

Sigerist Circle

2014 Scholarly Session

Thursday, May 8, 2014 @ 2:00-4:30 pm - LaSalle Room**
Renaissance Chicago Downtown Hotel
1 West Wacker Drive, Chicago 60601

The Continuing Struggle for Single-Payer Health Care: Universal, Comprehensive, National Reform

This year the Sigerist Circle will use the opportunity of its meeting in Chicago to collaborate with the Chicago-based *Physicians for a National Health Program (PNHP)*. As the only national physicians organization dedicated to implementing a national single-payer health program ("Medicare for All"), it has educated physicians, other health professionals and the public. PHNP has published original research on the need for fundamental reform in peer-reviewed medical and health policy journals, appears regularly in the national media and participates in a wide variety of public forums promoting the benefits of a single-payer system.

Featured Speakers in the Sigerist Circle Scholarly Session will be:

Andrew W. Coates, M.D., FACP, Internal Medicine, Albany, NY, faculty member of the Albany Medical College and current president of PNHP

Claudia M. Fegan, M.D., CHCQM, FACP, Internal Medicine, Chicago, IL, Chief Medical Officer of John H. Stroger Jr. Hospital of Cook County, past president and current treasurer

Additional brief presentations by Sigerist Circle members:

Ted Brown, Ph.D., Professor of History and Phelps Professor of Public Health and Policy, University of Rochester, NY: *"The Middle Road to Obamacare: Healthcare Crisis, Challenge from the Left, and Pre-emptive Mainstream Reform, 1998-2008"*

Nadav Davidovitch, M.D., Ph.D., Chair of the Center for Health Policy Research in the Negev, Ben Gurion University, Israel: *"Privatization Processes in a Single-Payer Universal Health Care System: Israel, 1995-2014"*

Jacalyn Duffin, M.D., Ph.D., Hannah Chair for the History of Medicine, Queens University, Canada: *"The Ups and Downs of Single-Payer in Canada"*

**** There will be a brief Business Meeting immediately following the Scholarly Session @ 4:30-5:00 pm**