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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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In the musical *Brigadoon* the protagonists stumble onto a valley in Scotland that comes to life only once every hundred years. Here in the AAHM we do better than that, as our village coalesces every 365 days. It happens in different places, with an ever changing but also enduring array of occupants. There is something magical about all this. Since our life together may only span 4 days a year it comes as a surprise that we have (some of us) grey hair or grown children. That scholars we met as graduate students are now full professors. Janet Golden and Rima Apple helped me with childcare at the Charleston meeting, only 56 days ago in AAHM time. How can it be that this child is now almost six feet tall and discussing college choices with his friends?

The importance of our village, virtual and embodied, is where the magic is most evident in my own work. When I considered the many influences on my book *Marrow of Tragedy--*as I prepared my acceptance speech for the Rosen Prize graciously granted it at the New Haven meeting--I realized more than ever the value of our village in nurturing scholarship. This text and blood entity came to life in 2013. It is in many ways a synthetic book, which reflects not only formal university training, but also every paper, every conversation, every question, even every argument heard at AAHM meetings. As AAHM colleagues invited me to present my work at academic venues around the country, I similarly benefited from encounters with students, scholars and other audience members. It is a fruit of the AAHM village.

I urge younger colleagues to take that statement literally, to learn that the value of a virtual community like AAHM is not just in immediately realized connections but in acquiring attitudes, questions, perspectives, and excitement that may not all be available in the communities of our quotidian lives. Invest in AAHM and it will repay you in ways that may take years to unfold. On the practical front it nurtures the chain of top down connections which are manifest in letters for promotion committees or manuscript peer review. But its annual flowering has even deeper meaning than that.

Events at AAHM deposit layers of memory that give richness to our professional lives and warmth to friendships renewed year after year. Remember when B. J. swatted draft beer pints in G. G.'s lap, twice, at that last meeting in Minneapolis? Or why J. D. received a dismembered knight (it's only a flesh wound)? How many varieties of tomatoes did J. P. receive? What about the Fido Osler society, born in the bar of that grim hotel in NYC? Never forget that N.G. has the photos. This year, in a surprise move, H. P. gave C. H. a platypus! These anecdotes come

easily to my mind; there are many more in the swirling circles of connectivity. Our friendly silliness is a crowning feature of our magical village life. [Names redacted to protect the serious.] It is up to the young to carry on these traditions.

David Rosner's Garrison lecture at the New Haven meeting reflected on the great transition that happened in the field beginning in the late 1970s, as the perspectives of social medicine joined an older triumphalist physician-centered narrative to create a new hierarchy of values within our professional group. Those were indeed exciting times, but as a group we still remain multiply directed with a diversity of professional identities and goals. We gain strength from each other, and are fortunate that neither side "won" in the tussles for professional dominance. Our magical village is too threatened by outside forces to spend our efforts warring amidst our extended family.

The most immediate threat, and one well pondered by the AAHM officers, is the high cost of bringing our magical village into being each year. Hotel rates are rising, not only for attendee rooms but for audiovisual equipment, not to mention cookies and coffee. This in turn means that local arrangements committees must charge ever higher registration fees to break even. Local support for the meetings has diminished as university and medical school budgets have tightened. And of course airfares are rising as well.

These costs have been reflected in frequent meeting overruns during the past few years. The AAHM leadership has responded in several ways. It is worth pointing out that the leadership of AAHM shifts frequently (presidential term is two years, e.g.) so I am summarizing past actions instituted by different leaders as well as current directions led by the present officers and council.

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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 October, 15 February, and 1 July. Several years ago a fundraising campaign, spearheaded by Ken Ludmerer, created an endowment for an executive director. Right now all AAHM management is in the hands of unpaid volunteers. The executive director model envisions the hire of a person who could take over managing the organization's functions, including the annual meeting.

While we await further growth in our executive director endowment, the AAHM leadership has made the decision to hire a professional event planner in the interim, beginning with the Minnesota meeting. Our hope is that such a company (and we are in final negotiations with a promising candidate) will help us save money through better negotiation of contracts with hotels, and outsourcing AV, a significant hotel cost that can be found cheaper and more reliably elsewhere. We hope that this decision will lead to net savings and accordingly lower registration fees.

We've also created a fund, dubbed "90 for the 90th" in honor of the AAHM's 90th birthday party at the New Haven meeting, whose purpose is to augment our travel grants. This fund is offered to certain scholars (graduate students, independent scholars, and selected internationals) whose papers are accepted for the forthcoming program in order to help defray meeting costs.

Another change, made in advance of the New Haven meeting, was the decision to discontinue the banquet. As costs had risen for this celebratory event, only about a fifth of meeting attendees were signing up. Sad, because it was here that our prizes were announced and distributed. This year in its place was a reception, a birthday party with champagne and cake. So instead of 80 or so people witnessing the prize awards, 350 or more clapped to honor the prize winners. Not to mention the platypus. Future local arrangements committees may choose a different time slot, but the principle is clear. Our communal celebration of each other's work will, in future, be open to all. The power of our magical village continues to astound me, made possible only through the multiple efforts of AAHM volunteers. See you next year in Minneapolis!

> Margaret Humphreys, AAHM President

AAHM NEWS

2015 Award Recipients

Congratulations to the 2015 AAHM awards recipients! Each one was recognized during a special awards ceremony held during the 90th anniversary birthday party at the Yale Commons as part of the 88th annual meeting in New Haven, CT.

The William H. Welch Medal for 2015 was awarded to Leslie J. Reagan for her book, *Dangerous* pregnancies: Mothers, disabilities, and abortion in modern America, University of California Press, 2010.

AAHM awarded the newly created George Rosen Prize for the first time in 2015 to Margaret Humphreys for her book *The Marrow of Tragedy: The Health Crisis of the American Civil War*, Johns Hopkins University Press, 2013.

The William Osler Medal was presented to Julia Cockey Cromwell, a medical student at Johns Hopkins University for her essay, "Viral Knowledge: Autopsy and the 1918 Influenza Pandemic John Thomas Stroh, a resident at Children's National Medical Center, Washington, DC, and graduate of the University of Kansas School of Medicine in 2014 received an honorable mention for his essay, "The English Reformation and the Birth of London's Royal Hospitals."

The winner of the 2015 **Richard H. Shryock Medal** was Marissa Mika, Ph.D. candidate, History and Sociology of Science, University of Pennsylvania, for her essay, "Surviving Experiments: Burkitt's Lymphoma Research in Idi Amin's Uganda." An honorable mention was awarded to Cara Kiernan Fallon, Ph.D. candidate, History of Science, Harvard University, for her essay, "Husbands' Hearts and Women's Health: Gender and Heart Disease in Twentieth-Century America."

Susan Lederer of the University of Wisconsin will present the 2016 **Garrison Lecture** at the 89th annual meeting of the Association in Minneapolis, MN.

Deborah Doroshow of Yale University received the 2015 Jack D. Pressman-Burroughs Wellcome Career Development Award in 20th Century History of Medicine or Science for her project titled "Emotionally Disturbed: The Care and Abandonment of America's Troubled Children."

Hoi-eun Kim received the 2015 **J. Worth Estes Prize** for his article, "Cure for Empire: The 'Conquer-Russia-Pill,' Pharmaceutical Manufacturers, and the Making of Patriotic Japanese, 1904-45," *Medical History* 57 (2013): 249-68.

Ninety for the Ninetieth: Building the Next Generation

Those members who attended the 2015 meeting in New Haven were able to participate in a celebration marking the Association's ninety years. AAHM will be marking this anniversary throughout 2015 and invites you to make a donation to the "Ninety for the Ninetieth" campaign. Funds raised will allow us to expand travel support for young scholars and explore other ways to help them achieve professional success. Please join us in contributing \$90 (or more) in honor of the AAHM's 90th birthday, and to support the continued vigor of our academic enterprise. Donate online at <u>aahm.press.jhu.edu/membership/join</u>.

AAHM gratefully acknowledges the donations to the "Ninety for the Ninetieth" campaign through June of this year from the following members:

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AAHM Call for Papers

The American Association for the History of Medicine (AAHM) invites abstracts for papers in any area of medical history for its 89th annual meeting, to be held in Minneapolis, Minnesota, 28 April to 1 May 2016. The AAHM welcomes papers on the history of health and healing; the history of medical ideas, practices, and institutions; and the history of illness, disease, or public health. Submissions pertaining to all eras and regions of the world are welcome. Papers and panels that expand the horizons of medical history and engage related fields are particularly encouraged.

In addition to single-paper proposals, the Program Committee, led by Co-Chairs Sarah Tracy <u>swtracy@ou.edu</u> and Scott Podolsky <u>scott podolsky</u> <u>@hms.harvard.edu</u>, encourages proposals for creatively structured panels and for luncheon workshops. Please contact one or both of the Program Committee Co-chairs if you are planning a panel or workshop. The Program Committee will judge individual papers in each of these venues on their own merits.

Presentations are limited to no more than 20 minutes. Papers must represent original work not already published or in press. Speakers are encouraged to make their manuscripts available to the *Bulletin of the History of Medicine*, the official journal of the AAHM.

This year, for the first time, the Program Committee also invites a limited number of poster presentations. Poster proposals likewise will be considered individually.

The AAHM uses an online abstract submissions system, accessible through the organization website at <histmed.org/cfp2016>. If you are unable to submit your proposal online, please contact the Program Co-chairs at the email addresses above immediately and be prepared to submit a copy of your paper abstract (no more than 350 words) with title, your name and institutional affiliation, three key words that describe your proposed paper, and three CME learning objectives (the learning objectives are not considered part of the word count). For suggestions on developing learning objectives, see: <www.histmed.org/learning-objectives>. No late submissions will be accepted.

Over the past two years, the number of abstracts submitted for consideration has increased significantly. The acceptance rate for proposals has decreased accordingly. With this in mind, the Program Committee offers some guidelines for writing a successful abstract.

1. Provide an overview of the problem or story that your paper addresses; include the major actors and interests involved as well as the specific dates or historical time frame of your paper. BIG PICTURE.

2. Contextualize your problem or story within the history of medicine and/or scholarly literature. HISTORICAL/HISTORIOGRAPHIC CONTEXT.

3. Discuss the methods your paper employs to address the problem or story. SOURCES, ANALYSIS, AND PERSPECTIVE EMPLOYED.

4. Present your conclusion or interpretation of the narrative or problem you discuss and state its significance. SUMMARY AND IMPLICATIONS.

5. Include three key words that best describe your paper's focus. KEY WORDS.

6. State three Continuing Medical Education (CME) learning objectives for those seeking CME credit. Please note that such credit is vital to many AAHM members. CME OBJECTIVES.

Collections of successful abstracts from the 2014 and 2015 programs are available <www.histmed.org/meetings>. Individuals are not required to be AAHM members at the time of submitting an abstract, but you must join AAHM before registering for and presenting at the meeting.

Abstracts must be submitted by **28 September 2015**. We will make your email address available, if your paper is accepted, unless you opt out of this by emailing <u>scott_podolsky@hms.harvard.edu</u>.

Call for Nominations, AAHM Awards, 2016

All awards will be presented at the AAHM annual meeting in Minneapolis, MN, on 29 April 2016. Additional information may be found on the AAHM website: <u>http://www.histmed.org/about/awards</u>.

Osler Medal Essay Contest, 2016. 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.

All students who are candidates for the degree of Doctor of Medicine or Doctor of Osteopathy, or are

graduates of the class of 2015, are eligible. The essay must have been written while the entrant was a student in good standing. Students are not eligible to compete for the Osler Medal if they have completed at least one full year of graduate training in history, the history of science or medicine, or the humanities or social sciences by the closing date of the competition. 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 resubmission.

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 in 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.

Entries must be postmarked or submitted electronically via e-mail (which is the preferred method of submission) to Osler Medal Committee Chair: Mical Raz, <u>micalraz@upenn.edu</u> by 15 January 2016.

Shryock Medal Essay Contest, 2016. 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 12,000 words, including 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. 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. 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 resubmission.

Essays must be postmarked or submitted electronically via e-mail (which is the preferred method of submission) to Shryock Medal Committee chair: Flurin Condrau, <u>flurin.condrau@uzh.ch</u> no later than 15 January 2016.

J. Worth Estes Award, 2016. This award was established in honor of J. Worth Estes, M.D., in recognition of his many 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 of the modern era, pharmaceutics, and the like. It shall encompass the discovery of medicaments, basic investigations about them, their characteristics and properties, their preparation and marketing, 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 nominated along with a copy of the paper. For the current award, candidate papers will be those published in 2014 and 2015. 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, Joseph M. Gabriel, School of Pharmacy, University of Wisconsin, 777 Highland Avenue, Madison, WI 53705-2222; joseph.gabriel@wisc.edu and must be postmarked or submitted electronically via e-mail (which is the preferred method of submission) no later than 15 January 2016.

Jack D. Pressman-Burroughs Wellcome Fund Career Development Award in 20th Century History of Medicine or Biomedical Sciences, 2016. 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 \$1,000 is given yearly for outstanding work in twentieth-century history of medicine or medical biomedical sciences, 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., 2011-2015). 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 application, including all supporting materials, must be submitted by 31 December 2015. Submissions and/or questions should be directed to the Chair of the Pressman–Burroughs Wellcome Committee, Cynthia Connolly at <u>cac1@nursing</u>. <u>upenn.edu</u>. More information may be obtained from the AAHM website <u>www.histmed.org/about/awards</u> or from the committee chair.

Genevieve Miller Lifetime Achievement Award, 2016. The American Association for the History of Medicine established the lifetime achievement award in 1988; the first recipients were Saul Jarcho, Lester King, and Owsei Temkin. The award was named for Genevieve Miller in 2014 to honor of her contributions to the history of medicine and the Association. The award is given annually to a member of the Association who has retired from regular with institutional affiliation or practice, а distinguished record of support for the history of medicine over many years, and who has made continuing scholarly contributions of a distinguished nature. Victorian Harden, chair of the Genevieve Miller Lifetime Achievement Award Committee. welcomes nominations for the award, at the following e-mail address: vharden@outlook.com. Deadline for nominations: 31 October 2015. Electronic submissions are preferred.

George Rosen Prize, 2016. The George Rosen Prize is awarded to one or more authors/creators of a book, article, essay, edited volume, museum exhibition, film, or other significant contribution to the history of public health or the history of social medicine published or created in the two calendar years preceding the award's nomination deadline, i.e. during 2013 or 2014. "Social medicine" here refers to historical efforts to heal, relieve, or prevent diseases arising inherently from social circumstances and is intended to be distinct from the "social history of medicine." In this context, "social" refers to the perspective of the historical actors and not to the perspective or methods of the historian.

The award is named in honor of George Rosen, physician, public health administrator, past-president of the AAHM, and a major contributor to the history of social medicine. The AAHM Council established the award in 2014 thanks to the generosity of the Rosen family. Further information is available at <www.histmed.org/about/awards>. The chair of the 2015-2016 Rosen Prize Committee, Bert Hansen, welcomes suggestions of books, articles, films or other significant scholarly endeavors to consider for the award. Publishers nominating a book must send a copy to each member of the committee. To nominate materials and to obtain mailing addresses of all committee members, contact Bert Hansen, Chair of the George Rosen Prize Committee, at <u>bert.hansen@baruch.cuny.edu</u>. Deadline for submissions: 31 October 2015.

William H. Welch Medal, 2016. The William H. Welch Medal 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. Hence, books published during 2010–2014 inclusively will be eligible for the Medal

The award is named in honor of a major American figure in the history of medicine and public health, who was also one of the first faculty members at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. The Medal was first presented in 1950 to Henry Sigerist. A list of subsequently awarded authors and their scholarship can be found at: www.histmed.org/about/awards/welch-medal/ welch-medal-winner. The chair of the 2015-2016 Welch Medal Committee, Mariola Espinosa welcomes suggestions of books to consider for the award. Publishers nominating a book must send a copy to each member of the committee.

To nominate a book and to obtain mailing addresses of all committee members, contact: Mariola Espinosa, <u>mariola-espinosa@uiowa.edu</u>; mailing address: History Department, University of Iowa, 280 Schaeffer Hall, Iowa City, IA 52242-1409

Deadline for nominations: 19 October 2015. Previously nominated eligible books must be renominated; they will not be considered automatically.

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Ken Ludmerer received the 2015 Distinguished Alumnus Award of the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine for his contributions to the history of medicine and medical education, with special reference to his latest book, *Let Me Heal: The Opportunity to Preserve Excellence in American Medicine* (Oxford, 2014).

Michael A. Osborne received an Honorable Mention in the category "Naval and Maritime Science and Technology" for his book, *The Emergence of Tropical Medicine in France* published by the University of Chicago Press.

John Hamilton recently published *The History of Infectious Diseases at Duke University in the Twentieth Century.*

ARCHIVES/LIBRARIES/MUSEUMS

USDA's National Agricultural Library (NAL) recently launched the Historical Dietary Guidance Digital Collection (HDGDC), an online collection of historical diet and nutrition publications, written by the U.S. government. This new collection combines over 900 documents representing more than 100 years of history. It is also the first of its kind to offer comprehensive online access to historical government nutrition publications.

Users can access this website to explore the history of American food, diet, and nutrition, from the discovery of vitamins in the early 20th Century, to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's MyPlate. Materials in this collection include historical nutrition education materials, such as posters, recipes, and radio transcripts, as well as current nutrition education materials reviewed by the Dietary Guidance Review Committee. The Historical Dietary Guidance Digital Collection is available online at nutritionhistory.nal.usda.gov. You can also link to directly from NAL website it our at <u>www.nal.usda.gov</u>/.

The Medical Heritage Library (MHL), a digital resource on the history of medicine and health developed by an international consortium of cultural heritage repositories, has received funding in the amount of \$275,000 from the National Endowment for the Humanities for its proposal "Medicine at Ground Level: State Medical Societies, State Medical Journals, and the Development of American Medicine and Society." Additional funding has been provided by the Harvard Library.

The project, led by the Countway Library's Center for the History of Medicine, will create a substantial digital collection of American state medical society journals, digitizing 117 titles from 46 states, from 1900 to 2000, comprising 2,500,369 pages in 3,579 volumes. State medical society journal publishers agreed to provide free and open access to journal content currently under copyright. Once digitized, journals will join the more than 75,000 monographs, serials, pamphlets, and films now freely available in the MHL collection in the Internet Archive. State medical society journals will provide additional context for the rare and historical American medical periodicals digitized during the recently completed NEH project, Expanding the Medical Heritage Library: Preserving and Providing Online Access to Historical Medical Periodicals. Full text search is available through the MHL website. MHL holdings

can also be accessed through <u>DPLA</u>, and the Wellcome Library's UK-MHL.

Five preeminent medical libraries, including three founding members of the MHL, are collaborating on this project: The College of Physicians of Philadelphia; the Countway Library of Medicine at Harvard University; the Center for the History of Medicine and Public Health at The New York Academy of Medicine; the Health Sciences and Human Services Library, University of Maryland, the Founding Campus (UMB); and the Library and Center for Knowledge Management at the University of California at San Francisco (UCSF).

State medical society journals document the transformation of American medicine in the twentieth century at both the local and national level. The journals have served as sites not only for scientific articles, but for medical talks (and, often, accounts of discussions following the talks), local news regarding sites of medical care and the medical profession, advertisements, and unexpurgated musings on medicine and society throughout the 20th century. When digitized and searchable as a single, comprehensive body of material, this collection will be a known universe, able to support a limitless array of historical queries, including those framed geographically and/or temporally, offering new ways to examine and depict the evolution of medicine and the relationship between medicine and society. Digitization will begin in August 2015; the project will be completed in April 2017.

News from the Wellcome Library

The Wellcome Library is pleased to announce that several new collections on the theme of genomics are now available to view on site in the Library. For the past three years the Wellcome Library has been making a concerted effort to collect and catalogue important collections that document the development of genomics in the UK during the twentieth century. The archives cover key events from the latter half of the century including the sequencing of the first entire genome (that of the nematode worm C. elegans), the development of computational analysis to support and improve genome sequencing, and the international Human Genome Project that sequenced the first human genome and made the data freely accessible. In brief, the collections comprise the archives of:

1) Sir John Sulston: first director of the Wellcome Trust Sanger Institute who led British participation in the Human Genome Project and won a Nobel Prize for his work on C. elegans; 2) Richard Durbin: computational geneticist who played a key role in sequencing the C. elegans and human genomes; 3) Ian Dunham: led the Wellcome Trust Sanger Institute project to sequence the first human chromosome, chromosome 22; 4) Carol Churcher: involved in Wellcome Trust Sanger Institute projects to sequence the genome of the bacterium that causes tuberculosis and the parasite that causes malaria; 5) Matthew Jones: assisted John Sulston with subcloning during the early years of the Wellcome Trust Sanger Institute.

Work is currently underway on cataloguing the papers of Michael Ashburner, a geneticist who worked on sequencing the genome of the fly Drosophila melanogaster and played a key role in ensuring the Drosophila and human genome sequences were publically released. This collection is due to be made available in stages throughout 2015.

New volumes of Wellcome Witnesses to Contemporary Medicine are freely available to download at the History of Modern Biomedicine Research Group website: www.histmodbiomed.org/ witsem. They are: The Development of Brain Banks in the UK c.1970–c.2010, volume 53; Human Gene Mapping Workshops c.1973-c.1991, volume 54.