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COME TO BIRMINGHAM FOR AAHM '05!

Birmingham is a post-Civil War city. It was founded in 1871 at the intersection of major north-south and east-west railroad routes, an intersection newly located in a valley at the foot of Red Mountain. Named for the industrial city in northern England, Birmingham grew quickly and, as local historian Leah Rawls Atkins wrote for the Society of American Archivist's meeting in 2002, "was much more like a wild west town of shootouts, bars, and muddy streets than a southern city of grace and good manners." According to Atkins, the railroads brought in speculators, businessmen, freed slaves, ex-Confederates, country farmers, and immigrants from Europe in increasing numbers as the rapidly growing city spawned mining operations, textile mills, and, eventually, the great blast furnaces and steel mills that made the city an industrial mecca for the New South. Birmingham was the "only southern city with such a blue-collar-labor base."

At the start of the twentieth century, the city boasted over 38,000 residents. By 1920, a mere fifty years after a town had been laid out in former fields, Birmingham's population had soared to 178,800 and the city had earned the nickname of the "Magic City" due to this remarkable growth.

Today Birmingham is no longer dominated by steel mills. Now the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) – sometimes wryly referred to as the "University that Ate Birmingham" – spreads across some 75 blocks and has 16,000 students and over 18,000 employees. The largest single employer in the state, the university also has an economic impact of \$2.9 billion on the metropolitan area. UAB's dentistry, health related professions, medicine, nursing, public health, and optometry schools, along with the largest biomedical library in Alabama and a multi-block University Hospital complex, comprise the UAB Academic Health Center. UAB ranked number 20 in NIH funding for 2003, with the Schools of Health Related Professions, Optometry, and Public Health in the top ten within their fields, and the Schools of Medicine and Nursing in the top twenty. The Schools of Arts and Humanities, Business, Education, Engineering, Natural Sciences and Mathematics, and Social and Behavioral Sciences, along with a general undergraduate library, complete the UAB campus.

But there *is* life outside the university. Vulcan Park, McWane Center, Birmingham Museum of Art, Ruffner Mountain Nature Center, and Birmingham Civil Rights Institute (site of this year's Garrison Lecture reception) are just a few attractions that truly make this *The Magic City*. Dining options abound, most within a short cab ride from the hotel, with a wide selection of restaurants, everything from Southern staples of a meat-and-three, barbecue, and soul food to Chinese and nouveau South American, with a sprinkling of Middle Eastern, Greek, Thai, and Vietnamese to round out the global offerings. Frank Stitt, one of the city's best known chefs and the recipient of the 2001 James Beard

Award, owns three distinct restaurants: a French bistro, a Mediterranean styled café, and a classic restaurant mixing American Southern cuisine with a South-of-France influence, the last having been named one of the top five restaurants in the US by *Gourmet* magazine. For more information on the city's attractions, dining, and shopping options, we invite you to visit the Greater Birmingham Convention & Visitors Bureau website at <www.bcvb.org/>.

With some help from the jet streams aloft, the weather in early April should be delightful as well, offering our friends from the North welcome respite from a long, hard winter. We look forward to seeing ya'll!

Tim L. Pennycuff
Michael A. Flannery,
Co-Chairs, LAC 2005

FROM THE EDITORS

Thanks to all of you who sent comments and compliments on the October issue of the *AAHM NewsLetter*. We appreciate all the feedback and hope that you will continue to let us know how well we are meeting your needs and expectations. In response to some of you who have had questions about appropriate materials for inclusion in the newsletter we have included in this issue the official editorial guidelines for the *AAHM NewsLetter*. As many of you are aware, the *Bulletin of the History of Medicine* devotes its pages to articles and book reviews. The "News and Events" found in the *Bulletin* is devoted exclusively to AAHM news. All other news and information of interest to the membership should be submitted to us for consideration for the *AAHM NewsLetter*.

We hope to continue the dialogue about the *NewsLetter* and its content at the upcoming meeting in Birmingham. Your editors recently attended another conference in the "Magic City" and can personally attest to the fine dining and southern hospitality. Those attending the meeting in Birmingham will have an opportunity to visit two significant institutions, the 16th Street Baptist Church where the Garrison Lecture will be held and the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute, site of the reception following the lecture. The

Institute features a number of profoundly moving multi-media exhibits depicting the struggle for equality. We look forward to revisiting the Institute and once again enjoying the charms of Birmingham. See you there!

Jodi Koste
Joan Echtenkamp Klein

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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 July, 1 October, and 15 February.

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GUIDELINES FOR AAHM NEWSLETTER

It is the policy of the AAHM that the *NewsLetter* exists to meet the professional communication needs of the membership.

Its pages are open to members within limits set by the editor(s) in consultation with the Secretary/Treasurer, who serves as the publisher's representative.

Space in the *NewsLetter* is not for sale to anyone for any reason.

Editor(s) reserve the right to cut length of the submissions.

As general guidance, subject to editorial discretion, the *NewsLetter* shall publish, in order of priority:

- Official communications of the AAHM (including a President's column and communications or reports from officers and committee chairs)
- Announcements of positions and fellowships, calls for papers, announcements of new scholarly resources (i.e., new collections opened, new electronic tools, etc.)
- Communications from the membership (including those expressing disagreement with AAHM policy)
- News of members (changes of position, awards and fellowships received, brief announcements of new books published e.g. Jane Smith has recently published *American Medicine: The First Century*.)
- Obituaries (350 words for AAHM members; 500 words for AAHM current or former officers or VIPs)
- Constituent Societies news

- Forthcoming meetings, lectures, exhibits, etc.
- News believed to be of interest to the membership
- Other matter
- Editor(s) may, from time to time, give greater priority to editorial statements so that the *NewsLetter* has an appropriate front page
- A "From the Editors" column may be featured

AAHM NEWS

Endowment Campaign Update: I am pleased to be able to report that the AAHM's "Endow Our Prizes" campaign has made exceptional progress since the last update in the Fall 2004 *NewsLetter*. Our target—the amount necessary to endow all the prizes, awards, and grants of the Association—is \$300,000. To date, we have raised nearly \$250,000.

The campaign's progress the past few months has resulted from two factors. First, the membership in 2004, as it did in 2003, supported its society enthusiastically and generously. The honor roll of 2004 donors is presented elsewhere in this edition of the *NewsLetter*. The officers, Council, and I are deeply grateful to the membership for rallying to the support of our society, and we would like to express our heartfelt thanks to all of you who contributed.

Second, the campaign has benefited from the appearance of two more "angels." Dr. Mabel Purkerson, through the Reeder Foundation, has pledged \$75,000 to the campaign, payable in three equal installments over three years. Last fall we received the first installment of \$25,000; we will receive the second in 2005 and the third in 2006. Dr. Purkerson's contribution reflects her deep commitment to the history of medicine, the medical humanities, and medical professionalism as well as her conviction that a strong AAHM is essential to the

vitality of these areas. Thanks, Mabel, to you, as well as to your aunt, Mrs. Mabel Reeder, for your magnificent gift.

In addition, Dr. John P. McGovern, through the McGovern Foundation, contributed \$50,000 to the campaign. This gift is in addition to a contribution of \$30,000 that he made a year ago. Dr. McGovern, a founding member and former president of the American Osler Society, has long been deeply interested in medical history, the medical humanities, and the activities of the AAHM. His gift reflects these interests. In addition, neither of Dr. McGovern's gifts would have been possible without the unremitting efforts of Dr. Chester Burns, a long-time friend of Dr. McGovern and the current president of the American Osler Society. As AOS president, Dr. Burns has been looking for ways to strengthen further the long-standing friendship between the AAHM and the AOS, and the McGovern gifts are one manifestation of his efforts in this area. Thanks, Dr. McGovern, for your invaluable support, as well as to you, Chester, for all that you have done for both organizations.

Looking forward, the end of the endowment campaign is already in sight, and my hope is that we can reach our goal in calendar year 2005. To do so, however, we must continue to focus hard on our task and remember that it is up to us to secure our future.

I would ask all of you, but particularly those of you who have not yet had an opportunity to participate, to contribute to the campaign this year. There is no gift too small, and small gifts add up. If every member of the organization contributed \$40, we would reach our goal. If only those attending the 2005 meeting made a contribution of \$100, we would reach our goal as well. In this way each of us can do our part to ensure much needed institutional stability for the organization we love.

Ken Ludmerer

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NEWS OF MEMBERS

J.T.H. Connor, Ph.D., has been appointed the John Clinch Professor of Medical Humanities and History of Medicine, Faculty of Medicine, Memorial University of Newfoundland, St John's, Canada. He can be contacted at jconnor@mun.ca or at (709) 777-8729.

Paul Berman is researching the history of the AAHM. If you have documents, correspondence, or tidbits you think may be useful and are not in the Association's archives at the College of Physicians of Philadelphia, please contact him at docpb@crocker.com. He is particularly interested in when the book exhibit became part of the annual meeting.

Charlotte G. Borst recently was awarded the History of Education Society's biennial award for the best article in the history of education. They considered 40 articles published in 2002 and 2003 for this year's award. Her article, "Choosing the Student Body: Masculinity, Culture, and the Crisis of Medical School Admissions, 1920-1950," was published in the *History of Education Quarterly* 42(2) Summer 2002.

Margaret Humphreys has been promoted to full professor in the Department of History at Duke University. She is the author of books on malaria and yellow fever, and is currently working on medicine during the American Civil War while on sabbatical leave at the National Humanities Center.

David Jones has accepted a job as assistant professor of the history of science at MIT, teaching mostly history of medicine and medical ethics. His book, *Rationalizing Epidemics: Meanings and Uses of American Indian Mortality since 1600*, was published by Harvard University Press.

Jock Murray has been appointed Professor Emeritus by Dalhousie University. A former Dean of the medical school he was also the first Professor of Medical Humanities and the founder of

the Dalhousie Society for the History of Medicine. He received the Neilson Award from the Hannah Institute for the History of Medicine. In January his book on the history of multiple sclerosis was published.

Jeffery Reznick has recently published a book entitled, *Healing the Nation: Soldiers and the Culture of Caregiving in Britain during the Great War*.

Alain Touwaide has obtained a grant from the National Institutes of Health to conduct a four year research project on "Medicinal Plants of Antiquity: A Computerized Database." The project will digitize, index, and analyze the therapeutic texts (in Greek) of Hippocrates and the Corpus Hippocraticum, Dioscorides' *De materia medica*, and Galen. For further information: touwaida@si.edu.

The winners of the 2004 Stanley Jackson Prize are **Suzanne White Junod** and Lara Marks, for their essay "Women's Trials: The Approval of the First Oral Contraceptive Pill in the United States and Great Britain," (*J. Hist. Med. Allied Sci.*, 2002, 57, 117-60). The Jackson prize is awarded annually for the best essay that has appeared in the *JHMAS* during the previous three years.

OBITUARIES

Nathan Reingold: The field of the history of science, technology, and medicine lost a great scholar with the death on 30 October 2004 of Dr. Nathan Reingold. Nate was a founder of the field of the history of American science, through his work on the personalities and institutions that created the scientific enterprise in this country, and through mentoring generations of younger scholars, especially at the Papers of Joseph Henry project at the Smithsonian Institution.

Born in 1927, a native of New York City, Nate Reingold graduated with his bachelor's (1947) and master's degrees (1948) from New York University and then took his Ph.D. in American Civilization from the University of Pennsylvania (1951). He began his career at the National Archives, working with

scientific records from 1951 to 1959, and then became a specialist in the history of science at the Library of Congress, from 1959 to 1966. He completed his career at the Smithsonian Institution, where he worked from 1966 until retiring in 1993. At the Smithsonian he was the founding editor of *The Papers of Joseph Henry*, a documentary edition of the correspondence, laboratory notebooks, and other papers of the Princeton University physicist and first Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution. Nate served as editor of the first five volumes before passing that duty off to the current editor, Dr. Marc Rothenberg, in 1985. He then became Senior Historian at the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History. In retirement, Nate remained an active scholar, until disabled by a series of strokes.

Nate's scholarship was marked by keen insight into the varieties of American scientific careers, especially in the nineteenth century, his first area of inquiry. His later efforts moved to twentieth-century topics, especially in studies of the Carnegie Institution and Rockefeller Foundation, as well as movie-makers on science. In 1991 he published a compilation of his papers, with commentary, as *Science, American Style*.

A deep and abiding interest in the documentation of science, technology, and medicine characterized Nate's work. *The Papers of Joseph Henry* (1972-), ten volumes to date, stand as a monument to judicious selection and scrupulous editing. Nate served as President of the Commission of Documentation of the International Union of the History and Philosophy of Science; helped to found the Rockefeller Archives Center and served on its Board; and organized a conference on documentation at the American Philosophical Society, which published its proceedings in 1990. Loving archives as he did, Nate went out of his way to make them better known. He worked at that creative interface between documentation and research, and thrived in both worlds. He will be missed by several generations of historians, librarians, and archivists.

Paul Theerman

FELLOWSHIPS/GRANTS

The **American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists** sponsors one \$5,000 fellowship in the History of American Obstetrics and Gynecology each year. ACOG Junior Fellows and Fellows are encouraged to apply. The recipient of the fellowship spends one month in the Washington, DC, area working full-time to complete their specific historical research project. Application must be received by: 1 October 2005. Selection will be made and the recipient notified as soon as possible after the deadline, so that the fellowship may begin as early as winter, 2005. Although the fellowship will be based in the ACOG History Library, the fellow is encouraged to use other national, historical, and medical collections in the Washington, DC, area. The results of this research must be disseminated through either publication or presentation at a professional meeting. Applications and further information about the fellowship can be obtained by contacting: The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, Ms. Debra Scarborough, History Librarian/Archivist, 409 Twelfth Street, SW, Washington, DC 20024-2588; (202) 863-2578, or (202) 863-2518; (202) 484-1595 (fax). *Link on AAHM web site*

Each year, the **New York Academy of Medicine** offers the Paul Klemperer Fellowship in the History of Medicine and the Audrey and William H. Helfand Fellowship in the Medical Humanities to support work in history and the humanities as they relate to health, medicine, and the biomedical sciences. The Paul Klemperer Fellowship in the History of Medicine supports research using the Academy Library's resources for scholarly study of the history of medicine. The Audrey and William H. Helfand Fellowship in the Medical Humanities supports work in the humanities, including both creative projects dealing with health and the medical enterprise, as well as scholarly research in a humanistic discipline—other than the history of medicine—as applied to medicine and health.

Each Helfand or Klemperer Fellow receives a stipend of up to \$5,000 to support travel, lodging, and incidental expenses for a flexible period between 1 June 2005 and 31 May 2006. Each Fellow will be expected to make a public presentation at the Academy and submit a final report. Applicants may compete for either the Klemperer or the Helfand Fellowship, but not both. We invite applications from anyone, regardless of citizenship, academic discipline, or academic status.

Application forms are available online at <www.nyam.org/grants/history.shtml>. For those unable to access the forms through the web, address your requests for application forms or further information to: Office of the Academy Historian, New York Academy of Medicine, 1216 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10029; history@nyam.org; (212) 822-7314. Potential applicants are encouraged to visit the Academy website <www.nyam.org> to acquaint themselves with the Academy and its library. When using the online catalog of the Academy Library, please be aware that entries for a considerable portion of the collections have not yet been converted to electronic form. Deadline: Applications must be received by 1 March 2005. Candidates will be informed of the results by 30 April 2005.

Announcing the 13th grant cycle of the Investigator Awards in Health Policy Research program, established in 1992 by the **Robert Wood Johnson Foundation**. The program provides funding to highly qualified individuals from a variety of fields to undertake broad, innovative, policy-relevant studies of the most challenging health and health care issues facing America. Research grants of up to \$275,000 are available to support 24 to 36-month projects that are broad in scope and potential impact, and hold promise for improving our understanding of significant health and health care-related problems and contributing to the development of sound health policies. Up to 10 awards will be made during the 2005 grant cycle. The deadline for receipt of letters of intent is 1 April 2005. Please contact the National Program Office (email preferred) at: Lynn Rogut, Deputy Director, Investigator Awards in Health Policy Research, (732)

932-3817; depdir@ihhpcpar.rutgers.edu; <www.ihhpcpar.rutgers.edu/rwjf>. *Link on AAHM web site*
The Centre for History in Public Health at the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine invites applications for two doctoral studentships funded by a Wellcome Trust enhancement award in the history of medicine. They seek outstanding candidates whose work would fall within the core interests of the historians at the School, which are the contemporary history of public health and health services. Applicants will normally be expected to have an M.A. or M.Sc. in a relevant area, with an historical component. Informal enquiries should be made to Professor Berridge at virginia.berridge@lshtm.ac.uk or to Dr. Gorsky at martin.gorsky@lshtm.ac.uk. Application forms are available from The Registry, 50 Bedford Square, London WC1B 3DP, UK; +44 (0)20 7927 2239; +44 (0)20 7323 0638 (fax); registry@lshtm.ac.uk; <www.lshtm.ac.uk/courses> Closing date for applications: 4 April 2005.

FELLOWSHIPS/GRANTS AWARDED

The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists announces that the recipient of the year 2005 ACOG Fellowship in the History of American Obstetrics and Gynecology is Camran Nezhat, M.D., FACOG, whose research project is, "And Then There was Light...A History of Endoscopic Surgery and the Emergence of a Surgical Approach That is Destined to Become Standard of Care."

The Department of History and Philosophy of Science at the **University of Cambridge** (U.K.) has secured core funding in the history of medicine from the Wellcome Trust. The five-year enhancement award recognizes the Department's re-establishment as a centre of undergraduate teaching, postgraduate training, and postdoctoral research in medical history. Funding for studentships, research leave, a web site, seminars, workshops, and conferences has been awarded to Nick Hopwood (history of modern medicine and biology), John Forrester (history and philosophy of psychoanalysis and psychiatry), Lauren Kassell (early modern medicine), James Secord (history of life sciences), and Nick Jardine (history of

natural history and historiography of medicine). The grant will strengthen the distinctively interdisciplinary medical history program of the largest HPS department in the U.K. It will be used specifically to build expertise in the area 'From generation to reproduction,' within which the award-holders will intensify efforts to show how, since 1500, our world of reproductive practices and controversy was created. A major public-engagement activity will be a web site on 'Making the visible embryo' to be designed by Tatjana Buklijas. For more information, see <www.hps.cam.ac.uk/medicine/index.html>.

MEETINGS/CALLS FOR PAPERS

The American Association for the History of Nursing and the Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing, Emory University, will co-sponsor the Association's twenty-second annual conference to be held in Atlanta, Georgia, 23-25 September 2005. For more information see the web site at <www.aahn.org/conference.html>.

Call for abstracts for papers, posters, and panel sessions to be presented at the twenty-third annual history of nursing conference of the **American Association for the History of Nursing**. The meeting will be held in Rochester, Minnesota, and co-sponsored by the Mayo Clinic College of Medicine, Continuing Nursing Education. Deadline for abstracts is 15 January 2006. For further information see the web site at <www.aahn.org/abstract.html>.

The **American Society for Bioethics and Humanities (ASBH)** invites and encourages members of the AAHM to participate in two conferences. A special Spring ASBH Conference on the "Ethics of Bioethics" to be hosted by the Albany Medical College/Graduate College of Union University (AMC/GCUU) Bioethics Program and the Philosophy Department of Union College, 7-9 April 2005 <ethics.bioethics.net/>. Abstracts due 15 February (to inquire about deadline extensions contact bioethics@union.edu). The 7th Annual ASBH Conference, "On Suffering and Justice," 20-23 October 2005, Washington, DC. Abstracts are due 1 March 2005. See <asbh.confex.com/asbh/2005/>

index.html>. In addition to programs dedicated to the history of medicine as it relates to bioethics, there will be an author/critic session at these meetings, hosted by the ASBH Affinity Group on the History of Medical Ethics. For further information contact Robert Baker, Chair of the American Society of Bioethics Affinity Group on the History of Medical Ethics, Coordinator, Organizing Committee for the Spring 2005 ASBH Conference on the Ethics of Bioethics, bakerr@union.edu.

The forty-eighth annual meeting of the **Midwest Junto for the History of Science** will be held 1-3 April 2005, at Truman State University in Kirksville, Missouri. The 2005 Junto program committee invites papers submissions on any aspect of the history and philosophy of science, technology, or medicine. Graduate students are especially encouraged to participate, and by Junto tradition, lodging for graduate-student presenters will be partially subsidized.

Kirksville is the home of the Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine, the first such college in the U.S., and currently part of the A.T. Still University of Health Sciences. Papers on the history of alternative medicine and osteopathy are therefore particularly welcome. A tour of the A.T. Still National Osteopathic Museum is also planned. Proposals for groups of papers or entire sessions based on distinct themes are also welcome.

A short abstract (100-150 words) of proposed papers or sessions should be submitted by 1 March 2005, to David Robinson, Truman State University, Division of Social Science, 100 E. Normal, Kirksville, MO 63501, drobinso@truman.edu. Abstracts may be submitted electronically by email or as attachment. Paper copies of abstracts are of course also welcome at the address above. Additional information on registration and accommodations will be added to the Junto website as it becomes available: <www.public.iastate.edu/~history_info/hots/JUNTO/JUNTO.HTM>. For further information, please contact Peter Ramberg, Truman State

University, Division of Science, 100 E. Normal, Kirksville, MO 63501; ramberg@truman.edu.

International Congress of Pathography will be held 22-24 April 2005 in Loches (center of France). For additional information contact Philippe Charlier, M.D., President of the Scientific Committee and Organizer of the Congress; p-chalier@chru-lille.fr

The Section on Medical History of the **College of Physicians of Philadelphia** will mark its 100th year on 16 April 2005 with a full day of activities. Section Chairman Steven Peitzman will lead a medical-history walking tour of Old Philadelphia in the morning. Fellows of the College of Physicians, local students, and others will present some "work-in-progress" papers during the afternoon. AAHM President Jacalyn Duffin will provide the keynote address at 6:00 p.m., followed by a gala dinner, and comments on "one hundred years of medical history seen through the Section on Medical History" by Russell Maulitz. One need not be a lifetime Philadelphian to attend all or some of the activities. For further information, please contact Margaret Patton at the Wood Institute of the College of Physicians, <mpatton@collphyphil.org>. The College of Physicians of Philadelphia is at 19 South 22nd Street, 19103; (215) 563-3737.

The 40th **International Congress on the History of Medicine** will be held in Budapest, Hungary, 26-30 August 2006. The main topics include the history of medical education and medical schools; the history of pharmaceutical education in medical universities; the history of social medicine; and the influence of Hungary and Central Europe on the development of medicine. The second announcement, preliminary program and call for abstracts will be released on 15 April 2005. Deadline for abstract submission will be 15 November 2005. Acceptance of proposals will be communicated on 1 January 2006. Deadline for early registration will be 1 May 2006. Congress venue: Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Roosevelt ter 9, Budapest; <www.ishm2006.hu>.

The 3rd Meeting of the **International Society for the History of Medicine** will be held in Patras, Greece,

11-14 September 2005. It will focus on the History of Medicine in the countries surrounding the Eastern Mediterranean and their exchange of information and medicines through the centuries; and on hydrotherapy all over the world. More information available at: lists.webexhibits.org/read/messages?id=998 or contact President of the Organizing Committee: Dr. Athanasios Diamandopoulos at ishmgreece@hotmail.com.

The **Society of Civil War Surgeons** will hold its twelfth national convention on 1-3 April 2005 at the Hartford Medical Society in Hartford, Connecticut. For further information see www.civilwarsurgeons.org or contact Peter J. D'Onfrio, Ph.D., President, 539 Bristol Drive, SW, Reynoldsburg, OH 43068; pjdsocws@aol.com.

Department of History and Philosophy of Science, University of Cambridge announces a one day workshop, "Between the farm and the clinic: agriculture and reproductive technology in the twentieth century." The, organized by Sarah Wilmot and Nick Hopwood, and funded by the Wellcome Trust, will be held in the on 29 April 2005. For more information, including a booking form, please visit www.hps.cam.ac.uk/medicine/workshop.html.

Call for Papers: "Invisible Enemies": The Cultural Meaning of Infection and the Politics of Plague," for a conference to be held at the **University of Zurich** (Switzerland), 21-24 September 2005. The conference will combine keynote talks and workshops. The conference languages will be English and German. Contributions from the fields of epidemiology, history, sociology, literature, philosophy, and cultural studies are welcome. Abstracts in English or German (max. 200 words) should be submitted via email to Myriam Spoerri, Lic. phil., spoerri@fsw.unizh.ch, until 31 March 2005. Decisions regarding acceptance will be communicated towards the end of April 2005.

LECTURES/SYMPOSIA

New York Academy of Medicine's Section on the History of Medicine and Public Health, with support from the New York Council for the

Humanities, announces a four-part mini-series on the history of race, ethnicity, and health. Our speakers will explore the contrasts in health conditions across racial and ethnic lines—past and present—as well as the experience of immigrant medical professionals, and the geopolitics of race, health, and empire. All lectures begin at 6:00 p.m.; Reception at 5:30 p.m. New York Academy of Medicine, 1216 Fifth Avenue, New York.

February 10, 2005, **Samuel Roberts**, "Mediating Infection and Politics: Ideas of Hereditary Predisposition and Poverty in the Early U.S. Anti-Tuberculosis Movement"

March 17, 2005, The Iago Galdston Memorial Lecture, **Judy Tzu Chun Wu**, Ohio State University, "Modernizing Chinatown: Race, Reproduction, and Medical Tourism"

April 12, 2005, **Paul Sutter**, University of Georgia, "Pulling the Teeth of the Tropics: Disease, Race, and Nature during the American Construction of the Panama Canal"

April 21, 2005, The John K. Lattimer Lecture, **Howard Markel**, University of Michigan, "When Germs Travel: Epidemics and Immigrants in the 20th Century"

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ARCHIVES/LIBRARIES/MUSEUMS

The **Bakken Library and Museum** announces the availability of a new online database of its outstanding collection of artifacts relating to the history of electricity and magnetism and their uses in medicine and the life sciences. Records for approximately 90% of The Bakken's unique collection of roughly 2,000 artifacts have been entered into the database along with images of almost every item. The information provided typically includes description, remarks, and

an image, as well as materials, date, size and weight, and a list of accessories. The database is located at <thebakken.org/artifacts/database/>.

The instrument collection focuses on the history of electricity and magnetism in the life sciences. It includes electrostatic generators, magneto-electric generators, induction coils, physiological instruments, recording devices, and accessories. There are hundreds of pacemakers and defibrillators, and dozens of magnetic devices.

A partial online catalogue of The Bakken's extensive book collection has been available for a number of years at <www.thebakken.org/library/library.htm#BooksAndManuscripts>. Plans are being made for an online public access catalog of the entire collection.

The artifact database is a work in progress and The Bakken welcomes feedback from researchers. Please direct comments and questions to Ellen Kuhfeld, Curator of Instruments, at kuhfeld@thebakken.org.

The Library of the College of Physicians of Philadelphia announces two collections placed in the library for historians working on psychiatry, medical jurisprudence, pediatrics, or the American hospital.

The Robert L. Sadoff Library of Forensic Psychiatry and Legal Medicine is now fully processed and accessible through both a published catalog and the College Library's online catalog <www.cppsource.info>. Donated by Dr. Sadoff in 2002, these 3,500 volumes, dating from the late eighteenth century through the present, formerly comprised the largest collection of its kind in private hands.

In 2004 the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) placed its archives on deposit at the College of Physicians and provided a generous grant for processing the collection. Founded in 1855, CHOP is among the earliest specialty hospitals in the U.S., and continues as a major player in the Philadelphia health care world. College archivist Richard Fraser is supervising preparation of a finding aid, which will be mounted on the College's website some time this year.

The Francis A. Countway Library's Rare Books and Special Collections Department is changing its name effective 1 April to the Center for the History of Medicine. The mission of the Center is to promote the study of the history of medicine in order to achieve a better understanding of the complex interaction between medicine and society. The Center carries out its mission by adding to, preserving, and making accessible the Countway's renowned historical library and museum collections and by sponsoring programs that demonstrate the value and usefulness of these collections. "We are going to embark on several programmatic initiatives over the next several years and the name change reflects the department's expanding focus," states Thomas Horrocks, Acting Co-Director of the Library. "The name Rare Books and Special Collections informs users of what we own, the name Center for the History of Medicine informs them of what we do." A wide range of public and scholarly programs are envisioned for the Center, including conferences and seminars, exhibits and lectures, fellowships and internships, and publications and web resources.

The Countway Library, created in 1960 as a result of an alliance between the Boston Medical Library and the Harvard Medical Library, houses one of the world's premier collections in the history of medicine. The Countway's historical collections, consulted by researchers from around the world, are comprised of more than 250,000 books and journals; 20 million manuscripts; the archives of the Harvard Medical School, Harvard School of Dental Medicine, and the Harvard School of Public Health; 100,000 photographs and prints; and the famous Warren Anatomical Museum. For further details concerning the Countway's historical library and Warren Museum, including an online exhibit gallery that features a selection of significant collections, visit the department's web page at <www.countway.harvard.edu/rarebooks>.

The Osler Library of the History of Medicine, McGill University, is pleased to announce the publication of *75 Books from the Osler Library* in honor of its 75th anniversary. Edited by History of Medicine

Professor Faith Wallis and Pamela Miller, History of Medicine Librarian, this fully illustrated 182 page book (soft cover) showcases 75 books from the collection with texts by invited scholars.

The volume sells for \$40 and may be obtained by completing the form at <www.health.library.mcgill.ca/osler>. Please click on the link Osler Library Studies Publications "New."

The Lloyd Library and Museum held its first exhibition of 2005 presented in collaboration with the Art Academy of Cincinnati, "Design + Nature: An exhibition of botanical and nature-based work by students and faculty of the Art Academy of Cincinnati." The student works on exhibit are were developed from a cross-disciplinary studio/academic course built around the concept of visual design problem-solving with nature as a source and resource. Instructors Mark Thomas and Gary Gaffney contributed works to the show. The exhibit will run from 10 January through 19 February 2005. For more information about the Lloyd Library and Museum, please visit our website at <www.lloydlibrary.org>.

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

"Cancer in the Twentieth Century," a workshop sponsored by the National Library of Medicine, The Centre for the History of Science, Technology and Medicine (University of Manchester), and the Society for the Social History of Medicine, was held in the Natcher Building, 15-17 November 2004. Organized by David Cantor, it featured 19 pre-circulated papers and six commentators. Participants came from the United States, United Kingdom, Canada, and France. The workshop's purpose was to prepare teaching resources in the history of cancer suitable for use in university curricula.

Historical Material in the Curriculum: The National Library of Medicine announces the selection of seven university professors to visit the History of Medicine Division in order to aid the incorporation of historical materials into university classes. The seven are: Anne-Emanuelle Birn (University of Toronto), Frank

Huisman (University of Maastricht, The Netherlands), Nikolai Kremetsov (University of Toronto), Judith Leavitt (University of Wisconsin-Madison), Shelley McKellar (University of Western Ontario), Nancy Stepan (Columbia University), and John Tercier (University of California-San Francisco).

The National Genealogical Society (NGS) of Arlington, Virginia, donated to NLM the American Medical Association Card File of Deceased Physicians. Obtained from the American Medical Association in 1994, the NGS could no longer maintain the collection in its new quarters. The 275-linear feet collection contains biographical information for about 350,000 nineteenth- and twentieth-century physicians in the United States and Canada—not just AMA members. A unique resource, it is an important for research tool into collective and individual medical biography.

The New York State Museum announces *Help is Here*, an exhibition tracing the history of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) in New York State and the nation, opened 20 November 2004. *Help is Here*, which will run through 11 September 2005, features a group of 15 historic ambulances, dating from 1911 to the present, historic medical equipment used in the field, and photographs, some dating back to 1910, showing patient transport, treatment, and EMS crews and equipment. Most of the objects in the exhibition are on loan to the Museum from other museums, ambulance companies, and private collectors. The exhibition has been made possible through the generosity of the New York State Department of Health's Bureau of Emergency Medical Services, the presenting sponsor. Providing additional support are Laerdal Medical Corporation, United New York Ambulance Network, Upstate Medical University, and *Emergency Medical Services Magazine*. The Museum is located on Madison Avenue at the Empire State Plaza in Albany. For further general information call (518) 474-5877 or visit the Museum website at <www.nysm.nysed.gov>.

From 19 March through 26 June 2005, the **Philadelphia Museum of Art** will present a lively

exhibition tracing the history of the colorful purveyors of patent and quack medicines over the past four centuries. *Quack, Quack, Quack: The Sellers of Nostrums in Prints, Posters, Ephemera & Books* contains 75 works ranging from humorous caricatures of itinerant quacks to flamboyant advertising posters.

The exhibition includes works by such well-known artists as Jacques Callot, William Hogarth, Honoré Daumier, and Maxfield Parrish, and Jules Chéret, and some highly spirited works created by less familiar figures. These range from *Medical Confessions of Medical Murder* (c. 1840), a 12-scene wood engraving in which James Morison, a clever marketer of pills, includes a testimonial from William Shakespeare, to *The Health Jolting Chair*, an 1885 color lithograph of a seated woman that demonstrates the ability of electricity to provide the “most highly prized Feminine Attractions.” *Nancy Linton*, a hand-colored lithograph of the same era, illustrates the dubious benefits of taking Swaim’s Panacea; and *The Travelling Quack*, an 1889 political satire, assails British Prime Minister William Gladstone for promoting an “Infallible Home Rule Ointment.”

The exhibition is organized by William H. Helfand, a noted specialist and collector in the field of *Ars Medica*, with John Ittmann. This is the fifth in an on-going series of topical *Ars Medica* exhibitions prepared for the Museum by Mr. Helfand.

Quack, Quack, Quack: The Sellers of Nostrums in Prints, Posters, Ephemera & Books, the publication by William Helfand that accompanies the exhibition, is published by the Grolier Club (2002). It is designed by the Winterhouse Studio, and printed at the Studley Press. The book is available in the Museum Store or by calling (800) 329-4856 or via the Museum’s website at <www.philamuseum.org>.

The Institute of Social Medicine and Community Health, based in Philadelphia, has announced that it will donate its extensive set of archival collections and primary source material to the **University of**

Pennsylvania Library. The physical transfers will begin later in 2005.

Founded by Dr. Walter J. Lear, its current President, the Institute is an independent, non-profit center for health policy development, public education, progressive advocacy, social research, and historical information. Founded thirty-five years ago, the Institute is chiefly focused on the history of left-of-center health movements in the U. S. and on health activism movements from the 1870s to the present. Under the guidance of Dr. Lear, the Institute has assembled a major suite of collections documenting the development of health policy, education, care (especially for minority groups), personnel, and activism in America. The Institute’s holdings are particularly rich in women’s health, human rights, US-USSR medical relationships, unions and unionization, insurance, and the Physicians Forum. The collections also include an extensive reference component, multimedia documentation, iconographic materials, printed books, and ephemera. All totaled, the collections span more than 500 linear feet.

Once at Penn, the collections will be housed in the Rare Book & Manuscript Library <www.library.upenn.edu/rbm>. For additional information on the Institute, its members, and its activities, consult its website: <www.ismch.org>.

University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry announces a new website, “Physicians’ Reflections on Fifty Years of Patient Care, 1954–2004,” sponsored by the Office of Alumni relations. It consists of 26 narratives by physician graduates of the Class of 1954, including three by widows of classmates. Each narrative responds to the question, “How did the momentous changes in medical knowledge and delivery of health care over the fifty years since graduation affect your personal experiences with patient care and your relationships with patients?”

This Class of 1954 project was stimulated by the realization that our careers spanned an unprecedented period of change in medical practice and patient care, thus furnishing us with a unique overview of these

changes. The result is a collection of narratives reflecting a wide range of attitudes and experiences about patient care that we hope will be of interest to providers, planners, and historians of contemporary health care. The web site is <www.urmc.rochester.edu/SMD/alumni/memoir.cfm>.

An introduction precedes the collection and each narrative includes a brief biography of the author. They are in PDF file format and can be opened with the Adobe Acrobat Reader. For those of you who wish to contact any of the essayists, comment on these narratives, or add your own personal reflections, we invite you to do so at the link provided with the essays.

The exhibit will be on display in the Alabama Museum of the Health Sciences at the Lister Hill Library from 23 September 2004 until 30 December 2005.

JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS

Uniform Services University of the Health Sciences (USUHS) Assistant Professor of Medical History

Tenure track position, beginning Summer 2005. Will have responsibility for teaching medical students, house officers, and in CME medical history programs. Other responsibilities will include research in history of medicine and consultation in military medical history. Doctoral degree in history of medicine or its equivalent required. Candidates with doctoral training in military history and an established research interest in military medicine will be considered as equivalent. Evidence of research potential should be reflected in publications. Evidence of teaching experience in medical centers strongly desired. Preference given to individuals whose research area is modern medicine, particularly areas of military medical significance.

Applicants should submit a letter describing their educational program and the thrust of the applicant's scholarly work. The application should be accompanied by a current curriculum vitae and the names and addresses of three persons who have agreed to provide letters of recommendation. Review

of applications will begin 15 April 2005; all material must be submitted by that date to be considered.

USUHS is an Equal Opportunity Affirmative Action Employer strongly committed to racial, cultural, and ethnic diversity. We encourage applications from the traditionally underrepresented minorities.

Send applications to: Ms. Kelly Mullally, Search Committee, Department of Medical History, Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, 4301 Jones Bridge Road, Bethesda, MD 20814-4799

University of Alberta Full-time Tenure-Track
Position: History of Medicine

The Department of History and Classics, and the Division of Studies in Medical Education in the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Alberta invite applications for a tenure-track appointment at the Assistant Professor level in the History of Medicine. This is a joint appointment, and duties will include teaching and research in both units. In the Division of Studies in Medical Education, responsibilities will include shared responsibilities for establishing and implementing a program in the history of medicine for medical students. In the Department of History and Classics, this appointment will develop further the established offerings in the history of medicine. This position is part of a commitment by the Faculty of Arts and the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry to develop an interdisciplinary program of teaching and research in the history of medicine at the University of Alberta. The successful candidate will have a Ph. D. in the History of Medicine, with a record of teaching and research. Candidates working in the Canadian history of medicine would be of particular interest. The starting date for the appointment is 1 July 2005. The minimum salary (as per collective agreement) will be based on rank at time of hire. Applications, including curriculum vitae, samples of publications, and letters from three academic referees should be addressed to: Professor Kenneth Munro, Acting Chair, Department of History and Classics, Room 2-28 HM Tory Building, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, T6G 2H4. Applications received by 31

January 2005 will be assured of consideration. Interviews will begin as soon thereafter as possible.

All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadian citizens and permanent residents will be given priority. If suitable Canadian citizens or permanent residents cannot be found, other individuals will be considered. The University of Alberta hires on the basis of merit. We are strongly committed to the principle of equity in employment. We welcome diversity and encourage applications from all qualified women and men, including persons with disabilities, members of visible minorities, and Aboriginal persons.

OTHER NEWS

The International Society for the History of Medicine includes members from 60 nations. Membership dues for the US and Canada are \$50, with reductions for seniors and students, and this fee entitles members to attend international congresses held every other year and to receive the scholarly journal, *Vesalius*, edited and published by the Society. The next congress will meet in Budapest, Hungary, 26-29 August 2006. For further information, contact the US National Delegate, Cynthia D. Pitcock pitcockcynthiad@uams.edu; for the National Delegate of Canada, Toby Gelfand, tgelfand@uottawa.ca ISHM dues may be paid to AAHM as well.

Society of Civil War Surgeons, in conjunction with the Gettysburg National Battlefield Park, will be presenting a medical library history weekend on 20-21 August 2005. Approximately 100 re-enactors, portraying both Union and Confederate surgeons, assistant surgeons, hospital stewards, nurses, the U.S. Sanitary Commission, civilians, and sick and wounded are expected to attend. This will be the largest gathering of Civil War medical re-enactors ever. The site for this medical living history will be in the area of the Pennsylvania Monument on Cemetery Ridge, and will present the conditions in a field hospital during the first few days following the conclusion of the 1-3 July 1863 battle. For further information contact Peter J. D'Onofrio, Ph.D., President, Society of Civil War

Surgeons at pjdsocws@aol.com, or Tom Holbrook, Park Ranger, Gettysburg NBP at thomas_olbrock@nps.gov.

In July 2005, Kirby Randolph will join the faculty of the **University of Kansas School of Medicine** as Assistant Professor in the Department of History and Philosophy of Medicine. Professor Randolph is currently a post-doctoral fellow at the University of Pennsylvania in the Center for Mental Health Policy and Services Research

Announcing new editors and expanded book series on **“Women, Gender, and Health”** at Ohio State University Press. Under new co-editors Susan L. Smith (University of Alberta, Canada) and Nancy Tomes (State University of New York, Stony Brook), the series continues its longstanding focus on the history of women and health, while expanding to include two additional areas: gender, masculinity, and health, and race, ethnicity, and health. Works in the series examine the history of sickness, health, and healing in relation to health workers, activists, and patients. They also explore the ways in which issues of gender, race, ethnicity, and health have reflected and shaped beliefs, values, and power dynamics in society. Inquiries should be directed to Heather Lee Miller, miller.1438@osu.edu at the Ohio State University Press.

See you in
Birmingham!