conclude with a visit to the Museums of the Royal College of Surgeons led by Dawn Kemp. This tour will also be co-sponsored by the Mutter Museum of the College of Physicians of Philadelphia.

**Missing Link**, a monthly podcast on the history of science, medicine, and technology (HSMT), has recently been launched <[missinglinkpodcast.com](http://missinglinkpodcast.com)>.

The program is designed to help make the history of medicine more accessible to a wider audience.

Three episodes are now available: Episode 1: Stranger than Fiction - This episode considers some of the ways that science fiction has drawn inspiration from planetary science; Episode 2: Opposites Attract - This program examines the seemingly obvious idea that women and men are opposites; Episode 3: Looks at the history of science and medicine in Berlin during that city's turbulent history.

Podcasts are essentially radio programs that are available online, usually for free, for listening at any time. Listeners can enjoy a podcast straight from their computer, or download it to an mp3 player such as an iPod.

You can listen to the program and find more information about it by visiting this Web site: [missinglinkpodcast.com](http://missinglinkpodcast.com). (There are further instructions toward the bottom of the Web page about how to listen.) The podcast is listed on iTunes, and can be subscribed to using the following RSS feed: [missinglink.libsyn.com/rss](http://missinglink.libsyn.com/rss).

Please circulate word about this podcast widely, Feedback is welcome. Submissions on any topic under the broad tent of HSMIT are encouraged. Please contact Elizabeth Green Musselman if you would like to discuss contributing an essay or other segment to the podcast at [greenmue@southwestern.edu](mailto:greenmue@southwestern.edu).

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