



# Newsletter

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## **GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT**

The Madison meeting at the amazing lakeside convention center was a tremendous success. Congratulations to Tom Broman and his Local Arrangements Committee for giving us a lively event that went off without a hitch! Arleen Tuchman, Barron Lerner, and their committee put together an engaging program that included strong papers and many special moments, such as an encounter with the producer and historian "actors" in the Typhoid Mary film and interactive sessions on social history and on movies in education. Those of you who weren't there take note of Micaela Sullivan-Fowler's brilliant logo on the program, bags, and T-shirts; it will make them valuable collectibles. The Monona Terrace venue was interesting too -- not only because it may be the first time that AAHM has met in a conference center -- but also because it is both beautiful and historical, built in 1996 on a design begun in 1938 by Frank Lloyd Wright. The airy space overlooking a lake and its immediate surroundings were so attractive that people tended not to wander. To top it off, we witnessed all the weather that Wisconsin has to offer from tropical heat and humidity on our arrival to Canadian snow as we left.

Minus the snow, Birmingham is already promising to be equally fun. Michael Flannery and Tim Pennycuff are on top of Local Arrangements. The 2005 Program Committee Chair Walton Schalick, has dragged us into the 21st century with his plan for online submissions of paper proposals -- another AAHM first. Don't panic! His committee will also accept abstracts by traditional routes. Please notice that the meeting will be much earlier next year and deadlines for submissions and prize nominations approach quickly (see announcements in this Newsletter and at our website).

The "Endow our Prizes" campaign, launched last year after the Boston meeting by Ken Ludmerer, has already traveled one third of the way to its final goal of \$300K. This effort is very important to AAHM. The recent vicissitudes of the stock market have meant that the expenses for our numerous prizes exceeded the revenue generated by our resources. We hope members will remember that donation is worthy, responsible, and tax-deductible. (Canadians: a donation is deductible from any income earned in the USA.)

A few other changes are afoot. The 2004 edition of Research in Progress (RIP) is now complete. For the first time, it is posted at our website. We are especially indebted to Dr Ranee Chakravorty for collecting and organizing this information yet again. He has been providing this service to our Association for more than 14 years. If you do not have web access and would like a paper copy of RIP, simply contact me by mail or phone. We hope to link the next edition to our searchable database of members. If any of you "techie" people out there

would like to be involved with this initiative, please let us know. Our new webmaster is Ann Carmichael, who has taken the cyber torch from Susan Lawrence; thanks to them both. Finally, with this issue of the AAHM Newsletter, we express our gratitude to Dale C. Smith who ends his service as editor. We discover that he accepted the task with no definite term of office, and has happily and unfailingly produced this publication for seven years. He has done such a good job that it will take two to replace him. We are fortunate that the dynamic duo of Jodi Koste and Joan Echtenkamp Klein will take over. Veteran editors of the elegant "Watermark" newsletter, they are already familiar to our archivist and librarian members. Special thanks to everyone who contributed to the excellent 2004 meeting, to those who served on the 2003-4 committees, and to the dozens of people who are serving for 2004-5. Have a good summer! - Jacalyn Duffin

## AAHM NEWS

### 2004 Award Winners

The American Association for the History of Medicine is pleased to announce the recipients of its 2004 awards, which were presented at the Association's annual meeting in Madison, Wisconsin, on May 1, 2004. They are as follows:

#### William Osler Medal

*Awarded for the best historical essay by a medical student:*

**Whitney Bryant** (Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons) - "Atoxyl and Human African Trypanosomiasis: A History of Colonial Chemotherapy"

#### Richard H. Shryock Medal

*Awarded for the best historical essay by a graduate student:*

**Jeremy Greene** (Harvard University - Department of the History of Science) - "Releasing the Flood Waters: *Diuril* and the Reshaping of Hypertension";

Honorable Mention: **David G. Schuster** (University of California, Santa Barbara - Department of History - "Personalizing Illness in the Shadow of Modernity: S. Weir Mitchell, Charlotte Perkins Gilman, Amelia Gere Mason, and a Reassessment of Neurasthenia, 1870-1914"

#### William H. Welch Medal

*Awarded to the author of a recent book of outstanding scholarly merit published in the field of medical history:*

**Kenneth Ludmerer**, *Time to Heal: American Medical Education from the Turn of the Century to the Era of Managed Care* (New York: Oxford University

Press, 1999)

#### J. Worth Estes Prize

*Awarded to the author of a recent article of outstanding scholarly merit in the history of pharmacology:*

**Paulo A. Porto**, "*Summus atque felicissimus salium*": The Medical Relevance of the *Liquor alkahest*," *Bulletin of the History of Medicine*, 76 (2002): 1-29.

#### 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:*

**Thomas N. Bonner** and **Frederick L. Holmes** (both deceased)

#### Fielding H. Garrison Lecture

*Lecturer selected on the basis of distinguished contributions to medical history:*

**Nancy J. Tomes** (State University of New York at Stony Brook) "The 'Great American Medicine Show' Revisited"

#### Jack D. Pressman-Burroughs Wellcome Fund Career Development Award

*Awarded in even-numbered years to a recent Ph.D. recipient working in the area of 20<sup>th</sup>-century history of medicine:*

**Julia Rodriguez**, Ph.D. (Assistant Professor of History at the University of New Hampshire), "Civilizing Argentina: Science and the State Against Barbarism."

**The Archives Needs Abstracts and Copies of the Newsletter.** Among the most important items in the archives of the AAHM are copies of abstracts of papers and copies of the Newsletter. If you have copies you would be willing to donate to the archives the Association will be in your debt.

One issue of the Newsletter is missing from the archives: Number 21, from 1986. Many issues, however, have only one copy in the archives. Issues from no. 63 to date have three copies in the archives—the desired number for retention. The archives would like two more copies of particularly issues no. 8 to 46, as well as three copies of Number 21.

Two volumes of meeting abstracts are missing from the archives: from 1988 (New Orleans, 61<sup>st</sup> meeting) and 1995 (68<sup>th</sup> meeting, Pittsburgh). The earliest abstract in the archives is from 1985. [The editor believes the first meeting at which abstracts were issued was Bethesda in 1982 and so the archives needs abstract collections from 1982-1984 in addition to obtaining copies of abstracts from 1988 and 1995.]

Send any contributions to: the AAHM Archivist, Library, College of Physicians of Philadelphia, 19 South 22<sup>nd</sup> Street, Philadelphia PA, 19103-3097.

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News items of 250 words or less are invited and may be submitted by e-mail (preferred), Fax, or regular mail. Deadlines: February 10, June 10, September 10.

**Call for Papers: American Association for the History of Medicine 2005 Annual Meeting** The American Association for the History of Medicine invites submissions in any area of medical history for its 78th

annual meeting, to be held in Birmingham, Alabama, 7-10 April 2005. The Association welcomes papers on topics related to the history of health and healing; of medical ideas, practices, and institutions; and of illness, disease, and public health, from all eras and regions of the world. In addition to single-paper proposals, the program committee welcomes proposals for sessions and luncheon workshops; individual papers for those sessions will be judged on their own merits.

Presentations are limited to 20 minutes. Individuals wishing to present a paper must 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*.

This year, the AAHM is using an online abstract submission system. We warmly encourage all applicants to use this system. The website is: "http://www.histmed.org/" It is easy to use. If you have any questions, please contact Professor Walt Schalick at the addresses below.

If you are unable to submit online, you may submit by sending eight copies of a one-page abstract (350 words maximum) to the Program Committee Chair: Walton O. Schalick, III, M.D., Ph.D., Washington University, Department of History, One Brookings Drive, Box 8116, St. Louis, MO 63110; schalick@artsci.wustl.edu.

Abstracts should clearly state findings and conclusions as well as research questions. They should also provide the following information on the same sheet: name, preferred mailing address, work and home telephone numbers, e-mail address, present institutional affiliation, and academic degrees. Abstracts must be received by 15 September 2005. E-mailed or faxed proposals will not be accepted.

**Save Those Papers! A Note from the AAHM Archivist** A reminder to current and former officers, committee chairs, as well as the rest of the membership, as historians we should be particularly careful to save records of AAHM activities and to send them to the archives.

The archives was started at the College of Physicians in the 1950s by AAHM members who were concerned that the early records of the Association be preserved: College Librarian and former AAHM Secretary Walton Brooks McDaniel; College Fellow and former AAHM

Secretary Samuel Radbill, and Edward Krumbhaar, also a College Fellow and the founder of the AAHM. The archives have grown to about 78 linear feet of records.

Because the membership is scattered across the continent (and around the world), because meetings are held at changing venues, and because committee chairs and officers change regularly, the AAHM is rather lucky that it has preserved so many records. We need to be constantly vigilant, however, if the history of our organization is to be preserved.

It is vital that officers and committee chairs periodically send records to the archives. Three questions immediately spring up:

**WHAT** do I send? The short answer is everything. It is the responsibility of the Archivist to determine what to preserve. Duplicate material (no more than two copies of committee reports need be saved, for instance) can be weeded, but it is best to send everything and let the archivist make decisions.

**WHEN** do I send it? Send files when you are done using them. This policy is not ideal. Inevitably some files are given to successors to a position, but the successor should not dispose of files that he or she ends up not using. Send them to the archives.

**WHERE** do I send the files? Send them to the AAHM Archivist, Library, College of Physicians of Philadelphia, 19 South 22<sup>nd</sup> Street, Philadelphia PA, 19103-3097.

Library personnel, including College Librarian and AAHM Council Member Edward Morman “emorman@collphyphil.org”, and College of Physicians Archivist, Richard Fraser “rfraser@collphyphil.org”, will see to it that any records sent are properly secured.

**Editorial Request:** Since the *Bulletin of the History of Medicine* has reduced the space given to notes and events the AAHM Constituent Societies are encouraged to submit reports of meetings and activities to the *NewsLetter* for the information and encouragement of other members and groups. Please submit your reports to the Editor before the announced deadlines for each issue. Individual members may also submit material of general interest to the *NewsLetter*

### **Shryock Medal Essay Contest, 2005.**

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 9000 words, plus reasonable 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 2005 meeting of the Association, April 7-10, in Birmingham, Alabama, where the medal will be conferred. 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 two-year complimentary membership in the AAHM. Students must be enrolled in a graduate program at the time of submission. (Students enrolled in M.D./Ph.D. programs in history or related fields are eligible to apply only for the Shryock Award).

Complete contest information may be viewed on the AAHM website ([www.histmed.org/Awards](http://www.histmed.org/Awards)) or obtained from the Shryock Medal Committee chair: Mary E. Fissell, Ph.D., Institute of the History of Medicine, The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, 1900 East Monument Street, Baltimore, MD 21205 (e-mail: “mfissell@jhu.edu”) Essays must be postmarked no later than 15 January 2005. Electronic submissions will not be accepted.

### **Osler Medal Essay Contest, 2005.**

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 2005 AAHM meeting, 7-10 April, in Birmingham, Alabama, where the medal will be conferred. 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 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 2004, are eligible. The essay must have been written while the entrant was a student in good standing. Students who have the Ph.D. or are A.B.D. (all but dissertation) in history or related fields are not eligible for the Osler Award. Students in M.D./Ph.D. programs in history or related fields are not eligible for the Osler Award but are eligible for the Shryock Award.

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 9000 words, plus reasonable endnotes) must be entirely the work of one contestant.

Complete contest information may be viewed on the AAHM website ([www.histmed.org/Awards](http://www.histmed.org/Awards)) or obtained from the Osler Medal Committee chair: Lisa Boulton, M.D., 5505 Hopkins Bayview Circle, Baltimore, MD 21224 (e-mail: [lboulton1@jhmi.edu](mailto:lboulton1@jhmi.edu)). Entries must be postmarked no later than 15 January 2005.

## CALLS FOR PAPERS

**‘Science, Disease and Livestock economies’** at St Antony’s College, Oxford, UK, June 24 & 25, 2005 (Possibly extending to a 3<sup>rd</sup> day depending on responses).

Papers dealing with pastoral economies in all parts of the world as the basis for an interesting comparative approach to the development and application of veterinary medicine globally are welcome. Possible themes include: the impact of enzootic and epizootic diseases, entomological frontiers, biomedical sciences and veterinary applications, traditional medicine and livestock management, the relationship between wildlife and domestic animals, poisonous plants and grassland management, animal nutrition, species adaptability and selective breeding, development of veterinary bureaucracies and their context, and the role of the state in regulating livestock economies

Abstracts should be no more than 300 words long and also provide the name, e-mail address and current institutional affiliation of the participant. The deadline for sending in abstracts is the 15<sup>th</sup> December 2004 and applicants will be advised in January whether they have been accepted or not. The organizers, Karen Brown and Dan Gilfoyle of Wellcome Unit for the History of Medicine, Oxford, anticipate pre-circulating conference papers and are hoping to publish an edited volume from the proceedings. Please e-mail the abstracts, or send any queries to “[Karen.brown@wuhmo.ox.ac.uk](mailto:Karen.brown@wuhmo.ox.ac.uk)”.

**Health and History: International Perspectives – The 9<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference of the Australian Society of History of Medicine** Auckland, February 17-19, 2005; The University of Auckland, New Zealand. This conference aims to cover topics relating to the history of health and medicine in Australia, New Zealand and other British dominions and colonies, as well as Europe, the Americas and Asia. Sessions will include a 20 minute presentation and 10 minutes discussion. Those wishing to present a paper at The 9<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference of the Australian Society of History of Medicine are invited to submit an abstract of up to 250 words by 1 August 2004. Submissions should include the ‘Call for Abstract Form’ (available from the organizers). For program inquiries contact Linda Bryder “[l.bryder@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:l.bryder@auckland.ac.nz)” Please submit your abstract to “[n.madan@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:n.madan@auckland.ac.nz)”, or by mail to: Neenu Madan, Centre for Continuing Education, The University of Auckland, Private Bag 92019, Auckland, New Zealand; Phone enquiries +64 9 373 7599 ext 87443.

## FELLOWSHIPS/GRANTS

The **Reynolds Associates**, in conjunction with the **Historical Collections (HC)** unit of the **Lister Hill Library, University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB)**, are pleased to announce the availability of short-term awards of up to \$1,000 to individual researchers studying one or more aspects of the history of the health sciences during the 2005 calendar year. Intended to support research using the HC unit as a historical resource, the fellowship requires the on-site use of at least one of the unit's three components, which are the Alabama Museum of the Health Sciences, Reynolds Historical Library, and UAB Archives. For submission details : “<http://www.uab.edu/reynolds/fellowship.htm>”.

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF MEMBERSHIPS  
IN THE SCHOOL OF HISTORICAL STUDIES** for  
the academic year 2005-2006

**The School of Historical Studies in the Institute for Advanced Study**, supports scholarship in all fields of historical research, but is concerned principally with the history of western, near eastern and far eastern civilizations, with particular emphasis upon Greek and Roman civilization, the history of Europe (medieval, early modern, and modern), the Islamic world, East Asian studies, the history of art, and modern international relations. Qualified candidates of any nationality are invited to apply for memberships. Residence in Princeton during term time is required. The only other obligation of Members is to pursue their own research. If they wish, Members may participate in seminars and meetings both within the Institute and at nearby universities, and there are ample opportunities for contacts with other scholars.

Approximately forty Members are appointed for either one or two terms each year. The Ph.D. (or equivalent) and substantial publications are required of all candidates at the time of application. Member awards are funded by the Institute for Advanced Study or by other sources, including the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Thyssen Foundation.

Application may be made for one or two terms (September to December, January to April). Further information and application materials may be found on the School's web site, "www.hs.ias.edu", or they can be obtained from the Administrative Officer, School of Historical Studies, Institute for Advanced Study, Einstein Drive, Princeton, New Jersey 08540 (e-mail address: "mzelazny@ias.edu"). Completed applications must be returned to the Administrative Officer by 15 November 2004.

Institute for Advanced Study, School of Historical Studies **Mellon Fellowships for Assistant Professors** are offered each year to two qualified Assistant Professors. These full-year memberships are designed specifically for assistant professors at universities and colleges in the United States and Canada to support promising young scholars who have embarked on professional careers. Applicants must have served at least two, and not more than four years as assistant

professors in institutions of higher learning in the United States or Canada and must have approval to return to their institution following the period of membership. Stipends will match the combined salary and benefits at the Member's home institution at the time of application, and all the privileges of membership at the Institute for Advanced Study will apply. For additional information and application materials contact the Administrative Officer, School of Historical Studies, Institute for Advanced Study, Einstein Drive, Princeton, New Jersey 08540 (electronic mail address: "mzelazny@ias.edu").

**NEH Summer Stipends Program** Summer Stipends support individuals pursuing advanced research that contributes to scholarly knowledge or to the public's understanding of the humanities. Applicants may be faculty or staff members of colleges, universities, or primary and secondary schools; they may also be independent scholars or writers. Award recipients usually produce scholarly articles, monographs on specialized subjects, books on broad topics, archaeological site reports, translations, editions, or other scholarly tools. Projects may be completed during the tenure of the award or be part of a long-term endeavor.

Starting August 1, 2004, NEH will accept applications for Summer Stipends electronically. These guidelines describe the program and how to prepare an online application. Successful applicants receive an outright award of \$5,000 for two consecutive months of full-time research and writing. Questions:

"<http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/stipends.html>". or Contact NEH's Division of Research Programs at 202-606-8200 or "stipends@neh.gov". Hearing-impaired applicants can contact NEH via TDD at 1-866-372-2930.

**National Humanities Center Fellowships 2005-2006** offers 40 residential fellowships for advanced study. Applicants must hold doctorate or have equivalent scholarly credentials, and a record of publication is expected. Both senior and younger scholars are eligible for fellowships, but the latter should be engaged in research other than the revision of a doctoral dissertation. Fellowships are for the academic year (September through May). Scholars from any nation and humanistically inclined individuals from the natural and social sciences, the arts, the professions, and public life, as well as from all fields of the humanities, are eligible. Applicants submit the Center's form supported by a curriculum vita, a 1000-word project proposal, and three letters of recommendation. You may request application

material from Fellowship Program, National Humanities Center, Post Office Box 12256, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina 27709-2256, or obtain the form and instructions from the Center's Web site. Applications and letters of recommendation must be postmarked by October 15, 2004. Materials may also be requested via e-mail at "nhc@ga.unc.edu". Further information and application materials are available on the website "<http://www.nhc.rtp.nc.us/fellowships/appltoc.htm>".

**ACLS 2004-2005 FELLOWSHIP & GRANT COMPETITIONS**, the American Council of Learned Societies is pleased to announce the opening of the 2004-2005 competition year for fellowships and grants. Updated information has now been posted for all ACLS programs. The central ACLS FELLOWSHIPS, enhanced and reinvigorated, are being offered for tenure beginning in 2004-2005. Maximum stipends are \$50,000 for full Professor and career equivalent, \$40,000 for Associate Professors and equivalent, and \$30,000 for Assistant Professors and equivalent. This program requires the Ph.D. conferred by September 30, 2002 and the last supported research leave concluded by July 1, 2002.

The ACLS/SSRC/NEH INTERNATIONAL AND AREA STUDIES FELLOWSHIPS are again included in the ACLS Fellowship Program to encourage humanistic research on the societies and cultures of Asia, Africa, the Middle East, Latin America and the Caribbean, Eastern Europe, and the former Soviet Union.

Also offered through the ACLS Fellowship Program are the joint ACLS/NEW YORK PUBLIC LIBRARY FELLOWSHIPS. This cooperative program provides residential fellowships at the Library's Dorothy and Lewis B. Cullman Center for Scholars and Writers to applicants whose research would be enhanced by such an affiliation.

Offered again this year are the FREDERICK BURKHARDT RESIDENTIAL FELLOWSHIPS FOR RECENTLY TENURED SCHOLARS. The Burkhardt fellowships this year will support scholars tenured no earlier than the fall 2000 semester or quarter, who are engaged in long-term, unusually ambitious projects in the humanities and related social sciences. Stipends will again be \$75,000. Burkhardt fellowships may be used in 2005-2006, or in either of the two succeeding years, and entail an academic year of residence at one of eleven participating national research centers, plus support from

the Fellow's institution for an additional period.

This will be the fourth competition for the CHARLES A. RYSKAMP RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS. These fellowships, funded by The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, provide a stipend of \$60,000 for an academic year of research, plus an allowance of \$2,500 for research and travel, and the possibility of funding for an additional summer, if justified. The fellowships support tenure-track Assistant Professors and untenured Associate Professors in the humanities and related social sciences whose reappointment reviews have been successfully completed but whose tenure reviews will not be completed before February 1, 2005, whose scholarly contributions have advanced their fields, and whose plans for new research are well designed and carefully developed.

In addition, the CONTEMPLATIVE PRACTICE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM is back after a two-year hiatus. The EAST EUROPEAN STUDIES PROGRAM will offer FELLOWSHIPS FOR POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH IN SOUTHEAST EUROPEAN STUDIES and DISSERTATION FELLOWSHIPS IN EAST EUROPEAN STUDIES. The COMMITTEE ON SCHOLARLY COMMUNICATION WITH CHINA PROGRAMS offer fellowships for AMERICAN RESEARCH IN THE HUMANITIES IN THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA for scholars in the humanities to do research in China for 4 to 12 months. The fellowships provide a monthly stipend and travel allowance. Pending funding, CHINESE FELLOWSHIPS FOR SCHOLARLY DEVELOPMENT will be available for Chinese scholars who are nominated by an American host scholar. In cooperation with the Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation for Scholarly Exchange, ACLS announces the first of three annual competitions for grants supporting conferences and publications on NEW PERSPECTIVES ON CHINESE CULTURE AND SOCIETY.

This is the second year in which applicants to most programs are required to submit their materials online. Learning from last year's experience, we have completely re-designed the system for submitting letters of reference. It is easy, efficient, and user friendly; try it, you'll like it! The East European Language Training Grants, the Committee on Scholarly Communications with China, and the Contemplative Practice programs will continue to use paper application forms, available in PDF format to be printed out from the ACLS Web site.

(Applications for these programs may also be requested by e-mail, fax, or mail.) The New Perspectives on Chinese Culture and Society program does not use application forms. Application guidelines are available on the ACLS Web site: "<http://www.acls.org/felguide.htm>".

## LIBRARIES/MUSEUMS

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

**Food and Drug Administration's Seizure Case Files Transferred NLM** The Food and Drug Administration's seizure case-file collection (1907-1963) was transferred recently from the Federal Records Center to the National Library of Medicine's History of Medicine Division. The files consist of evidence accompanying federal court judgments against violators of the Pure Food and Drug Act (1906 and as amended). Each case file contains correspondence, legal records, artifacts, photographs, etc. related to the product seizures. The collection is accessed by index numbers found in the published FDA Notices of Judgment. Each case is summarized there, and subjects and defendant names are indexed. This is one of the largest (2,679 linear feet) and most significant additions in the Library's history. HMD staff are digitizing the Notices of Judgment, which collectively form an index to the collection, for distribution through the NLM website.

### Index-Catalogue of the Library of the Surgeon-General's Office now on World Wide Web

at "<http://indexcat.nlm.nih.gov>". Published from 1880-1961, this mammoth work of 3.7 million references was one of the chief bibliographical tools for generations of clinicians and laboratory scientists. Over time, the *Index-Catalogue* became one of the principal bibliographical tools for medical historians as well and is now available in digital form without charge to users. Besides being available wherever there is connection to the WWW, the digital form of *Index-Catalogue* permits a far greater variety of searches than could the printed version, which was arranged chiefly by subject. (Authors of monographs, for example, appeared under their names but authors of the 2.5 million journal articles indexed were listed under the subject of their articles and then alphabetically by name.) The digital *Index-Catalogue* permits searching of authors, titles, notes, places and dates of publication, and, of course, the subject headings

used in the printed versions of the *Index-Catalogue*.

Initiated by the American Association for the History of Medicine's Electronic Media Committee, the digitization of the *Index-Catalogue* is a collaborative project. Beginning in 1997, grants from the Burroughs Wellcome Trust and the Wellcome Trust supported pilot studies establishing project feasibility, best approach, and quality review. The National Library of Medicine funded the digitization contract. Russell Maulitz represented the AAHM and Lillian Kozuma, the NLM.

***Changing the Face of Medicine: Celebrating America's Women Physicians Exhibition*** The Exhibition Program sponsored six public programs related to the *Changing the Face of Medicine* exhibition: two theatrical performances of the *Changing the Face of Medicine* playlet; a Manchester String Quartet performance featuring Virginia Apgar's own instruments; a Girl Scout program called, Girls Celebrate Women in Medicine; a reception for a pre-medical honors society; the American Medical Student Association's first Empowerment Institute Program; and a reception for the American Association for Medical College's Women Liaison Officers.

**New Exhibit: C. Everett Koop: Pediatric Surgeon to U.S. Surgeon General** Recent additions to National Library of Medicine's C. Everett Koop Papers are featured in a new exhibit, *C. Everett Koop: Pediatric Surgeon to U.S. Surgeon General*. Including photographs, political cartoons, correspondence, and press releases, the exhibit documents the career of one of the most recognizable public officials of the 1980s. Between 1981 to 1989, he turned the Office of the U.S. Surgeon General into a platform from which subsequent Surgeons General have advocated public health reform directly to the citizenry. The curators of this exhibit are Meghan Attalla and Walter Hickel of National Library of Medicine's History of Medicine Division, the electronic finding aid to the C. Everett Koop papers is available: "<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/hmd/manuscripts/ead/koop.html>" *C. Everett Koop: Pediatric Surgeon to U.S. Surgeon General* will be on display through August 13, 2004.

### Recent Historical Lectures Sponsored by the History of Medicine Division, NLM:

January 14: Mark Parascandola (National Cancer Institute), "The Changing Cigarette and Tobacco Product Regulation."

February 11: P. Preston Reynolds (National Library of Medicine), "Racially Integrating America's Hospitals: NIH



and the Medicare Hospital Certification Program, 1965-1967," (Special Lecture for African-American History Month).

February 18: Amalie Kass (Massachusetts Historical Society), "The Obstetrical Career of a Boston Physician; Walter Channing, 1786-1876."

March 23: Ellen More (University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston), "Sexual Morality, Cultural Authority, and the Woman Physician: From Elizabeth Blackwell to Mary Calderone," (Special Lecture for Women's History Month).

March 25: Shelly McKellar (University of Western Ontario), "We Can Rebuild You: Artificial Organ Technologies in Modern Medicine."

April 15: Randall Packard (Johns Hopkins University), "The Global Elimination of Malaria: Why Does It Remain an Elusive Goal."

May 12: Sarah Leavitt (National Institutes of Health), "A Private Little Revolution: A History of the Pregnancy Test Kit."

## NEWS OF MEMBERS

There is a URL change in Jonathon Erlen's library administration of his doctoral dissertation database: "[http://www.hsls.pitt.edu/guides/histmed/researchresources/dissertations/index\\_html](http://www.hsls.pitt.edu/guides/histmed/researchresources/dissertations/index_html)".

## OBITUARY

**Patricia Peck Gossel**, Chair of the Division of Science, Medicine, and Society at the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History, died on June 12, 2004. Dr. Gossel played a major role in the creation of the permanent exhibition, "Science in American Life." She published more than two dozen scholarly articles. At the time of her death, she was writing a monograph on the history of bacteriology in the U.S., and developing an exhibition on the history of polio. Dr. Gossel established a history of biology collection at the Museum: prototypes of the first gene guns and a microscope used by the Nobel laureate, Barbara McClintock, were among her favorite acquisitions. Dr. Gossel was an active member of the History of Science Society, the American Association for the History of Medicine, Sigma Xi, and

other professional organizations.

## LECTURE SERIES

The C. F. Reynolds Medical History Society of Pittsburg announces programming for 2004, for further information on the Society and its programming contact Dr. Jonathon Erlen, 412-648-8927; "erlen@pitt.edu".

September 23, 2004, Alan Kraut, Ph.D., Professor of History, American University, "Doctors at the Borders: Immigrants and the Public Health-Historical Perspectives."

November 4, 2004, Tenth Annual Sylvan E. Stool History of Medicine Lecture, John Parascandola, Ph.D., Historian, United States Public Health Service, Retired, "Quarantining Prostitutes: VD Rapid Treatment Centers in World War II."

January 27, 2005, Eugene Myers, M.D., Professor and Chair, Department of Otolaryngology, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, "Neck Dissection: An Operation in Evolution."

February 17, 2005, Douglas Bacon, M.D., Professor of Anesthesiology and History of Medicine, Mayo Clinic, "Biological and Chemical Warfare: An Historical Perspective."

April 14, 2005, Sixteenth Annual Mark M. Ravitch History of Medicine Lecture, Lewis Wall, M.D., D. Phil., Associate Professor, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Washington University School of Medicine, "J. Marion Sims and the Vesico-Vaginal Fistula: A Clinical Re-Appraisal of an Historical Controversy."

## Reflections

Dr. Duffin has generously acknowledged my tenure as editor of this *NewsLetter* and I appreciate it; I appreciate even more her finding people to take my place. I wish Jodi Koste of the Medical College of Virginia and Joan Echtenkamp Klein of the University of Virginia all the best as they take over with the next issue. The preferred communication address is to Jodi Koste; by mail at: Archivist, MCV Campus, Virginia Commonwealth University, Tompkins-McCaw Library, Box 980582, Richmond, VA 23298-0582; email is always the best format for the editorial office since it reduces the possibility of error: "jlkoste@vcu.edu"; her fax number is 804 828 6089 and her telephone for questions is 804 828 9898.

It is important to acknowledge how little I actually did as editor; my secretary, “Kelly” Mullally, whose electronic skills are significantly greater than mine, did most of the work. On behalf of the AAHM, I thank her for all the efforts to improve our ability to communicate with each other. Todd Savett, our perpetual secretary, served as the publisher’s representative and his editorial eye is sharper than mine, I thank him for all the times he helped me look good as editor. Also, I thank you, the members of the AAHM, for helping by sending your announcements and news; for letting me be your *NewsLetter* editor.

Finally, I wish to reflect on the changes in the last seven years – I was recruited by Gerry Grob in large measure because our medical school could support the electronic form of the *NewsLetter*; the AAHM now has a website and domain name of its own. One of my earliest editorials was a reflection on the changing role of computers in scholarship; it was difficult to keep up with new literature without the computer indices. In this issue the NLM announces the availability of the Index Catalogue on the Internet and basic medical history searching is now both easy and vastly expanded with the computer. Much of the material in the *NewsLetter* is from listservs and almost all of it is available there first; but many of our members do not use listservs and

the *NewsLetter* remains a valuable written record and memory jog. I encourage our members to remember to use the *NewsLetter*. Perhaps more important, I ask you to set your deadlines with old fashioned, slow communications in mind. We are getting lazy in our dependence on electronics and it excludes some people. Of greater significance a rapid deadline for something that has been in the works for months does not permit the time for reflection that some responses require. I think better abstracts and job applications will result if people have time to write and reflect before firing off a response to meet a response time less than a month away. Keep using the *NewsLetter* it still meets a need.

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