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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### A "New Conversation": the AAHM in a Digital Age

At the annual meeting at Emory, we had a lunchtime workshop devoted to discussing the digital future of the AAHM. It was a lively session in which a full house of conference attendees expressed both interest in and concern about that future. We had serious discussions about the potential problems that engaging more seriously social media may bring: how do we balance protection of privacy with the right to free speech? How do we protect serious academic exchange that may require more than 140 characters? How do we resist the pressure to join the "Facebook generation" coming from university administrations smitten with its uses as a form of social marketing and "brand recognition"? How do we deal with the personal challenge of sorting through yet more sources of information? Those questions have been passed on to the newly formed Ad Hoc Committee on Social Media, which Council gave me permission to appoint last May. Headed by Heidi Knaubloch, its membership includes Bridget Collins, Stephen Caspar, Jacob Steere-Williams, and Jean Whelan. You are invited to contact Heidi at [Heidi.knoblauch@yale.edu](mailto:Heidi.knoblauch@yale.edu) to share your ideas and concerns.

If it's any consolation, the AAHM is hardly the only professional society asking those sorts of questions. Spend some time surfing the Internet, and you will find a lot of discussion of what a recent *Harvard Business Review* report styled the "new conversation" about social media. It is a conversation that is occurring not only among businesses large and small as well as institutions of higher learning copying their corporate outlook; it is also engaging professional organizations and nonprofit advocacy groups whose goals like our own, namely building and maintaining a unique community of interest. While I have sympathy with those AAHM members who may react to its interest in social media as yet another sign that the barbarians are at the gate, let me make a case for why we need to engage selectively and creatively with these new forms of connectivity. Simply put, social media gives us useful tools to build and keep an engaged membership, to maintain a high quality annual meeting and the scholarly research it supports, and to get our historical work out to audiences we may not ordinarily reach. If we can learn to use those tools more effectively, the AAHM will be the stronger for it.

To start with, like it or not, our website and Facebook pages are now the public face of the AAHM. They make our organizational activities available for review by any Internet user at any time of the day or night. If we are not going to close them down, we need to spend some effort to redesign and updating them on a regular basis. To that end, the officers are now working on both short term and long term improvements to the AAHM website.

Both Jodi and Margaret are actively involved in that process, so there will be continuity even after my term as President ends this spring. Our goal is to make the website more interactive, so that AAHM committees and members can more easily use it, as well as to give it an aesthetic overhaul. If you have suggestions to make or features you'd like to see, send them on to me.

Second, we want to start doing more regular updating of the AAHM Facebook page. Since our annual meeting in Atlanta, for unknown reasons, we have gained a surprising number of "followers" and "friends." We have grown from a Facebook group of 463 at the end of April to 724 as of this month. To make "friending" more rewarding, we would like to recruit a member volunteer to help us organize and update the page. If you are interested, send me an email.

Third, this year's Program Co-Chairs, Jeremy Greene and Shigehisa Kuriyama, are using social media to improve the planning and execution of the 2104 meeting in Chicago. With the help of Heidi Knaubloch, they created an AAHM blog and a "Panel Sandbox" to allow people with common interests to explore possible paper and panel ideas. As their invitation explained, "Our hope is that the site will not only help in the organization of stimulating panels for AAHM Chicago, but that it may spark some other collaborations as well. If you are a researcher with a great paper proposal, but uncertain about whom you might work with on a panel, or who else currently works on related matters, why not put out a call? You may be happily surprised to discover new colleagues with related interests."

Finally, Laura Hirshbein, who has agreed to act as Co-coordinator for the Clio Project group, has volunteered to create an easy to use Google site where people can upload syllabi, share information, and discuss the work in progress. As she wrote us when she proposed the idea, "It's ridiculously easy to design (I was able to figure things out in about 5 minutes) and we can very easily create pages for the

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different projects (syllabi, conversations, etc).” So as we move forward with this ambitious undertaking, the Google site will be a useful asset.

In all these examples, improving our use of social media directly furthers the primary goals of the organization. I hope as these projects move forward, we will all get more comfortable with using these tools. That doesn’t mean we will replace the BHM with a blog or the annual meeting with Twitter. Nor does that mean we not think carefully about the possible downsides of any digital innovations we make. Rather the point is to become a part of the “new conversation” in order to ensure that the AAHM, on the eve of its seventy-fifth birthday, will flourish in the years to come.

*Nancy Tomes,  
AAHM President*

## AAHM NEWS

### Call for Nominations, AAHM Awards, 2014

All awards will be presented at the AAHM annual meeting in Chicago, IL, on 10 May 2014. Additional information may be found on the AAHM website: [www.histmed.org/awards.htm](http://www.histmed.org/awards.htm).

**Osler Medal Essay Contest, 2014.** 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. Complete contest information may be viewed on the AAHM website <[www.histmed.org/Awards](http://www.histmed.org/Awards)> or obtained from the Osler Medal Committee Chair: Stephen Inrig, [Stephen.inrig@utsouthwestern.edu](mailto:Stephen.inrig@utsouthwestern.edu), UT Southwestern Medical Center, 5323 Harry Hines Blvd., Dallas, TX 75390-9169. Entries must be postmarked or submitted electronically via e-mail (which is the preferred method of submission) by **15 January 2014**.

### Shryock Medal Essay Contest, 2014.

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. For additional information see the website: [histmed.org/shryock\\_medal.htm](http://histmed.org/shryock_medal.htm) or contact the Shryock Medal Committee Chair: Christopher Hamlin, Department of History, University of Notre Dame, 219 O’Shaughnessy Hall, Notre Dame, IN 46556-5639; [Hamlin.1@nd.edu](mailto:Hamlin.1@nd.edu). Essays must be postmarked or submitted electronically via e-mail (which is the preferred method of submission) no later than **15 January 2014**.

**J. Worth Estes Prize, 2014.** 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. For the current award, candidate papers will be those published in 2011 and 2012. For additional information see the website: [histmed.org/estes\\_prize.htm](http://histmed.org/estes_prize.htm). Nominations should be directed to the Chair of the Committee, Scott Podolsky, [scott\\_podolsky@hms.harvard.edu](mailto:scott_podolsky@hms.harvard.edu), 10 Shattuck Street, Boston, MA 02115 and must be postmarked or submitted electronically via e-mail (which is the preferred method of submission) no later than **15 January 2014**.

**Jack D. Pressman-Burroughs Wellcome Fund Career Development Award in 20<sup>th</sup> Century History of medicine or Science, 2014.** 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 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., 2009–2013). The application, including all supporting materials, must be postmarked by **31 December 2013** and addressed to the Chair of the Pressman-Burroughs Wellcome Committee, Susan Lawrence, Department of History, The Ohio State University, Dulles Hall 168, 230 W. 17th Street, Columbus, OH 43210; email: [susan.c.lawrence@gmail.com](mailto:susan.c.lawrence@gmail.com).

### AAHM in Chicago, 2014

We are delighted to welcome the AAHM back to Chicago. The meeting was last here in 1961 when Ilza Veith served as the Local Arrangements Chair. Chicago is often referred to as the “City of Broad Shoulders” and the “City that Works.” No longer are we the “Second City,” but we do take tremendous pride as the internationally recognized crucible of improvisational comedy that has its roots in the Second City Theater.

Chicago has experienced tremendous change over the five decades that have elapsed since the last AAHM meeting here. Chicago, in fact, is unparalleled in many respects and is the ideal venue for the AAHM. Chicago has been, and remains, an epicenter of historical interest, in no small measure due to its architectural and cultural attributes. The city boasts unrivaled institutions that draw visitors from across the globe. Among these are The Art Institute of Chicago, the Field Museum, the Museum of Science and Industry, the Oriental Institute, the Chicago History Museum, and the Newberry Library. Chicago is also the home of a number of world-class universities and medical centers. Finally, Chicago is home to music that ranges from blues and jazz to classical with the internationally renowned Chicago Symphony Orchestra.

Chicago is the home of many medical repositories. These include: the Northwestern Memorial Hospital Archives; the University of Chicago’s John Crerar Library and the Special Collections Research Center in the Joseph Regenstein Library; the Special Collections Department Library of the Health Sciences at the University of Illinois at Chicago; the American College of Surgeons Archive; the National Archives and Records Administration Great Lakes Region Archival Operations; Special Collections of the Galter Health Sciences Library at Northwestern University; the American Dental Association Library; the American Medical Association Archives; the American Society for Clinical Pathology Department of Archives; the Rush University Medical Center Archives; the Center for Hospital and Healthcare Administration History; and the Institutional Archives of the Museum of Science and Industry. For further information on these medical repositories, see the Directory of History of Medicine Collections [wwwcf2.nlm.nih.gov/hmddirectory/index.cfm](http://wwwcf2.nlm.nih.gov/hmddirectory/index.cfm) and search Chicago.

Our meeting this year will take place in the heart of downtown Chicago at the Renaissance Hotel, just steps away from architectural landmarks. Bertrand Goldberg’s Marina City, the Chicago River, the North Michigan Avenue shopping district, Millennium Park and its famous Cloud Gate (also known as the Bean), the John Hancock Building, and the Willis Tower (still known to many as the Sears Tower), are all in walking distance of the hotel.

As you make your plans, please consider arriving early Thursday so that you will be able to attend a number of special events on the campus of the University of Chicago. Planned events include: an exhibit at the newly renovated Special Collections Research Center as well as a tour of the recently opened University of Chicago’s Center for Care and Discovery. The spectacular view of Chicago from the Sky Lobby at our state-of-the-art new hospital promises to be an unforgettable beginning of a great weekend!

It promises to be a great meeting. We look forward to seeing you there!

*Mindy Schwartz*  
*Chair, Chicago Local Arrangements Committee*

### Bulletin Update

Subscribers to the *Bulletin of the History of Medicine* will now have access to accepted articles on our website before they are published in the print journal. Copyedited, reference-checked versions of manuscripts will be posted at [www.press.jhu.edu/journals/bulletin\\_of\\_the\\_history\\_of\\_medicine/future\\_publications.html](http://www.press.jhu.edu/journals/bulletin_of_the_history_of_medicine/future_publications.html) as they become available. The PDF files will be posted before they go to layout; thus, they will not contain page numbers and are not the final, published versions of the papers. Once the *Bulletin* issue containing a posted paper is published, the preprint will be removed from the site. This material will be restricted to subscribers and will require a username and password; AAHM members can use the same username and password they use for the “members-only” section of the AAHM website.

### NEWS OF MEMBERS

**Arthur Daemmrich** has joined the University of Kansas Medical Center as an associate professor in the Department of History and Philosophy of Medicine, with affiliations in the Department of Health Policy and Management and the Department of Preventive Medicine and Public Health. He is continuing research comparing chemicals testing programs and regulatory cultures in the United States and European Union, with a new project shaping up concerning the history of patient records and the transition from paper to electronic health records.

**Christopher Sellers** recently received the American Public Works Association (APWA) Abel Wolman Award for the best new book published in the field of public works history. His award-winning book is entitled *Crabgrass Cubicle: Suburban Nature and the Rise of Environmentalists in Twentieth-Century America* (University of North Carolina Press, 2012)

### OBITUARIES

#### Death Notice

Robert Lawrence Martensen, M.D., Ph.D., passed away on 26 September 2013. An obituary will appear in the next issue of the *AAHM NewsLetter*.

#### Nancy Cole Dosch (1946-2013)

It is with deep regret that we share sad news of the passing of Dr. Nancy Dosch, a dedicated medical historian at the National Library of Medicine. Nancy died peacefully at home on 28 August 2013, following a valiant fight for her health.

We will remember Nancy together for her infectious love of NLM's world-renowned audiovisual collections, and for her unwavering enthusiasm toward projects of scholarship, education, and public history that sought to reveal the value of the moving image.

Paul Theerman, who worked with Nancy for many years, has shared the following thoughts:

Nancy was an esteemed colleague who has always had a real presence among us. Her work is now cut short. She belonged to a small community of audiovisual archivists working on the premier medium of the 20th century. Nancy's loss will be keenly felt among her peers. At NLM what I remember especially is her great dedication to the collection, its development, preservation, and cataloging. I remember her giving freely of her time with people coming to use the collections. I remember her dedicated work with donors, before and after the donation, especially those like Dr. Martine Work, whose husband, Dr. Telford Work, had created his films as home movies; some of them are now up in NLM's digital collections. I remember the discussions that she and I had over the historical audiovisuals collection, and while we did not always agree, I

always admired her dedication and commitment, and I think that the collections are better for it!

Nancy will always be remembered and appreciated for her expertise, her generosity, and her sense of humor. She will be sorely missed by her loving family and by her friends at the NLM, where she served a thirteen-year tenure as head of the historical audiovisual program within the History of Medicine Division.

Nancy received her doctorate in history from The Johns Hopkins University, completing her thesis entitled “Exploring Alternatives: The Use of Exercise as a Medical Therapeutic in Mid-nineteenth Century America,” a copy of which, of course, is available at the NLM.

Nancy dedicated her thesis to her parents, and particularly to her father, “whose love of history became a living legacy.” Nancy’s father would be proud that her love of history has been—and will remain—a legacy here at the NLM.

In addition to her admirable historical contributions, Nancy was a champion of providing life-enriching experiences to underprivileged youth. With this in mind, her family has suggested that those wishing to honor Nancy’s memory could do so through a donation in her name to the scholarship program of the American Camp Association [www.acacamps.org](http://www.acacamps.org).

*Staff History of Medicine Division  
National Library of Medicine*

## ARCHIVES/LIBRARIES/MUSEUMS

**The Historical Medical Library of The College of Physicians of Philadelphia** will celebrate its 225<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on 5-6 December 2013. The series of events will open with a generous reception on Thursday, 5 December 2013 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the College. Highlights include a curated display of original art work by Frank H. Netter, M.D. and a juried show of student artwork based on the College Library’s rare book collection. The evening will also

include food and drinks, musical accompaniment from Temple University students, a photographic history of the College Library, and a curated display of library materials. The event is sponsored by Elsevier Health Sciences.

On Friday, 6 December from 9:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m., the College will host the all-day seminar “Emerging Roles for Historical Medical Libraries: Value in the Digital Age.” At a time when rare books and manuscripts are becoming increasingly available online for free, it is becoming necessary for libraries to work with scholars to articulate the value of the physical library space and the original book as material artifact. The international panel of speakers includes Nancy Cervetti, Ph.D.; Simon Chaplin, Ph.D.; Jacalyn Duffin, M.D., Ph.D.; Mary Fissell, Ph.D.; and Jeffrey Reznick, Ph.D. Closing remarks will be given by Chris Lyons, President of Archivists and Librarians in the History of the Health Sciences (ALHHS). This project has been funded in whole or in part with Federal funds from the National Library of Medicine, National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services, under Contract No. HHS-N-276-2011-00003-C with the University of Pittsburgh, Health Sciences Library System.

More information, including a schedule for the conference, may be found on the event website: [www.collegeofphysicians.org/library/library225/](http://www.collegeofphysicians.org/library/library225/).

All AAHM members are invited, but attendance will be limited by room capacity. To save your place, register for the evening reception at [www.cpplibraryreception.eventbrite.com](http://www.cpplibraryreception.eventbrite.com). Register for the all-day seminar at [www.225libraryconference.eventbrite.com](http://www.225libraryconference.eventbrite.com). If you have any questions, email Michelle DiMeo, Ph.D. at [midimeo@collegeofphysicians.org](mailto:midimeo@collegeofphysicians.org).

**CDC Stacks** is a free, digital repository of publications produced by the **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)** based on scientific research. This online library can be found at [stacks.cdc.gov](http://stacks.cdc.gov) CDC Stacks is composed of curated collections of full-text, peer-reviewed articles, guidelines, and recommendations, and many more

documents on a broad range of public health topics. The documents are retained indefinitely and are available for public health professionals, researchers, as well as the general public.

More people in the population can be protected from disease and injury when CDC research is openly shared with the public, public health professionals, health care providers, educators, policy makers, businesses, and private sector organizations. CDC Stacks offers free access to a variety of CDC resources, which allows the scientific community to be more collaborative. Additionally, CDC Stacks provides health decision makers with resources to make sound decisions to address specific issues of public health importance. By offering easy access to this information, CDC can maximize the effect of public health science in supporting a healthier population.

CDC Stacks provides the ability to search the full text of all documents, browse journal articles by public health subject, and explore the curated collections of over 11,000 articles and documents on relevant topics.

Collections of articles include:

- *The Library* which includes CDC publications from all areas of public health.
- *Guidelines and Recommendations* which is a resource for current and previous evidence-based clinical and public health guidelines.
- *CDC Open Access* contains CDC-authored articles that were published in open access journals.
- *Reproductive Health Surveys* contains information from developing countries since 1973.
- *Influenza Surveillance Reports* contains reports on influenza, pneumonia and respiratory disease, primarily in the Americas from 1957 through 1981.

- *MMWR: The First 30 Years* contains *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Reports* dating back to 1952.

Additional collections and ongoing additions to existing collections are planned for the future.

The Stacks provides a versatile, comprehensive, historical, and interdisciplinary search experience. Additionally, CDC Stacks offers a previously unavailable historical perspective. First, it provides access to the first 30 volumes of the *MMWR*. It also supplies links to retired and superseded guidelines on documents and pages providing current CDC Guidelines and Recommendations. Furthermore, CDC Stacks documents provide links to additional documents across Stacks on similar topics, and also to external publishers and related sites within the CDC website.

Electronic access increases availability of public health and scientific information to the public. Much of this information was previously available only in hard copy on site at the CDC library. Articles stored and shared through CDC Stacks will increase collaborations among research scientists, helping CDC to further its mission to save lives and protect the health of citizens of the U.S. and of international populations.

You can explore the articles in CDC stacks at [stacks.cdc.gov](http://stacks.cdc.gov). Check back often for new articles.

**Archives & Special Collections at the Columbia University Health Sciences Library** is pleased to announce the acquisition of the papers of psychiatrist Dr. Ethel S. Person (1934-2012). Trained as a psychoanalyst and Director of Columbia's Center for Psychoanalytic Training and Research from 1981 to 1991, Person did pioneering research on sexuality, especially transvestism, transsexuality, and sexual fantasy. In pursuit of her research Person interviewed hundreds of transvestites and transsexuals, visited

pornography shops, attended drag balls and participated in the meetings of cross-dressing societies.

Starting in the early 1970s her work, often in collaboration with Dr. Lionel Ovesey, posited the then novel idea that transvestites and transsexuals did not necessarily identify themselves as homosexual but exhibited a wide range of self-identities. Their findings distinguished between “core-gender identity” and “gender-role identity,” distinctions that are now generally accepted in psychiatry and the social sciences. Later, Person shifted her research to the role of sexual fantasy in people’s life. In her 2005 book, *By Force of Fantasy: How We Make Our Lives* she challenged Freud’s belief that happy people do not fantasize but rather argued that sexual fantasy played an important role in psychological well-being.

The Person Papers are circa 20 cubic feet in size and date from the 1960s to the 2000s. They include her extensive research files containing articles, notes, newspaper clippings, and ephemera; texts of her many lectures and popular talks; records pertaining to her four books including drafts, correspondence with publishers, publicity materials, and reviews; and a small number of subject interviews. During processing, care will be taken to identify all patient and human subject research materials, access to which will be regulated by the Privacy Rule of the U.S. Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA).

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

The National Library of Medicine is pleased to announce the completion of its third collaborative digitization project with Gale/Cengage Learning's Archives Unbound service.

**Narcotic Addiction and Mental Health: The Clinical Papers of Lawrence Kolb Sr.,** a searchable online collection of 15,000 images drawn from the personal and professional papers of a pioneer in the medical approach to narcotics addiction treatment,

and in public health research and treatment of mental illness, is now freely available within the National Library of Medicine’s History of Medicine reading room and via local libraries with subscriptions to Archives Unbound.

The National Library of Medicine’s previous collaborations with Archives Unbound, completed in 2012, include AIDS Crisis: Records of the National Commission on Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, 1983–1994 and Development of Environmental Health Policy: Pope A. Lawrence Papers 1924–1983.

The newly-digitized Kolb collection deals chiefly with the subjects of drug addiction, alcoholism, juvenile delinquency, and mental health. Although parts of the collection were not digitized due to the patient privacy, privacy of Kolb's coworkers, and copyright concerns around specific documents, the entire collection is available to researchers at the National Library of Medicine.

The complete finding aid for the Kolb papers is available free from the National Library of Medicine, and researchers are cordially invited to visit the Library to consult the collection directly.

Dr. Lawrence Kolb was born in Galesville, Maryland, on 20 February 1881, and graduated from the University of Maryland medical school in 1908. The next year he was commissioned an Assistant Surgeon in the Public Health Service. From 1913 to 1919, he was stationed at the Ellis Island, New York Immigration Station specializing in the mental disease and illness of incoming immigrants. During this same period, he also developed a program for the study and treatment of post-World War I patients suffering from war-caused neuroses. In 1923, Dr. Kolb came to Washington, D.C. and spent five years studying drug addiction and its relationship to crime. He was one of the first to advocate treating drug addicts as patients, not criminals. By 1934, Dr. Kolb was an international expert in the study of psychiatry and narcotics, and was appointed head of the Public Health Service Hospital in Lexington, Kentucky to

lead the U.S. government's first experimental unit for treating drug addicts. His final duty station was as Chief of the Public Health Service Mental Hygiene Division from 1938–1944. He was promoted to Assistant Surgeon General in 1942. His work there, along with that of Dr. Thomas Parran, led to the creation of the National Institute of Mental Health in 1946.

The National Library of Medicine has launched a traveling banner exhibition and online adaptation of **Surviving and Thriving: AIDS, Politics, and Culture**, an exploration of the class higher education modules; and two online activities. In addition, a selection of published landmark HIV/AIDS articles are provided by NLM's PubMed Central, which freely provides access to over 2.8 million life science journal articles and modern day information is provided by AIDSInfo/ InfoSIDA.

Early stops for the traveling banner exhibition include the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Public Health Library Information Center, Atlanta, GA; Gay Men's Health Crisis, New York, NY; University of California, San Francisco, San Francisco, CA; University of Colorado, Denver, Aurora, CO, and the University of Illinois at Chicago Library of Health Sciences, Chicago, IL. For more information about *Surviving and Thriving: AIDS, Politics, and Culture* or to book the exhibition for your site, please visit the traveling exhibition services website.

### News from the Wellcome Library

A new volume of Wellcome Witnesses to Contemporary Medicine is freely available to download at the History of Modern Biomedicine Research Group website:

**“Clinical Cancer Genetics: Polyposis and Familial Colorectal Cancer c.1975–c.2010”**  
<[www.history.qmul.ac.uk/research/modbiomed/wellcome\\_witnesses/vol46](http://www.history.qmul.ac.uk/research/modbiomed/wellcome_witnesses/vol46)>.

Colorectal, or bowel, cancers are the third most commonly-diagnosed type of cancers. Chaired by Professor Peter Harper, this Witness Seminar examines breakthroughs in medical research that have determined the genetic basis of many such cancers.

The introduction explains, in particular, the role of the UK's Cancer Family Study Group, founded in 1984, whilst during the seminar several participants recall that period as one of scepticism among cancer experts about the relevance of genetics. Various contributors acknowledge their predecessors in the field, especially staff at St Mark's Hospital who pioneered research into familial adenomatous polyposis. This condition, in which multiple benign polyps appear in the bowel, was first suspected to be pre-cancerous by St Mark's doctors and led to the foundation of the hospital's Polyposis Register of patients in 1924. These early pathological records enabled, and stimulated, the international research community to undertake family linkages and genetic studies, thus contributing to the eventual identification of a polyposis gene in 1991.

Equally prominent in the discussion is hereditary non-polyposis colorectal cancer, as are questions of research funding and collaborations, and the development of specific diagnostic tests and therapeutic approaches.

*Clinical Cancer Genetics: Polyposis and Familial Colorectal Cancer c.1975–c.2010* Jones E M and Tansey E M. (eds) (2013) Wellcome Witnesses to Contemporary Medicine, vol. 46. London: Queen Mary, University of London. ISBN 978 0 90223 885 5.

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The new Wellcome Library Open Access Fund is (and will always be) entirely voluntary—it's up to library users whether they want to take advantage of it. We will pay the costs associated with open-access publishing for peer-reviewed journal articles, scholarly monographs or book chapters aimed at academic audiences. To qualify, you'll need to have made substantial use of our collections; to have had your research accepted for publication; and to be ineligible for open-access funding from any other source.

For more details, visit [wellcomelibrary.org/libraryopenaccess](http://wellcomelibrary.org/libraryopenaccess).

## POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

**The New York Academy of Medicine (NYAM) Center for the History of Medicine and Public Health** is looking for an innovative and energetic curator.

The curator will be a key member of the Center team, and will work closely with colleagues in the acquisition, intellectual management, and use of the rare book collections, and will develop physical and online exhibitions, web resources, programming, and events in the history of medicine, public health, and

the book. The curator will also take a leading role in establishing the Center's activities and profile within the scholarly community and broader public audiences, and in connecting its work to NYAM priorities. This position is an outstanding opportunity for a proactive individual to develop knowledge and skills, working with a world-class collection in the history of medicine and public health, at a leading institution in New York City, found at the top of the "Museum Mile" along Fifth Avenue.

For further information, see [www.nyam.org/about-us/careers/curator-rare-books-and.html](http://www.nyam.org/about-us/careers/curator-rare-books-and.html).

The ideal candidate will have both library credentials and a background in the history of medicine. Applications will be evaluated on a rolling basis.

## OTHER NEWS

**The Bates Nursing History Center** is pleased to announce its 2014 Spring Bi-Monthly Seminar Series in which cross-disciplinary scholars present topics of interest to the history of nursing and health care community. The Spring series speakers and dates are University of Pennsylvania Doctoral Student, Kathleen Nishida (29 January); Dr. Gina Greene of the University of Pennsylvania (12 February); Dr. Lynn Lees, also of the University of Pennsylvania (26 February); Villanova University's Dr. Judith Giesberg (5 March); Independent Scholar Dr. Lara Freidenfelds (March 19); Drs. Margaret Marsh and Wanda Ronner of Rutgers University and Pennsylvania Hospital respectively (2 April); Dr. Janet Golden of Rutgers University (16 April), and Princeton University's Dr. Brigid Gurtler (30 April). The seminar series, which is also available via webinar, is open to all and welcomes scholars and other interested individuals to attend. For those interested in further information on the seminar series and to obtain a complete listing of speakers and topics as well as how to register for the webinars, please visit the Center's website at [www.nursing.upenn.edu/history](http://www.nursing.upenn.edu/history).

**The American Association for the History of Nursing and the University of Connecticut's School of Nursing**, are co-sponsoring the Association's 31<sup>st</sup> annual conference to be held in Hartford and Storrs, CT on 18-21 September 2014 and at which the Keynote speaker is Yale University Professor John Harley Warner. The conference provides a forum for researchers interested in sharing new research that addresses events, issues, and topics in any area of nursing and health care history broadly construed to encompass the history of nursing, global nursing history, nursing practice, health care institutions, caring, illness, healing work, and public health. Submissions pertaining to all areas and regions of the world are welcome. Papers and posters that expand the horizons of nursing and health care history and engage related fields such as women's, labor, technology, and economic history and race and gender studies are encouraged. Individual papers, posters, and panel presentations are featured at the conference. Abstracts must be submitted by January 31, 2014. Additional information about AAHN and the conference can be obtained at [www.aahn.org](http://www.aahn.org).

**The UC Irvine Department of Anthropology** is pleased to announce the launch of a new degree: a **Master of Arts in Social Sciences with a concentration in Medicine, Science, and Technology Studies**.

This one-year program uses an interdisciplinary approach to prepare students to respond to the significant and rapidly changing impact of medicine and technology upon societies around the world. Students explore issues such as global inequalities in disease burdens and health outcomes; the ways in which race, class, and gender impact medical and scientific knowledge and practice; the social, economic, and political contexts of emerging technologies; and the impact of science and technology on bodies, communities, and the environment. Admitted students will have the opportunity to work closely with faculty within the Anthropology Department and from around the University.

Applications for admission to the UC Irvine M.A. in Social Sciences (Medicine, Science, and Technology Studies) will be accepted until 15 April 2014, using the UCI Online Application for Graduate Admissions [apps.grad.uci.edu/ogsa](http://apps.grad.uci.edu/ogsa).

For more information about this new degree, please visit the department website [www.anthropology.uci.edu](http://www.anthropology.uci.edu) or contact Angela Jenks at [ajenks@uci.edu](mailto:ajenks@uci.edu).

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