



# Newsletter

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am truly honored to have been elected President of the American Association of the History of Medicine, an organization to which I have belonged for more than 35 years. I have a difficult act to follow, as Jackie Duffin did an amazing job with unbounded energy. But although it is hard to follow in her footsteps, I at least have been well prepared for the job by Jackie. She kept me fully informed of AAHM business during the two years that I served as Vice President, and she provided me with clear, detailed, and organized advice and instructions as I assumed the role of President.

My first real chore was to appoint the members of our committees. I never realized that we had so many standing and ad hoc committees, as well as delegates and representatives of various sorts. There are over 80 people who fill these positions! I am immensely grateful to everyone who has agreed to serve, especially those who will be chairing the groups. These committees are vital to the accomplishment of AAHM's goals.

I wish that I had some profound words of wisdom to impart in this first message, some grand philosophy to guide the Association and the discipline. Alas, my wits fail me. Of course, neither the President nor the AAHM as a whole will set the future direction for the field of the history of medicine. The interests and efforts of our individual members will chart that course. But the Association will continue to play its crucial role of providing a forum for scholarship at our annual meetings and in the *Bulletin of the History of Medicine* (through our cooperation with The Johns Hopkins University Press). We will also continue to encourage and reward excellence in the field through our awards program, and to assist young scholars through such mechanisms as providing travel grants to attend the annual meeting. And we will continue to do what we can to facilitate teaching and research in the history of medicine in various other ways through our organized actions as a professional society. I will do my best to further and enhance these important functions.

*John Parascandola,  
AAHM President*

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#### An Exciting Opportunity to Serve AAHM

The AAHM Web site <[www.histmed.org/](http://www.histmed.org/)> is the nerve center of our organization. It provides information about AAHM: news; jobs, grants, and fellowships; history and governance; membership; annual meetings; publications, and constituent societies. It is a one-stop shop for AAHM members and also serves as the public face of the organization.

AAHM is seeking a new Webmaster. Maintaining the Web site is a wonderful opportunity to provide a very important service to the organization and its members. Anyone interested in serving in this capacity should contact AAHM President, John Parscandola, [jparascandola@verizon.net](mailto:jparascandola@verizon.net).

**AAHM Needs You!**

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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.

## AAHM NEWS

### Final Endowment Campaign Report: Objective Achieved!

As announced at the 2006 AAHM meeting in Halifax, the “Endow Our Prizes” campaign, which was launched in the spring of 2003, has been successfully completed. During the last three years, the Association raised \$320,000, surpassing our target of \$300,000. Together with endowment funds we already had, the AAHM now has an endowment of over \$400,000. These funds reside in the History of Medicine Foundation, the AAHM’s endowment pocket.

During the campaign we received \$115,000 from the membership at large. In addition, Cindy Estes, John McGovern, and Mabel Purkerson made major contributions that together totaled \$205,000. These exceptional gifts dovetailed with the many other contributions we received. Our major benefactors were influenced in their decision to contribute by the knowledge that the general membership was supporting the campaign. In turn, the major gifts encouraged many additional members to participate because the goal now seemed attainable. A complete list of those who contributed to the campaign is included in this issue of the Newsletter. We are deeply grateful to each of these individuals for the support they provided.

Certain members of the Association deserve particular thanks and recognition for the contributions they made. The idea of creating an endowment for the Association represented the work of Guenter Risse, John Burnham, Tom Bonner, and Bill Helfand. The History of Medicine Foundation, the result of their efforts, was established in 1990. During the present campaign, the AAHM’s officers—Jackie Duffin, John Parascandola, and Todd Savitt—provided valuable counsel and staunch support. Chester Burns, Bert Hansen, Margaret Marsh, and Dale Smith were another important source of helpful ideas and ongoing encouragement. Your campaign chairman

was awed and inspired by the immediate and vigorous response of Bruce Fye, Ynez O’Neill, and Leonard Wilson when invited to join the “Group of Friends” during the campaign’s final stage.

The money in the History of Medicine Foundation presently resides in a group of conservative mutual funds managed by Merrill Lynch. The Secretary-Treasurer and the Finance Committee have been responsible and vigilant in monitoring the performance of these funds. Of course, now that our endowment is much larger, the need for continual oversight is that much greater, and the leadership of the AAHM will continue to provide that oversight. My personal hope is that, even after a 4 to 5 percent “draw” each year to support our prizes and activities, the endowment will gradually grow, so that 12 or 15 years from now we will find ourselves sitting on an endowment of \$1,000,000 or more. Such a sum would provide the Association both security and the opportunity for new directions.

It has been a privilege to serve the Association as Chair of the Endowment Committee the past three years. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about the campaign.

*Ken Ludmerer*

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**AAHM Awards**

The AAHM is pleased to announce the recipients of its 2006 awards, which were presented at the Association's annual meeting in Halifax, Nova Scotia, on 6 May 2006. They are as follows:

**William Osler Medal** (Awarded for the best historical essay by a medical student) Winner: Jesse

Waggoner, Duke University, "The Role of the Physician: Eugene Sanger and a Standard of Care at the Elmira Prison Camp"

**Richard Shryock Medal** (Awarded for the best historical essay by a graduate student) Winner: Darcy Hughes Heuring, Northwestern University, "All Tainted as They Are': Wet Nurses, Medical Men and Social Reform in Victorian Britain, 1858-1872." Honorable Mention: Matthew Gambino, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, "Voice of the Patients': Mental Illness, Institutional Newspapers and Patient Life at St. Elizabeth's Hospital (Washington, DC) in the Twentieth Century"

**William H. Welch Award** (Awarded to the author of a recent book of outstanding scholarly merit published in the field of medical history) Barron Lerner, *Breast Cancer Wars: Hope, Fear, and the Pursuit of a Cure in Twentieth Century America* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2001)

**J. Worth Estes Prize** (Awarded to the author of a recent article of outstanding scholarly merit in the history of pharmacology) Stephen Snelders, Charles Kaplan, and Toine Pieters, "On Cannabis, Chloral Hydrate, and Career Cycles of Psychotropic Drugs in Medicine," *Bulletin of the History of Medicine*, 80:1 (Spring 2006): 95-114

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

**Jack D. Pressman – Burroughs Wellcome Fund Career Development Award** (Awarded to a recent Ph.D. recipient working to revise his or her dissertation in the area of 20th century history of medicine or science. Winner: Amir Arsalan Afkhami for his project on the role of public health in the development of Iran as a nation, especially the way disease contributed to the patriotic and radical rhetoric of reform in Iran.

## Call for Papers

The American Association for the History of Medicine invites abstracts for papers in any area of medical history for its 80<sup>th</sup> annual meeting, to be held in Montreal, Quebec, 3-6 May 2007. The Association welcomes submissions on the history of health and healing; history of medical ideas, practices, and institutions; and histories of illness, disease, and public health. Submissions from all eras and regions of the world are welcome. Besides single-paper proposals, the program committee accepts abstracts for three-paper sessions and for luncheon workshops. Please alert the Program Committee Chair if you are planning a session proposal. Individual papers for these submissions will be judged on their own merits.

When making an historical argument state the major claim, summarize the evidence supporting it, and state the major conclusion(s). When proposing a narrative, summarize the story, identify the major agents, and specify the conflict.

The AAHM uses an online abstract submissions system. It is located at <histmed.org>. Abstracts no longer than 350 words must be received by 15 September 2006. E-mail or faxed proposals are not accepted.

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

For additional information contact: Philip M. Teigen, Program Committee Chair, History of Medicine Division, MSC 3819, National Library of Medicine, 8600 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20894; pteigen@nih.gov; (301) 496-5407.

### Volunteers Needed

For AAHM's 80<sup>th</sup> annual meeting to be held in Montreal, Quebec, 3-6 May, 2007, the Program Committee is looking for volunteers willing to moderate sessions. Guidelines are provided. Interested scholars should contact the Program Committee Chairman, Phil Teigen, before 1 November at [pteigen@nih.gov](mailto:pteigen@nih.gov).

### Call for Nominations, AAHM Awards 2007

All awards will be presented at the AAHM Meeting, 3-7 May 2007 in Montreal, Quebec. Additional information may be found on the AAHM website: [histmed.org](http://histmed.org).

**Osler Medal Essay Contest, 2007.** The William Osler Medal is awarded annually for the best unpublished essay on a medical historical topic written by a student enrolled in a school of medicine or osteopathy in the United States or Canada. First awarded in 1942, the medal commemorates Sir William Osler, who stimulated an interest in the humanities among medical students and physicians. The writer of the winning essay will be invited to attend the 2007 AAHM meeting. Reasonable travel expenses will be provided, as will a two-year complimentary membership in the AAHM. If the Osler Medal Committee also selects an essay for honorable mention, its author will receive a certificate and a two-year complimentary membership in the Association.

All students who are candidates for the degree of Doctor of Medicine or Doctor of Osteopathy, or are graduates of the class of 2006, are eligible. The essay must have been written while the entrant was a student in good standing. Medical students who have been enrolled in a graduate program in history or a related discipline should submit their essays to the Shryock competition. No student should submit an essay to both competitions in the same year. Essays that have been awarded an Honorable Mention are not eligible for re-submission.

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

For additional information contact the Osler Medal Committee Chair: Hughes Evans, Associate Dean for Students, University of Alabama School of Medicine, 1530 3rd Avenue South, VH 100, Birmingham, AL 35294-0019; [hevans@uasom.uab.edu](mailto:hevans@uasom.uab.edu). Entries must be postmarked no later than 15 January 2007.

**Shryock Medal Essay Contest, 2007.** Graduate students in the United States and Canada are invited to enter the Shryock Medal Essay Contest. The medal honors Richard Harrison Shryock (1893–1972), a pioneer among historians interested in the history of medicine. The award is given for an outstanding, unpublished essay by a single author on any topic in the history of medicine. The essay (maximum 9,000 words, 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.

The winner will be invited to attend the 2007 meeting of the Association. Reasonable travel expenses for the winner will be provided, as will a two-year complimentary membership in the AAHM. If the Shryock Medal Committee also selects an essay for honorable mention, its author will receive a certificate and a two-year complimentary membership in the AAHM.

This competition is open to students enrolled in a graduate program in history or a related discipline in the United States or Canada at the time of submission. Medical students who have been enrolled in such a program should submit their essays to the Shryock competition; medical students who have not

done such graduate work should submit their essays to the Osler competition. No student should submit an essay to both competitions in the same year. Essays that have been awarded an Honorable Mention are not eligible for re-submission.

For additional information contact the Shryock Medal Committee chair: Alexandra M. Lord, Acting Historian, United States Public Health Service, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 695, Rockville, MD 20857; [alord@psc.gov](mailto:alord@psc.gov). Essays must be postmarked or submitted electronically via e-mail (which is the preferred method of submission) no later than 15 January 2007.

**J. Worth Estes Award, 2007.** This award was established in honor of J. Worth Estes, M.D., in recognition of his many years of invaluable contributions to the American Association for the History of Medicine and to scholarship in the history of medicine. The award is made annually for the best published paper in the history of pharmacology during the previous two years, whether appearing in a journal or a book collection of papers. The choice of topic reflects Worth Estes' long tenure as Professor of Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics at Boston University and his own scholarship in the history of pharmacology.

For the purpose of this award, the history of pharmacology will be defined broadly to include ancient and traditional materia medica, folk medicines, herbal medicines, the pharmaceuticals and medications of the modern era. 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 2005 and 2006. 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, Scott Podolsky, 50 Staniford Street, Suite 300, Boston, MA 02114; [spodolsky@partners.org](mailto:spodolsky@partners.org). Nominations must be received by the Committee Chair by 15 January 2007.

As a result of a generous contribution in honor of Worth Estes from a member of the Association, the award will be accompanied by a \$500 check.

**Pressman–Burroughs Wellcome Award, 2007.** 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 science, as demonstrated by the completion of the Ph.D. and a proposal to turn the dissertation into a publishable monograph. The Ph.D. must have been completed and the degree granted within the last five years (i.e., 2002–2006). The application must include a curriculum vitae, the dissertation abstract, a one-page summary of the proposed book; a description (not exceeding two pages) of the work to be undertaken for publication; and two letters of support from faculty members knowledgeable about the applicant's dissertation.

The Award will be presented at the 2007 meeting of the Association. (The Award also includes a ticket to the Annual Dinner of the AAHM, on 5 May.)

The application, including all supporting materials, must be postmarked by 31 December 2006 and addressed to the Chair of the Pressman–Burroughs Wellcome Committee, Susan D. Jones, Department of Ecology, Evolution, and Behavior, University of Minnesota, 100 Ecology Building, 1987 Upper Buford Circle, St. Paul, MN 55108; [jone0996@umn.edu](mailto:jone0996@umn.edu).

**Lifetime Achievement Award, 2007.** This award was established in 1988; the first recipients were Saul Jarcho, Lester King, and Owsei Temkin. The award is given annually to a member of the Association who



has retired from regular institutional affiliation or practice, with a distinguished record of support of the history of medicine over many years, and who has made continuing scholarly contributions of a distinguished nature.

Rima D. Apple, chair of the Lifetime Achievement Award Committee, welcomes nominations for the award, which should include one or two paragraphs of explanation and support for the nomination. Dr. Apple can be contacted at: University of Wisconsin–Madison, 1300 Linden Drive, Madison, WI 53706; rdapple@wisc.edu. Deadline for nominations: 31 October 2006.

**William H. Welch Medal, 2007.** The William H. Welch Award is named in honor of a major American figure in the history of medicine and public health, who was among the first faculty at the Johns Hopkins medical school. The Medal was first presented in 1950, to Henry Sigerist, and is awarded to one or more authors of a book (excluding edited volumes) of outstanding scholarly merit in the field of medical history published during the five calendar years preceding the award. The chair of the Welch Medal Committee, Naomi Rogers, welcomes suggestions of books to consider for the award. To nominate a book, contact Dr. Rogers at Section of History of Medicine, Yale University School of Medicine, P.O. Box 208015, New Haven, CT 06520-8015; naomi.rogers@yale.edu. Deadline for nominations: 31 October 2006.

## NEWS OF MEMBERS

**Ben Harris** has been awarded a Research Support Grant by the Schlesinger Library, Harvard University, for a project titled “The Psychology of Betty Friedan: Her Sources and Limitations.” It begins with the observation that W.W. Norton, the publisher of *The Feminine Mystique*, presented Friedan as a clinical psychologist in its promotion of her book.

**Gerald Markowitz** and **David Rosner** were honored at the New York Committee on Occupational Safety and Health Dinner on 7 June for their book *Deceit and*

*Denial: The Deadly Politics of Industrial Pollution* and for their work on the history of occupational and environmental disease. They were also awarded the Upton Sinclair Award by the American Industrial Hygiene Association.

**Ellen More** has taken a new position as Head of the new Office of Medical History and Archives of the Lamar Soutter Library and Professor, Department of Psychiatry, at the University of Massachusetts Medical School, Worcester. She can be reached at ellen.more@umassmed.edu or by phone at (508) 856-7633.

**David M. Oshinsky** has won the Pulitzer Prize History Award for *Polio: An American Story* published by Oxford University Press in 2005.

**Constance Putnam** was awarded a 2006 Will Solimene Award for Excellence in Medical Communication from the New England Chapter of the American Medical Writer’s Association, for her book, *The Science We Have Loved and Taught: Dartmouth Medical School’s First Two Centuries*. This first full-scale history of the nation’s fourth-oldest medical school was published in 2004 by the University Press of New England.

**Julia Rodriguez**, winner of the AAHM’s Pressman Burrough Wellcome Award in 2004, just published *Civilizing Argentina: Science, Medicine, and the Modern State* (University of North Carolina Press). She has also received two fellowships, an International Area Studies Fellowship from the American Council of Learned Societies and a National Science Foundation Career award, for a new project on the history of science and law in Latin America.

**Nancy G. Siraisi** won the American Historical Association Award for Scholarly Distinction, the Association’s highest honor.

## OBITUARIES

### David L. Cowen, 1909-2006

World-renowned historian of pharmacy David L. Cowen died on 14 April 2006 at the age of 96. Born on 1 September 1909 on the Lower East Side of Manhattan, Dave later moved to Newark where he attended public schools. After receiving his bachelor's (1930) and master's (1931) degrees from Rutgers University, Dave joined the Rutgers College of Pharmacy faculty as a history instructor. At the same time he taught 7th and 8th grades in the Newark public school system. He left both jobs in 1944 for a full-time faculty appointment in history and political science at University College, Rutgers. Dave became full professor in 1960, and then chairman of the history department until his retirement in 1974.

Dave returned to the College of Pharmacy in 1952, at Dean Roy Bowers's request, to teach the history of pharmacy. Tackling this new assignment with extraordinary diligence, his seminal work on the Edinburgh Pharmacopoeia and American colonial laws pertaining to pharmacy is credited with putting his discipline on the academic map.

From 1952 until his retirement, Dave taught concurrently at the College of Pharmacy and University College. During this time he was the book review editor for *Pharmacy in History*, and served on the councils of the American Institute of the History of Pharmacy, the International Society for the History of Pharmacy, and the American Association for the History of Medicine (AAHM).

In a publishing career that spanned seven decades, Dave authored 192 articles, 140 book reviews, and 19 monographs. Noteworthy among his books are *Medicine and Health in New Jersey: A History* (1964) and *Pharmacy: An Illustrated History* (1990), coauthored with William Helfand, noted collector of pharmaceutical prints.

Dave's many professional honors include the Kremers Award (1965), Ferchl Medal (1972), Cestoni Medal (1973), Urdang Medal (1977), Schelenz

Plaquette (1983), an honorary doctorate from Rutgers (1984), and the Lifetime Achievement Award of the AAHM (1994). In 1989 Rutgers College of Pharmacy (now the Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy) established the nation's first lecture series in the history of pharmacy and named it in Dave's honor.

One of the founders of the Medical History Society of New Jersey (MHSNJ), Dave served as its second president (1982-84). He wore many hats in those fledgling years, and did everything from arranging programs to lining up speakers to lodging guests at his home. He even got a speeding ticket once when he drove the Society's Saffron Lecturer, Lloyd Stevenson, to the Trenton railroad station. Dave's devotion to the MHSNJ never waned. He attended Executive Committee meetings in Newark well into his nineties. In recognition of this tireless dedication, in 2001 the MHSNJ established the David L. Cowen Award for achievement in the history of medicine.

In 2004, at Dave's invitation, several MHSNJ members began meeting monthly at his home. We dubbed ourselves the Lunar Society after the famed 18th-century group of British intellectuals that met each month on the night of a full moon. Dave looked forward to these get-togethers; they seemed to rejuvenate him. Our spirits were renewed too, because it was inspiring to be with this remarkable man whose brilliant mind, as Cicero remarked of another, stood out of reach of the body's decay.

*Vincent J. Cirillo*

### Jerome J. Bylebyl, 1943-2006

On Monday, 22 May 2006, The Institute of the History of Medicine learned of the recent death from heart failure of Jerome J. Bylebyl, Associate Professor, Department of the History of Medicine, The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine.

Bylebyl had been at Hopkins for more than thirty years. His B.A. was *summa cum laude* from Boston College in 1965, where he majored in biology and history. He received his Ph.D. in 1969 from the Department of the History of Science and Medicine,

Yale University, with his dissertation, *Cardiovascular Physiology in the Sixteenth and Early Seventeenth Centuries*. From 1968 to 1970 he served successively as Lecturer and Assistant Professor in the Department of the History of Medicine at Yale, and spent 1970-71 as a Research Associate in the Department of the History of Medicine, University College, London. He was Assistant Professor, Department of the History of Medicine, University of Chicago from 1971 to 1976. In 1975, Jerome Bylebyl came to the Institute of the History of Medicine at Hopkins for a year-long Macy Fellowship. On 1 July of the following year, he was appointed Assistant Professor of the History of Medicine, with a joint appointment in the Department of the History of Science in the School of Arts and Sciences. He rose to Associate Professor in 1979 and was Acting Director of the Institute of the History of Medicine from 1983 to 1984. Bylebyl was Co-Editor of the *Bulletin of the History of Medicine* from 1990 to 2005 and had served on the editorial boards of *Isis*, the *Journal of the History of Medicine and Allied Sciences*, the *Journal of the History of Biology*, and *Studies in the History of Biology*.

A recognized authority on the works of William Harvey, Bylebyl edited *William Harvey and His Age: the Professional and Social Context of the Discovery of the Circulation* and *Teaching the History of Medicine at a Medical Center*. His pioneering articles on the history of anatomy and learned medicine, along with his generosity in sharing his knowledge with colleagues, were welcome and influential. At Hopkins, Bylebyl introduced medical and graduate students and, more recently, undergraduates to the world of medical history through his very popular courses on medicine and anatomy before 1750.

At the recent AAHM annual conference in Halifax, Nova Scotia, one of his former students, Walton O. Schalick, III, organized a special session in honor of Bylebyl's recent retirement from Hopkins: *Medicine Across the Ages: A Tribute to Jerome J. Bylebyl, Ph.D.* The speakers were Nancy G. Siraisi, Michael R. McVaugh, and Robert Richards. Bylebyl was delighted by the event and enjoyed the evening immensely as was

evident by his playful but, as always, instructive comments on the papers presented.

Jerry Bylebyl will be greatly missed by his colleagues, both locally and internationally.

*Randall M. Packard*

### **Vern L. Bullough, 1928-2006**

Vern L. Bullough, 78, died of cancer on 21 June 2006 at home in Westlake Village, California. He was a 1951 baccalaureate graduate of the University of Utah, earned a doctorate in medieval history from the University of Chicago in 1954, and a nursing degree from the California State University, Long Beach in 1981. A distinguished historian and prolific writer, Vern was noted for his contributions to the history of nursing and medicine, and for his pioneer work in the fields of sexuality and gender in the United States. Vern, often with his late wife, nurse educator Bonnie Bullough, authored or edited over 50 books, contributed more than 100 chapters to a wide range of publications, and wrote hundreds of refereed and popular articles. Beginning his academic career in 1954 at Youngstown University, Vern's most significant work in medicine and nursing include studies on medical education and the sciences in the Middle Ages and the rise of medical professionalism, the first historian authored textbook of the history of American nursing, an extensive nursing bibliography, and a three volume set of nursing leaders' (1850 to 1990s) biographies. His pioneer work on gender and sexuality includes such topics as the history of the subordination of women, prostitution, sexuality, and the activism for gay and lesbian rights.

Vern served on faculty at California State University from 1959 to 1980 before moving to SUNY Buffalo where he was a professor of history and Dean of the Faculty of Natural and Social Sciences. He and his wife Bonnie retired from Buffalo in 1993 to return to California where he served as a Visiting Professor at California State University and University of Southern California until 2004.

Dr. Bullough was a sought-after speaker and traveled widely giving professional papers. He was the recipient of numerous awards and honors including selection as the American Association for the History of Medicine's Garrison Lecturer, and election as a Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing in 1988.

*Barbara Brodie*

## CONSTITUENT SOCIETIES CORNER

### **Southern California History of Medicine Group**

A history of medicine group has been formed and is meeting in Southern California. We encourage AAHM members to join the group. The group is part of a collaborative enterprise formed by the Huntington Library and the University of Southern California in their Institute for the Study of California and the West. The group consists of roughly 30 scholars and practitioners from around Southern California. The group first met in fall 2004 with the intention of having three sessions each academic year.

In the 2005-6 academic year, we held three sessions: January 2006, Bruce Jansson (USC), "The History of the Los Angeles County Public Health Care System, 1965-2000"; February 2006, Marcia Meldrum' (UCLA), "Pain, Disability, and the Vicious Circle: William Livingston and the Injured Worker in Depression-Era Oregon"; March 2006, Alison Bashford (University of Sydney), "The Spaces of Population Debate in the Interwar Years." AAHM members interested in joining the group should contact David Sloane, dsloane@usc.edu.

### **Ohio Academy of Medical History**

The 2006 meeting of the Ohio Academy of Medical History was held on 25 March at the Lloyd Library and Museum in Cincinnati. John S. Haller, Jr., Ph.D., Professor of History and Medical Humanities at Southern Illinois University, presented the Academy's Waller Lecture. Dr. Haller's paper, "American Homeopathy's Challenge to Regular Medicine,"

provided a synoptic view of homeopathy from its beginnings in late 18<sup>th</sup> century Leipzig, its introduction into the U.S. in 1820, its challenge to regular or mainstream medicine in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, to its evolution from an academically-based system to a market-driven industry supported by a myriad of lay beliefs and theories. Other presentations included: "James Baldwin, M.D., Extraordinary Surgeon," by George Paulson; "Regulating Reproduction in Ohio, 1830-1930," by Jimmy Wilkinson Meyer; "Early Female Physicians in Athens Co.," by Gary Cordingly; "From Church Graveyard to Mansion for the Living: The Lloyd Library and Museum Returns to Its Roots," by Maggie Heran; "Nursing Activities of Sr. Anthony O'Connell," by Kathleen McKesson; "The Collection of William G. Myers, M.D., Ph.D., Godfather of the Cyclotron," by Mary Manning; "From the Poorhouse to Continuum of Care: What's in a Name?," by Beth DiNatale Johnson; "John Jones, The Father of American Surgery," by Ximena Chrisagis; and "Changes in Public Perception and Occurrence of Disease: An Indicator of the Development of Public Health in Early Cincinnati," by Herb Venable. The 2007 meeting is planned for 21 April in Granville, OH. For more information contact Patsy Gerstner, OAMH, Dittrick Medical History Center, 11000 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, OH 44106-1714, or p.gerstner@att.net.

### **Medical History Society of New Jersey (MHSNJ)**

The spring meeting of the Medical History Society of New Jersey was held on 24 May 2006, at The Nassau Club in Princeton. A. Lloyd Moote, University of Southern California (Emeritus) and Dorothy C. Moote, Medical Microbiologist, delivered the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Saffron Lecture entitled "The Healing Arts and Caregivers During the Great Plague of London: From Doctors to Quacks." MHSNJ past president, Frederick C. Skvara, displayed medical philately related to the program. The following speakers presented papers preceding the dinner and Saffron Lecture: "Master and Surgeon: Nautical Medicine in the 18<sup>th</sup> Century," George J. Hill, (History); "Raul Hoffmann: The External Fixator in War and Peace," Evan Schwechter, under the supervision of Kenneth

Swan, UMDNJ-New Jersey Medical School; "Ironclad Fever: A Jersey Surgeon on the Monitor PASSAIC," Sandra Moss, (History); "Alien: The Odd History of Forensic Psychiatry," Daniel Greenfield, Outgoing President, MHSNJ.

## FELLOWSHIPS/GRANTS

**2007 NEH Summer Stipends Awards: \$5,000.** The program supports two months of full-time research on a project in the humanities. The award is \$5,000 and this nationwide competition has a 2 October 2006 deadline. Over the past five years the Summer Stipends program has received an annual average of 866 applications and made an average of 116 awards, or 13%. Although regular faculty members of colleges and universities must be nominated by their institutions, and each institution may nominate a maximum of two applicants, independent scholars and adjunct or part-time faculty may apply for these grants without nomination.

Applications for the NEH Summer Stipends are submitted electronically through the NEH website. All the details about the program may be found at: <[www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/stipends.html](http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/stipends.html)>.

## MEETINGS/CALLS FOR PAPERS

**The British Society for the History of Science and the Science Museum, London,** are organizing a joint conference to honor the 75th Anniversary of the 1931 Second International Congress for the History of Science, a foundation event in the modern history of science. The congress is remembered for the presence of a Russian delegation that raised political and philosophical issues in science and the history of science. It led to the elaboration of sociologically and politically conscious methods of research in the relationship between science and society. The conference, entitled "Scientists and Social Commitment: Historical Perspectives on the Political, Religious and Philosophical Ideas and Activity of Scientists," will be held at the Science Museum in London, 15-17 September 2006.

The program for the conference is now available at <[www.bsbs.org.uk/scientistsandsocialcommitment](http://www.bsbs.org.uk/scientistsandsocialcommitment)> along with booking forms and registration information. Early registration is urged as there is a limit to the capacity of the venue for this conference. The British Society for the History of Science subsidizes the cost of registration and accommodation for student members who attend. They may also apply to the Butler-Eyles Fund for assistance with travel costs. For additional information contact: Chris Chilvers, BSBS Program Chair, History of Technology Division, The Technical Knowledge Centre of Denmark, The Technical University of Denmark, Anker Engelunds Vej 1, Building 101, P. O. Box 777, DK-2800 Kgs. Lyngby; <[www.dtv.dk/tekhist](mailto:www.dtv.dk/tekhist)>; 00 45 45 25 72 95.

**Center on Philanthropy:** A distinguished group of experienced professionals from a broad cross-section of the health and philanthropy field will examine the intersection of health and philanthropy domestically and globally at the Center on Philanthropy's 19<sup>th</sup> annual symposium "Health and Philanthropy: Leveraging Change" on 24-25 August 2006 at Indiana University in Indianapolis, IN. Where can philanthropy be most effective – in solving pernicious problems, in addressing public policy issues, in championing education and prevention, in accelerating cures, in using technology to improve delivery, or in yet uncharted arenas?

View the agenda and register online at <[www.philanthropy.iupui.edu](http://www.philanthropy.iupui.edu)> (scroll down the "Upcoming Events" box to link to the symposium page.) Add your voice to the conversation. Register today to attend this thought-provoking and reflective discussion. Standard registration is \$375 between July 8 and August 24 or until the symposium is filled. For additional information contact Andrea Pactor, Program Manager, Philanthropic Services, Center on Philanthropy at Indiana University, (317) 278-8990; [apactor@iupui.edu](mailto:apactor@iupui.edu).

**The Southern Association for the History of Medicine and Science (SAHMS)** invites paper

proposals for its ninth annual meeting on 2-3 March 2007 in Charlottesville, VA. The meeting will be hosted at the University of Virginia by the Center for Nursing Historical Inquiry and the Health Sciences Library Historical Collections. The keynote speaker will be Vivian Pinn, M.D., the Associate Director for Research on Women's Health and the Director of the Office of Research on Women's Health for NIH. In conjunction with her talk will be the opening of the exhibit, "Changing the Face of Medicine: Celebrating America's Women Physicians."

SAHMS welcomes papers on the history of medicine and science, broadly construed to encompass historical, literary, anthropological, philosophical, and sociological approaches to health care, including race and gender studies. MD/PhD students may submit works in progress and should indicate their graduate student status. Participants may propose individual papers or panels of several papers on a particular theme. In general each presenter is limited to 20 minutes, with additional time for questions and discussion. Please do not submit papers that have already been published, presented, or scheduled for presentation at another meeting. All participants are responsible for their own travel and registration costs. SAHMS offers a limited number of modest travel grants for student presenters to attend the meeting. Those interested should submit their request to the program committee chair at the time of paper submission. In no case are students exempt from paying the stated registration fee.

Electronic submissions as e-mail attachments in MS Word or other readily supportable formats are preferred. Submit a one-page abstract of the paper (about 250 words) stating the general thesis, sources used, research findings, and general conclusions. Include a one-page c.v. for each presenter with phone/fax numbers and e-mail addresses. Proposals should be submitted by 30 September 2006. The program will be announced 1 November 2006 on our website <www.SAHMS.net>. All attendees will be expected to register for the meeting. Send proposals to the 2007 Program Committee Chair: Wendy J. Turner, wturner@sahms.net, History, Anthropology,

and Philosophy, Augusta State University, 2500 Walton Way, Augusta, GA 30904-2200.

The newly formed **Society for the History of Navy Medicine** announces its First Annual Meeting and Paper Session, to be held during the 3 - 6 May 2007 meeting of the AAHM in Montreal. The Society is soliciting papers on any aspect of the history of medicine in the maritime environment (including above and beneath the surface of water). "Works-in-Progress" and graduate student projects are particularly invited. A 200-250 word abstract should be submitted by 15 October 2006. While electronic submissions are preferred, fax or mailed work will also be welcomed. Send submissions to Thomas L Snyder, M.D. at thomasnyder@gmail.com; 131 el Camino Real, Vallejo CA 94590-3464; (707) 557-5117 (fax).

Membership inquiries to the Society are also invited. The only membership requirement is an interest in any aspect of the history of navy/maritime medicine. Send inquiries to the addressee mentioned above.

**Putting Region in its Place: An Interdisciplinary Conference on Health, Healing, and Place**, Edmonton, Alberta, 27-29 October 2007. The connections between health and region are many; the scholarly community is faced with new social, historical, and phenomenological configurations of "place" that require interdisciplinary scrutiny using innovative approaches. We invite proposals for papers representing all disciplines that look at connections between health and place. This conference seeks to foster interdisciplinary scholarship. Comparative papers and papers that take an inter-regional, inter-provincial, trans-border, or international approach are especially welcome. Submission of Abstracts: Please send an abstract of no more than 250 words and a brief curriculum vitae to: place@ualberta.ca. Abstracts must be received by 1 March 2007.

**Social Medicine, Medical Geography and Health Care for Indigenous Populations: "Ethnic Pathology," Max Kuczynski, 1925 in Germany, Russia, Latin America, and Beyond.** International Workshop, 24-26 November 2006, Justus-Liebig-

Universität Gießen, Germany. Deadline for Abstracts: 31 July 2006. The goal of the workshop is to gather scholars from various countries and disciplines for a joint analysis of the concept of “ethnic pathology” developed by the German-Peruvian pathologist, bacteriologist and social hygienist Max Kuczynski (Berlin, 1890 – Lima, 1967). Abstracts (300 words, English) should be submitted to Marcos Cueto (mcueto@upch.edu.pe) or Michael Knipper (Michael.Knipper@histor.med.unigiessen.de) until 31 July 2006. Successful applications will be notified by 1 September. The organizers are able to offer a number of travel and accommodation costs, especially for graduate students and scholars applying from developing countries, thanks to the support of the workshop by the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG).

**2006 Film and History League Conference: The Documentary Tradition: Public Health & Safety** 8-12 November 2006 in Dallas, TX. From the 1920s, early health and safety films closely paralleled documentary filmmaking engaging in fictional and non-fictional narratives of public bodies and national identities. In the postwar era these films, generally government funded, popularized ideals of world health. Visual representations depicted, often scientifically, cultures’ degrading morality, racial impurity, or sexual degeneracy as being responsible for the spread of disease. The cinema of hygiene and injury has fed anxious populations who embraced alien invasions and feared invisible contaminants.

We are inviting submissions on all aspects of public health and safety as it relates to the documentary tradition. The Film and History League conference details can be found at <[www.filmandhistory.org](http://www.filmandhistory.org)> The meeting will run from 8-12 November 2006 in the Dolce Conference Center near the DFW airport. 300 word abstracts should be submitted by Tuesday 15 August 2006. Suggestions for panels are also welcome. Abstracts should be submitted to the Organizing Chairs; abstracts may be in Word, WordPerfect, PDF, or RTF formats. All inquires, proposals, and abstracts should be submitted to: E. Coulter-Smith, e.coulter-smith@staffs.ac.uk; +44 (0)

1782 294415; +44 (0) 1782 294762. Postal Address: Faculty of Arts, Media and Design, Staffordshire University, P.O.Box 661 College Road, Stoke-on-Trent ST4 2XW, United Kingdom.

**“Securing the Ultimate Victory,”** a conference exploring the history of military medicine and health care will be held 12-13 April 2007. The Army Medical Services Museum is hosting this conference covering the period from the English Civil War to the present. The conference will take place in the Defence Medical Services Training Centre, Keogh Barracks, Mytchett, Surrey, where the museum is situated.

Papers are invited on the history of the following themes: Nursing, catastrophe and post conflict medicine, veterinary medicine, dentistry, pioneers of military medicine, disease prevention and research, the influence of the military on civilian medicine and the history of dedicated hospitals for the care of the sick and wounded military patients. Closing date for the submission of abstracts is 1 August 2006. Abstracts should be submitted to: Curator, Army Medical Services Museum, Keogh Barracks, Ash Vale, Aldershot GU12 5RQ; 01252 868820; [armymedicalmuseum@btinternet.com](mailto:armymedicalmuseum@btinternet.com).

**McMaster University’s History of Medicine Unit and the Society for the Social History of Medicine** is delighted to announce an international conference on the history of suicide in the Modern era (1750 to present) at McMaster University, Hamilton, Canada, 18-19 August 2006. Leading researchers from around the world will be gathering in Hamilton to explore interdisciplinary and trans-national perspectives on the history of suicide. Bursaries are available for student members of the Society for the Social History of Medicine on request, with further details available at <[www.sshm.org/bursaries.html](http://www.sshm.org/bursaries.html)>. For further information about the conference, please contact David Wright, [dwright@mcmaster.ca](mailto:dwright@mcmaster.ca) or visit <[www.fhs.mcmaster.ca/histmed/conferences.htm](http://www.fhs.mcmaster.ca/histmed/conferences.htm)>.

**The Society for the Social History of Medicine** is pleased to co-sponsor in association with the Centre for the Medical History, Exeter University, a

conference on “The Importance of Place in Medical Practice” from 18-19 September 2006. This interdisciplinary conference explores the themes of space and place in medical practice. Bursaries are available for student members of the Society for the Social History of Medicine on request, with further details available at <[www.sshm.org/bursaries.html](http://www.sshm.org/bursaries.html)>. For further information about the conference, please contact Claire Keyte, [C.E.Keyte@exeter.ac.uk](mailto:C.E.Keyte@exeter.ac.uk)

## LECTURES/SYMPOSIA

**“Between Text and Patient: The Medical Enterprise in Medieval and Early Modern Europe, A Symposium in Honor of Michael R. McVaugh”** 2-4 March 2007 Chapel Hill, North Carolina. “Between Text and Patient” will bring together more than a dozen internationally acclaimed scholars on 2-4 March 2007 to honor the work of Professor Michael R. McVaugh in advance of his retirement from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. The papers will examine a wide range of topics relating to medical practice and textuality from late antiquity through the early modern era, and will serve as a forum for participants to discuss recent achievements in their particular areas of research and to define new scholarly desiderata. For more information, please contact the organizers, Brian Nance, [Brian@coastal.edu](mailto:Brian@coastal.edu), and Eliza Glaze, [fglaze@coastal.edu](mailto:fglaze@coastal.edu).

## PRIZES

The Society for Medieval Feminist Scholarship (SMFS) announces the 2007 competition for the best article of feminist scholarship on the Middle Ages. The prize alternates every other year between a published essay and a first book. The SMFS Awards Committee solicits nominations in any area of medieval studies. Nominated articles should have been published between 2003 and 2006. Articles may have appeared in journals or essay collections. The prize, which includes an award of \$300, will be announced at the SMFS reception at the 2007 International Congress on Medieval Studies at Kalamazoo. Self nominations are fine.

Please send four copies of nominated articles along with a brief cover letter summarizing the article's merits and contributions to: Monica Green, Department of History, Box 4302, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ 85287-4302, U.S.A. by 1 January 2007. Please direct questions to Professor Monica Green, [monica.green@asu.edu](mailto:monica.green@asu.edu) .

## ARCHIVES/LIBRARIES/MUSEUMS

**The Mount Holyoke Library** is one of 61 libraries from across the United States selected to host “Changing the Face of Medicine: Celebrating America’s Women Physicians,” an interactive, multimedia traveling exhibition that honors the lives and achievements of American women in medicine—past and present. Among the 62 physicians featured in the exhibit are alumnae from Smith College and Mount Holyoke College. We will also mount two auxiliary exhibits highlighting the archival collections of Mount Holyoke alumnae Mary Phylinda Dole and Virginia Apgar.

The library is offering three major events in connection with the exhibition. On 14 September 2006, we will hold an opening reception with speaker Dr. Lori Arviso Alvord, Associate Dean of Student and Multicultural Affairs at Dartmouth Medical School, author of *The Scalpel and the Silver Bear* (1999). On 21 September 2006, there will be an evening reception and talk by Joan Reede, M.D., M.P.H., Dean for Diversity and Community Partnership at Harvard Medical School. On 28 September 2006, we will present “Mount Holyoke Women Changing the Face of Medicine,” an alumnae panel and reception. In addition, we invite local schools to bring their students to the exhibit. For more information, please visit our website: <[www.mtholyoke.edu/lits/library/changingthefaceofmedicine/](http://www.mtholyoke.edu/lits/library/changingthefaceofmedicine/)> or call Jennifer King, Director of Archives and Special Collections, at (413) 538-2441.

**The Office of NIH History and Stetten Museum at the National Institutes of Health** is pleased to announce the appointment of Joseph A. November as the next DeWitt Stetten, Jr., Memorial Fellow in



the History of Biomedical Sciences and Technology. Joseph November, who will receive his Ph.D. from Princeton University this summer, plans to join the University of South Carolina as an Assistant Professor in History. He will spend his fellowship year (2007-2008) at the NIH conducting research sponsored by the Center for Information Technology. His project is titled: "Planting the Seeds: How the NIH Cultivated Biomedical Computing."

**New Jersey Health Statistics from 1877 to 2000: An Historical Electronic Compendium of Published Reports**, a new electronic resource in the history of medicine in New Jersey, compiled and annotated by Mark C. Fulcomer and Marcia M. Sass has just been released by the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ)-University Libraries on its Web site <[www.umdnj.edu/librweb/speccoll/njhs/](http://www.umdnj.edu/librweb/speccoll/njhs/)>. This is the first complete electronic compendium of all documented New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services annual reports and health statistics.

The PDF files are reproduced in black and white, with color graphics as included in the original printed reports. While the files are not searchable, volumes 1-92 (1877-1969) are indexed and provide subject access to a wide array of health and disease topics, events, and organizations documenting New Jersey's state of health. Examples of topics covered are the impact of the flu pandemic of 1918 on New Jerseyans, concerns over tobacco use among New Jersey's youth in 1892 and a probe into hygienic conditions of factory life in 1878. For additional information about this collaborative project of the UMDNJ-University Libraries, please contact [desnky@umdnj.edu](mailto:desnky@umdnj.edu).

**The National Museum of Health and Medicine** is now hosting "Cartoonists Take Up Smoking," an exhibition of original newspaper editorial cartoons on a single theme, presented by Alan Blum, M.D., one of the nation's foremost authorities on the history of the tobacco industry and the battle over smoking. The exhibit retraces the 40-year battle over the use and promotion of cigarettes since the publication of the landmark Surgeon General's report on smoking and

health in 1964. The exhibit also addresses complacency on the part of organized medicine, politicians, and the mass media in ending the tobacco pandemic.

The exhibit is curated from material at the University of Alabama Center for the Study of Tobacco and Society, which Blum founded and directs. It holds one of the largest sociocultural archives on tobacco, including more than 300 original editorial cartoon artworks on smoking-related themes. The exhibit is running through September 2006. For more information call (202) 782-2200 or visit <[www.nmhm.washingtondc.museum](http://www.nmhm.washingtondc.museum)>.

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

*Animals as Cold Warriors* explores the fierce conflicts between medical researchers and antivivisectionists that emerged during 1940s atomic testing and 1950s space exploration. Using pictures, artifacts, and a variety of archival materials, this exhibit locates the conflict within the framework of Cold War politics. The mini-exhibit runs through the end of September 2006.

**Lecture Series:** During May and June, the History of Medicine Division presented *Genomics in Perspective*, an innovative six-lecture consideration of the historical and social science aspects of genomics. Oriented to an audience of scientists, physicians, policy makers, and the general public, the series stimulated lively discussions of the social, historical, and cultural meanings of genomics and the uses to which it is put. Speakers included: Daniel Kevles, Yale University, "Genes, Railroads and Regulation: Intellectual Property and the Public Interest;" Dorothy Porter, University of California--San Francisco, "Trans-disciplinarity in SPORF Funded Brain Tumor Research at the University of California--San Francisco;" Rayna Rapp, New York University "Standing on the Biological Horizon;" Susan Lindee, University of Pennsylvania, "Genes and Disease: The Rise of Genomic Medicine in the United States;" Stephen Hilgartner, Cornell University, "Depicting

Pasts, Projecting Futures: Making Histories of the New Biology;" and Troy Duster, New York University, "The Molecular Reinscription of Race: New Technologies Re-Generating a Dead-End Debate."

**Recent Acquisitions:** Archival and modern manuscript acquisitions include the archives of Hastings Center for Bioethics, in Garrison, New York; the papers of Janette Sherman (an occupational health physician and environmental activist); the papers of Evarts Loomis (a physician and proponent of holistic health); the papers of Octo Barnett (a medical informaticist at Harvard Medical School and Massachusetts General Hospital); and the papers of Alan Peters (an electron microscopist and neurologist).

Recent printed acquisitions include: Johann Remmelin's *Pinax Microcosmographicus* (Amsterdam, 1667), the second edition of an anatomical atlas which uses multi-layered flaps to show the organs of the human body. One of the greatest anatomical flap books, it went through many editions in several languages, the last dated 1754. *Aristotle's Master Piece Completed* (New York, 1788): a pseudonymous work, this was one of the most popular manuals of pregnancy and childbirth ever published. First issued in 1684, it went through numerous editions in Europe and the United States.

**UCLA's Louise M. Darling Biomedical Library, History & Special Collections** has received the William H. Sweet, M.D., D.Sc. Collection of Papers, Books, Surgical Instruments, Stereotactic Devices, and Memorabilia. The Collection comprises approximately 400 linear feet of manuscripts and 600 monographs.

William H. Sweet, M.D., D.Sc. (1910-2001) was professor of neurosurgery at Harvard Medical School and served most of his career at the Massachusetts General Hospital, culminating in his tenure as Chief of the Neurosurgical Service from 1961 to 1977. He served on the Board of Directors of the American Pain Society during its formative years and was a founding member of the International Association for

the Study of Pain. Sweet's best-known contributions were the development of proton beam and neutron capture therapy for the treatment of brain tumors and the establishment of one of the first brain imaging laboratories. He pioneered the development of non-invasive treatments of trigeminal neuralgia and the use of cordotomy for the treatment of intractable pain. His work in the 1950s laid the foundation for the development of the neurostimulators used today to treat severe pain.

Donated by his widow, Elizabeth D. Sweet, the gift includes \$100,000 to support the costs of accessioning, processing, preserving, and cataloging the collection. Cherry Dunham Williams has been named archivist of the Sweet Collection and appointed Special Projects Librarian in the History and Special Collections Division. Please address inquiries to: [cndw@library.ucla.edu](mailto:cndw@library.ucla.edu).

## OTHER NEWS

***Public Health Reports: Historical Collection 1878-2005***, available now in a special hard-back edition, includes 35 important public health articles published during the 127-year existence of *Public Health Reports*. Articles included in the collection are by such pioneering authors as Joseph Goldberger, Charles Wardell Stiles, Benjamin S. Warren, Wade Hampton Frost, and C. Everett Koop. The chronologically arranged articles address significant public health issues such as plague, Rocky Mountain spotted fever, typhus fever, influenza, milk sanitation, immigration, the Salk polio vaccine, the health consequences of smoking, and AIDS. In addition to providing original articles, photos, charts, tables, and graphs, the collection includes introductory commentaries written by many of today's leaders in public health. Commentators include university deans and faculty members of universities around the country, as well as historians and government officials.

*Public Health Reports: Historical Collection 1878-2005* was published with a grant from the National Library of Medicine to celebrate their digitalization of *Public Health Reports* in its entirety, says Dr. Robert Rinsky, the journal's editor. The full archives of the journal

will appear on PubMed Central this spring in a fully searchable format allowing researchers to easily find the important information *Public Health Reports* has offered the field of public health over the past 127 years. A sample of historical photos from the book can be downloaded at <[www.asph.org/UserFiles/Historical%20Collection%20Photos.pdf](http://www.asph.org/UserFiles/Historical%20Collection%20Photos.pdf)>.

The collection is available as a limited-edition hard-cover book that can be purchased for \$40 each. The full collection will also appear as a supplement to the March/April 2006 issue of *Public Health Reports*, which will be distributed at no cost to Journal subscribers and can be purchased separately for \$20. Upon request, the collection can be purchased as a CD-ROM for \$10. To order *Public Health Reports: Historical Collection 1878-2005*, download an order form at <[www.publichealthreports.org](http://www.publichealthreports.org)>, or contact Asha Tobing at [atobing@asph.org](mailto:atobing@asph.org) or (202) 296-1099.

### **News of the International Society for the History of Medicine (ISHM)**

Official congresses of the International Society for the History of Medicine are held biannually, but off-year meetings have become popular and are well attended. The third such meeting was held in Patras, Greece, last September, 11-14. The two previous locations in this series of meetings were Lisbon, 2001, and Mexico, 2003. The theme of the meeting in Greece in 2005 was "Medicine and Water" and many of the papers presented drew on the rich philosophical, mythological, and medical aspects of water.

Another important aspect of the meeting was the cultural and social program, arranged by our host and president, Athanasios Diamiamondopoulos. The attendees heard Greek choral singing, attended a performance of music, poetry, and dance in the ancient Odeon of Patras, created especially for these guests, and one full day of the meeting was held in an ancient monastery. On the final day, there was a trip to Olympia with a candle-lit closing ceremony in a small amphitheatre. There prizes for outstanding posters and papers were presented.

The 40th international congress of ISHM will be held in Budapest, Hungary, 26-30 August, 2006. Contact: [info@ishm.2006.hu](mailto:info@ishm.2006.hu)

### **Center for the History & Ethics of Public Health, Columbia University, Mailman School of Public Health**

A wonderfully successful conference on "Public Health and The State: Reflections on Barbara Rosenkrantz and the State of Public Health History" was held in October of 2005 at Columbia University. The meeting attracted over 50 scholars, students and colleagues of Barbara Rosenkrantz from across the U.S., Canada and Great Britain. Plans for publication of the proceedings are presently underway.

### **Institute for the History and Philosophy of Science and Technology, University of Toronto**

Thanks to a \$3-million gift arrangement from Drs. Pauline and Dipak Mazumdar, the University of Toronto has created the Pauline M. H. Mazumdar Chair in the History of Medicine. The new chair will allow the Faculty of Arts and Science to recruit a prominent scholar to strengthen life sciences expertise within the Institute for the History and Philosophy of Science and Technology (IHPST).

Mazumdar, a professor emeritus at IHPST who continues to supervise doctoral students, believes that the field's distinctiveness stems from its professional ethos, important literature, and mandate. She trained as a medical doctor in England before shifting her focus to the history of medicine and is the author of *Species and Specificity: An Interpretation of the History of Immunology* and *Eugenics, Human Genetics and Human Failings*. Her husband, Dipak Mazumdar, received his doctorate in economics from Cambridge University and spent many years as an economist with the World Bank. He was a research associate in economics before becoming an adjunct professor with the Centre for International Studies, now part of the Munk Centre for International Studies at the University of Toronto and Trinity College.