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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As some of you know, our extremely capable and universally loved Secretary-Treasurer, Todd Savitt, is stepping down from the position after more than nine years of dedicated service to the Association. He has graciously agreed to remain on the job until we locate his successor, and the Nominating Committee and Executive Committee are in the process of a search for someone to fill his very large shoes.

It is becoming more difficult to find individuals as competent and dedicated as Todd who are able to devote the time and energy necessary to serve as Secretary-Treasurer on a volunteer basis. This is especially true because this position has traditionally provided the continuity in the Association, and so we have come to expect our Secretary-Treasurers to serve for several terms. As the Association grows and becomes involved in more activities, the task of finding individuals who are willing to commit to filling the demanding duties of the Secretary-Treasurer in addition to their "day jobs" will not get any easier.

Ultimately, I believe that the Association will need to employ a paid executive officer to handle these responsibilities, as some similar societies, such as the History of Science Society, have done in recent years. It may be that this position, at least at first, will have to be on a half-time basis. Even a part-time employee at this level, however, will require AAHM to raise considerable new funds to support the position. The Council has approved such a long-range goal, and the Executive Committee is in the midst of developing plans that would allow us to achieve this objective over the next few years. Undoubtedly we will be calling on the membership to assist in the financial support of this effort, and I hope we can count on the participation at some level of every member. You will be hearing more about this important objective in the coming months.

*John Parascandola,
AAHM President*

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AAHM NEWS

The AAHM is pleased to announce the recipients of its 2007 awards, which were presented at the Association's annual banquet in Montreal, Quebec, on 6 May 2007. They are as follows:

William Osler Medal (Awarded for the best historical essay by a medical student)

Winner: Jennifer Siegel, Harvard University, "Professors of the Pelvis: Teaching Medical Students the Art and Technique of the Pelvic Examination"

Honorable Mention: Lee McCalla Hampton, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, "Albert Sabin and Polio Eradication in the Americas"

Richard Shryock Medal (Awarded for the best historical essay by a graduate student.

Winner: Dea H. Boster, University of Michigan, "An 'Epeleptick' Bondswoman: Fits, Slavery, and Power in the Antebellum South"

Honorable Mention: Jennifer Clark, Harvard University, "Kindred Diseases: Lou Gehrig's Personal Illness, Voluntary Health Agencies, and Philanthropic 'Ownership' of Lou Gehrig's Disease, 1939-1960"

William H. Welch Award (Awarded to the author of a recent book of outstanding scholarly merit published in the field of medical history)

Ruth Rogaski, *Hygienic Modernity: Meanings of Health and Disease in Treaty-Port China* (Berkeley: University of California Press, 2004)

J. Worth Estes Prize (Awarded to the author of a recent article of outstanding scholarly merit in the history of pharmacology)

Nicolas Rasmussen, "Making the First Anti-Depressant: Amphetamine in American Medicine, 1929-1950," published in the *Journal of the History of Medicine and Allied Sciences*, 2006, 61: 288-323

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)

Victoria A. Harden

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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, and 1 February, and 1 July.

Jack D. Pressman – Burroughs Wellcome Fund Career Development Award (Awarded to a recent Ph.D. recipient working to revise for publication his or her dissertation in the area of 20th century history of medicine or science.

Winner: Mariola Espinosa, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, for her project “Epidemic Invasions: Yellow Fever and the Limits of Cuban Independence”

Call for Papers

The American Association for the History of Medicine invites submissions in any area of medical history for its 81st annual meeting, to be held in Rochester, NY, 10-13 April 2008. 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 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.

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*.

The AAHM uses an online abstract submissions system. We encourage all applicants to use this convenient software. The Web site is: <histmed.org>.

If you are unable to submit proposals online, send eight copies of a one-page abstract (350 words maximum) to the Program Committee Chair, Alan M. Kraut, Ph.D., 6013 Sonoma Road, Bethesda, MD 20817; (202) 885-2410; e-mail: akraut@american.edu.

When proposing a historical argument, state the major claim, summarize the evidence supporting the claim, and state the major conclusion(s). When proposing a narrative, summarize the story, identify the major agents, and specify the conflict. Please provide the following information on the same sheet as the abstract: 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 2007**. E-mail or faxed proposals cannot be accepted.

AAHM Student Section

The Student Section of the AAHM is pleased to report that there was a record turnout of 32 people at the annual meeting’s student lunch, organized by Raul Necochea, a graduate student at McGill University. The new chair of the section, Kristen Ehrenberger, was introduced, as was a new way for students to get and stay connected. The AAHM Student Section’s new listserv may be accessed at <groups.yahoo.com/group/AAHM-students/>. To join, please e-mail your request to Nathan W. Moon at nathan.moon@hts.gatech.edu.

We next look forward to the 5th annual Joint Atlantic Seminar for the History of Medicine, hosted this year by the Institute of the History of Medicine at Johns Hopkins University, with special support from the Sigerist Circle. This year’s meeting will take place on the weekend of 5-6 October 2007. The deadline for submissions has now passed, but all are welcome in Baltimore to hear an excellent cross-section of graduate student work in the history of medicine and allied sciences. For more information, please visit the JAS-Med Web site at <www.jointatlantic.org>.

AAHM 2008 Rochester, NY

Planning is in high gear for next year’s AAHM meeting to be held in Rochester, New York, 10-13 April. Local Arrangements Committee Co-Chairs Ted Brown and Stephanie Brown Clark call your attention to three highlights of the meeting: the primary venue and host hotel will be the Hyatt Regency in

downtown Rochester and will feature excellent accommodations and reasonable rates; Rochester's International Airport, only ten minutes from the hotel, is easily reached by all major airlines (and several minor ones): the Garrison Lecture and Reception will be held at Rochester's justly famous George Eastman House, International Museum of Photography and Film. Many more details will follow in the October newsletter.

Call for Nominations, AAHM Awards 2008

All awards will be presented at the AAHM Meeting, 10-13 April 2008 in Rochester, NY. Additional information may be found on the AAHM Web site: <histmed.org>.

Osler Medal Essay Contest, 2008. 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 2008 AAHM meeting, 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 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 2007, 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: William Summers, Ph.D., 450 Saint Ronan Street, New Haven, CT 06511; e-mail: william.summers@yale.edu. Entries must be postmarked no later than **15 January 2008**.

Shryock Medal Essay Contest, 2008. 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 2008 AAHM meeting 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 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: Laura Ettinger, Ph.D., Box 5750, Clarkson University, Potsdam, NY 13699-5750 (e-mail: ettinger@clarkson.edu). Essays must be postmarked or submitted electronically via e-mail (which is the preferred method of submission) no later than **15 January 2008**.

J. Worth Estes Award, 2008. 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's 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, pharmaceuticals, and the like. 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 2006 and 2007. 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, Leo B. Slater, Ph.D., 2070 Belmont Road, NW, Apt. 101, Washington, DC 20009; e-mail: leobslater@yahoo.com. Nominations must be received by the Committee Chair by **15 January 2008**.

The award will be presented at the annual meeting of the AAHM. 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 and a framed botanic print.

Jack D. Pressman-Burroughs Wellcome Fund Career Development Award in 20th Century History of Medicine or Science. 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., 2003-2007). 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 2008 meeting of the Association. (The award also includes a ticket to the annual banquet of the Association, on 12 April.) The application, including all supporting materials, must be postmarked by **31 December 2007** and addressed to the Chair of the Pressman-Burroughs Wellcome Committee, Susan D. Jones, D.V.M., Ph.D., Program in History of Science, Technology, Medicine, University of Minnesota, 100 Ecology Building, 1987 Upper Buford Circle, St Paul, MN 55108; e-mail: jone0996@umn.edu.

Lifetime Achievement Award, 2008. 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. Susan Lawrence, Ph.D., 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. Lawrence can be contacted at: Department of History, 612 Oldfather Hall, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, NE, 68588. Deadline for nominations: **31 October 2007.**

William H. Welch Medal, 2008. 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 Medal will be presented at the next annual meeting of the AAHM. The chair of the Welch Medal Committee, Barron H. Lerner, M.D., Ph.D., welcomes suggestions of books to consider for the award. To nominate a book, contact Dr. Lerner at Mailman School of Public Health, Room 938, 722 West 168th St., NY, NY 10032; e-mail: BHL5@columbia.edu. Deadline for nominations: **31 October 2008.**

Council and Committees, 2007-2008

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Lifetime Achievement Award Committee: Susan Lawrence, Chair, Arleen Tuchman, Charlotte Borst, John Eyler, Stephen Novak

Local Arrangements Committee: Ted Brown and Stephanie Brown Clark (Rochester, NY 2008), Co-Chairs; James Edmonson (Cleveland 2009), Chair

Newsletter: Jodi Koste and Joan Echtenkamp Klein, Editors (2009)

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Osler Medal Committee: William Summers, Chair, Mindy Schwartz, Jeff Brosco, Chris Feudtner, David Cantor

Pressman-Burroughs Wellcome Award Committee: Susan Jones (2008), Chair, Conevery Bolton Valencius (2010), Keith Wailoo (2012)

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Ad Hoc Committee on the Impact of HIPAA: Stephen Novak, Chair, Susan Lawrence, Beatrix Hoffman, Nancy McCall, Guenter Risse, Janet Tighe

Margaret Humphreys has been appointed to the Josiah Charles Trent Chair in the History of Medicine at Duke University.

Florence Eliza Glaze has been awarded the Andrew W. Mellon Postdoctoral Rome Prize in Medieval Studies for the 2007-08 academic year. While resident at the American Academy in Rome, she will complete her critical edition and commentary on the 'Passionarius/Book of Diseases' of Gariopontus of Salerno, which survives in more than 60 manuscripts.

Amy Fairchild was awarded tenure and promotion to Associate Professor at Columbia this past semester. Her newest book, *Searching Eyes, a History of Public Health Surveillance*, is co-authored with James Colgrove and Ronald Bayer.

David Rosner was named the Ronald H. Lauterstein Professor of Sociomedical Sciences and History. The endowment was provided by the estate of Ronald Lauterstein, an alumnus of the university and an organizer of home care services for the Canadian health system.

The National Humanities Center named **Kathleen Jones** of Virginia Tech one of 37 Fellows for the academic year 2007-2008. She received the Delta Delta Delta Fellowship to support her research on the history of youth suicide from 1900 to the present.

Ronald Bayer and **Gerald Oppenheimer** have published *Shattered Dreams: An Oral History of the South African AIDS Epidemic*. This history, told through the eyes of the professionals who have been dealing with this massive public health tragedy, was published by Oxford University Press.

E. James Lieberman has retired from private practice of psychiatry but remains on the clinical faculty at George Washington University School of Medicine. Last year he received the 2006 "Reviewer of the Year" award from *Library Journal*.

OBITUARIES

George Mora, 1923-2006

One of the important figures in shaping the field of the history of psychiatry, George Mora, died in Ft. Myers, Florida on 28 August 2006. He was born in Genoa, Italy, in 1923 and graduated from the University of Genoa medical school in 1947. After additional study in psychiatry and pediatrics in Genoa and Zürich, in 1953, he won a Rockefeller Fellowship to study in the United States, where he married and spent the rest of his life.

After further training in Boston, Providence, and Chapel Hill, Mora took a psychiatric residency at Butler Hospital and subsequently became director of outpatient services at Bradley Hospital. Beginning in 1961, he became the much-respected director of the Astor Home for Children in Rhinebeck, New York. He held many concurrent clinical and teaching appointments. In semiretirement after 1995, he worked at the South Shore Mental Health Clinic, and he began to split his time between his home in Wakefield, Rhode Island, and Naples, Florida.

In 1957, in recognition of his work in the history of medicine, he received an appointment as research associate in History of Medicine at Yale University, and continued that affiliation until he retired. Although he published professionally in psychiatry, most of his publications—and his great contribution—came in the field of the history of psychiatry. As early as 1954, he began to publish on the Italian psychiatric reformer, Vincezo Chiarugi, and in 1959 he particularly called North American psychiatrists' attention to the 200th anniversary of Chiarugi's birth. For decades, one of Mora's major achievements was raising the historical consciousness of other psychiatrists. Among other activities, from 1966 to 1979, he wrote up important anniversaries for the year for the *American Journal of Psychiatry*.

Mora presented consistently at the meetings of the AAHM and published in three major areas. First, through expositions and translations he tried to bring great classic figures of Italian medicine and culture,

particularly Chiarugi, to the attention of American readers. Among other efforts, he contributed a masterful chapter on the history of psychiatry in Italy to the *World History of Psychiatry*, edited by John G. Howells (1975).

Second, he tried to bring to his Anglophone colleagues awareness of major European figures who were not as well remembered as he thought they should be, including Cabanis, Heinroth, and Kahlbaum. For more than 20 years, Mora headed an effort to secure the first English translation of Johann Weyer's *De Praestigis Daemonum*, the Renaissance work highly valued by Freud and popularized by historian of psychiatry Gregory Zilboorg. Weyer (1515-1588) as a physician attempted to move madness out of the realm of religion and superstition and into the territory of medicine. In 1991, this landmark translation project was completed and published, including an introduction and much scholarship by Mora.

Finally, Mora for a generation was the foremost American authority on the historiography of psychiatry. In addition to many articles over the years, he was compiler, with Jeanne Brand, of the fundamental work, *Psychiatry and Its History: Methodological Problems in Research* (1970).

Mora's publications covered a wide range of subjects in the history of medicine and psychiatry. He touched on early dramatic presentations in hospitals, tarantism, psychoanalysis, Aquinas, ethics, and particularly several aspects of the mind-body problem. In the 1990s, in early volumes of the new specialist journal, *History of Psychiatry*, he published on the history of American psychiatry. George Mora leaves a large and rich heritage to his successors in the history of medicine. An autobiographical sketch appears in *History of Psychiatry*, 1992, 3:271-278.

John Burnham

Estelle Brodman, 1914-2007

Estelle Brodman, distinguished medical librarian and historian, died on 1 March 2007 at the age of 93. She earned her B.A. degree from Cornell University in

1935 and a B.S. from Columbia University a year later. Unable to gain acceptance into medical school, Brodman eventually enrolled in the library science program at Columbia where she received her degree in 1943. She worked as a medical librarian at Columbia from 1937 until 1949.

She reported she was told that the Columbia University administration would never appoint a woman as head librarian and so she embarked on graduate studies in the history of medicine. She received her Ph.D. in 1953 and her dissertation, *The Development of Medical Bibliography*, was published by the Medical Library Association the following year. At the request of her former student, Brad Rogers, she left Columbia to be Chief of the Reference Division of the Army Medical Library in Washington, D.C. In 1961 she moved to Washington University in St. Louis where she became director of the medical library and professor of the history of medicine until her retirement in 1981.

Dr. Brodman was active professionally in library and history of medicine circles. She served as president of the Medical Library Association from 1964 to 1965; director of the Special Library Association from 1949 to 1952; council member for the AAHM; and editor of the *Bulletin of the Medical Library Association* from 1947-1957. In recognition of her service and accomplishments the Medical Library Association created in 1986 the Estelle Brodman Award to recognize an outstanding academic medical librarian on an annual basis. Dr. Brodman received numerous honors and awards including the Medical Library Association's Marcia C. Noyes Award in 1974; the Special Library Association John Cotton Dana Award in 1981; and the Elisabeth M. Holloway Award from the Archivists and Librarians in the History of the Health Sciences in 1993.

Dr. Brodman is survived by her sister-in-law, Beatrice Brodman of New York; nephew Carl Brodman of New York; nieces Lucy Lehman of San Diego and Hilary Swirsky of Milford, CT.

John Phillip McGovern, 1921-2007

Dr. John P. "Jack" McGovern died in Galveston, TX, on 31 May 2007. The noted physician, humanitarian, and philanthropist was born in Washington, DC, on 2 June 1921. He received both his undergraduate and medical degrees from Duke University. He received postgraduate training at Yale, Guy's Hospital in London, and L'Hopital des Enfants Malades in Paris among others and was certified in both pediatrics and allergy. After serving in the army medical corps, he accepted a teaching appointment in 1951 at George Washington University Medical School in Washington, DC, before moving on to Tulane Medical School in New Orleans where he established a small allergy clinic, the forerunner of the clinic that bears his name in Houston. At the urging of one of his former professors at Duke, he accepted an invitation to join the faculty at the University of Texas and Baylor College of Medicine in 1956. He subsequently opened the McGovern Allergy and Asthma Clinic, which rapidly became the largest specialty clinic of its kind.

While maintaining an active medical practice, Dr. McGovern still found time to devote to various service, humanitarian, and philanthropic activities. He served on several national boards, including a four-year appointment to the Board of Regents of the National Library of Medicine and the National Advisory Council of the Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism for the National Institutes of Health. He established the John P. McGovern Foundation and the McGovern Fund and through these auspices he endowed numerous professorships and awards at colleges and universities across the United States. McGovern, who most wanted to be remembered as a medical humanist, maintained a lifelong passion for the history of medicine, and was one of the founding members of the American Osler Society.

Soon after his arrival in Houston, Dr. McGovern discovered the Houston Academy of Medicine-Texas Medical Center Library and began providing support for the purchase of materials and travel funds for

librarians to attend the annual meetings of the AAHM. He donated his personal library and papers to the library in 1982 and his collection of Osleriana in 1994. To recognize his many contributions the Board of Directors of the library named the historical department in his honor in 1996. It is one of several Houston institutions to bear his name. Others include the John P. McGovern Hall of the Americas in the Museum of Natural Science, the John P. McGovern Building, which houses the Museum of Health and Medical Science and its McGovern Theater, and the John P. McGovern Children's Zoo.

Dr. McGovern was awarded honorary degrees from 28 major colleges and universities. He received the Private Sector Initiative commendation in 1985 from President Ronald Reagan for his "lifetime of meritorious service in medicine and generous contributions to his community" and the American Medical Association's Board of Director's Special Award for Meritorious Service in 1985. Surgeon General Dr. C. Everett Koop awarded him the Surgeon General's Medal for his "lifetime of meritorious and multi-faceted contributions to the broad field of health promotion and disease prevention and specifically, more recently for his seminal work on our Drunk Driving Initiative" in 1989.

He is survived by his wife Kathrine Dunbar Galbreath McGovern.

CONSTITUENT SOCIETIES CORNER

Ohio Academy of Medical History

At the 2007 meeting of the Ohio Academy of Medical History, held on 14 April at the Granville Inn in Granville, OH, the following papers were presented: "Forbidden Love: The Rest of the Story," by Gary Cordingley; "Historical Prison Medical Care and Inmate Health in the Ohio Penitentiary, 1835-1900," by Nancy Tatarek, Dorothy E. Dean, and Amy Harris; "Dr. Noah Elliott, African American Pioneer," by Carl J. Denbow; "Polio: The Most Dreaded of All," by James Hennessy; "Digital Collection

Initiatives at Medical Heritage Institutions: An Overview," by Judith Wiener; "A Medical Tour of Scotland," by James Edmonson; "The Second Blessing: Columbus Medicine and Health – The Early Years," by Charles F. Wooley and Judith Wiener. In addition, two new books by members were exhibited: *Stories of Medicine in Athens County, Ohio*, compiled and edited by Gary E. Cordingley, Baltimore, MD: Gateway Press, 2006; and *The Second Blessing: Columbus Medicine and Health The Early Years*, by Charles F. Wooley and Barbara Van Brimmer, South Egremont, MA: Science International Corp., 2006.

Next year's meeting will be held in Cleveland. For further information, see the Academy's Web site: <www.case.edu/orgs/oamh/home.htm>, or contact Patsy Gerstner, OAMH, Dittrick Medical History Center, 11000 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, OH 44106-1714; p.gerstner@att.net.

The Society for the History of Navy Medicine

The Society held its First Annual Meeting and Papers Session during the May AAHM meeting in Montreal. Four members read papers that well represented the broad spectrum of interests encompassed by the Society.

Since its founding a year ago, the Society has grown to an international membership of 70—medical professionals both civilian and military, active and retired, academicians, graduate students, and published independent scholars. Our goal is to reach 100 members by the end of 2007. Persons interested in joining should contact Executive Director Tom Snyder.

The Society is already planning its Second Annual Meeting and Papers Session (and perhaps a panel) at the 2008 AAHM meeting in Rochester, New York, and is soliciting papers submissions. Send your 250-300 word précis to Tom Snyder; thomaslsnyder@gmail.com; 131 el Camino Real, Vallejo CA 94590-3464; fax: (707) 557-5117 by 15 November 2007.

FELLOWSHIPS/GRANTS

The NEH Summer Stipends program supports two months of full-time research on a project in the humanities. This nationwide competition has a 2 October 2007 deadline. Over the past three years NEH has awarded almost 300 Summer Stipends to allow faculty members to pursue their scholarship during the summer months. Successful applicants receive an outright award of \$6,000 for two consecutive months of full-time research and writing. More information is available at: <www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/stipends.html>.

The National Humanities Center offers 40 residential fellowships for advanced students in the humanities during the academic year, September 2008 through May 2009. Applicants must hold doctorate or equivalent scholarly credentials. Young scholars as well as senior scholars are encouraged to apply, but they must have a record of publication, and recent Ph.D.s should be aware that the Center does not support the revision of a doctoral dissertation. Applicants submit the Center's form, supported by a c.v., a 1000-word project proposal, and three letters of recommendation. The Center's form is available online at: <www.nhc.rtp.nc.us> or from the Fellowship Program, National Humanities Center, Post Office Box 12256, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709-2256. Applications and letters of recommendation must be postmarked by 15 October 2007.

The Institute for Advanced Study, School of Historical Studies, Opportunities for Scholars 2008-2009. The Institute is an independent private institution founded in 1930 to create a community of scholars focused on intellectual inquiry, without the obligations and distractions associated with the teaching of undergraduates. Scholars from around the world come to the Institute to pursue their own research. Those chosen are offered membership for a set period and a stipend. The Institute provides access to extensive resources including offices, libraries, subsidized restaurant and housing facilities, and some

secretarial services. Open to all fields of historical research, the School of Historical Studies' principal interests are 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, the history of science, modern international relations, and music studies. Candidates of any nationality may apply for a single term or a full academic year. Residence in Princeton during term time is required. The only other obligation of Members is to pursue their own research. To be eligible scholars must have the Ph.D. (or equivalent) and substantial publications. Information and application forms may be found on the School's Web site, <www.hs.ias.edu>, or contact the School of Historical Studies, Institute for Advanced Study, Einstein Dr., Princeton, N.J 08540; mzelazny@ias.edu. Deadline: 15 November 2007.

American Academy of Arts & Sciences: Visiting Scholars Program 2008-2009 Call for Applications

Each year the American Academy of Arts & Sciences welcomes fellowship applications from untenured junior faculty and postdoctoral scholars who are interested in pursuing research related to one of the Academy's four core program areas: Humanities and Culture, Social Policy and American Institutions, Science and Global Security, and Education. Established in 1780 and located in Cambridge, Massachusetts, the Academy is one of the oldest learned societies in the United States and an independent policy research center, conducting multidisciplinary studies of scholarly and public policy issues.

The Academy's Visiting Scholars Program offers junior scholars an opportunity to combine their independent research with active involvement in varied projects, conferences, and meetings. The benefits of the program include private office space at the Academy's headquarters and access to the Harvard University libraries. Preference is given to junior faculty. A stipend of up to \$60,000 for junior faculty and up to \$40,000 for postdoctoral scholars accompanies the award.

Guidelines and application materials for the 2008-2009 fellowship year are available at the Academy's Web site <www.amacad.org> The deadline for applications is 15 October 2007. If you have questions about these fellowships, please contact Alexandra Oleson, Director of the Visiting Scholars Program at (617) 576-5014 or oleson@amacad.org.

MEETINGS/CALLS FOR PAPERS

The Southern Association for the History of Medicine and Science (SAHMS) invites paper proposals for its tenth annual meeting on 29 February to 1 March in Gainesville, Florida. The meeting will be hosted at the University of Florida. 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. While some sessions will relate to the American South, SAHMS is open to a wide range of topics. Past meetings have included ancient, medieval, modern European, African and Asian presentations. Scholars from all areas and disciplines are welcome. M.D./Ph.D. 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. Electronic submissions as e-mail attachments in MSWord or other readily supportable format are preferred (see e-mail address below). 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 2007. The program will be announced 1 November 2007 on our Web site <SAHMS.net>. All attendees will be expected to register for the meeting.

Students note: SAHMS offers a limited number of modest travel grants for student presenters to attend the meeting. Those interested should submit to the program committee chair (1) a letter justifying his or her request at the time of the paper submission, (2) a letter of support from a faculty member with whom he or she works (this may be e-mailed directly to the program chair). In no case does this exempt these or any students from paying the stated registration fee.

Send proposals to the 2008 Program Committee Chair: Wendy J. Turner, History, Anthropology, and Philosophy, Augusta State University, 2500 Walton Way, Augusta, GA 30904-2200; wturner@aug.edu

Call for Papers: **What's the Use of Race?** A conference to be held 25-26 April 2008 sponsored by the Center for the Study of Diversity in Science, Technology, and Medicine, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA.

Despite long-standing critiques of the concept of race from biologists, anthropologists, and social scientists, race continues to thrive as a category of analysis among scholars, pundits, and the conventional wisdom. State and federal institutions routinely collect data about race and ethnicity. The National Institutes of Health requests that researchers include racially and ethnically diverse populations in their studies. Journals in fields as diverse as genetics, public health, and sociology report data on race and ethnicity and use these variables as significant factors in their analyses. This pursuit of race has produced overwhelming documentation of racial disparities, from birth rates to education, income, crime, punishment, disease, medical treatment, and life expectancy. While many scholars believe that research must consider race if it is to understand fully human biology and experience, critics argue that race is a hollow and misleading concept that leads to invidious distinctions. While advocates of social justice argue that racial disparities must be documented before they can be alleviated, our vast knowledge of disparities has not yet led to decisive social or political action against them. We hope to describe and explore the competing interests

that have made studies of race simultaneously feared and desired.

Abstracts (300 words or less) should be submitted by 15 October to: David S. Jones, M.D., Ph.D., 77 Massachusetts Avenue E51-290, Cambridge, MA 02139; dsjones@mit.edu (e-mail submissions preferred). Additional information at <web.mit.edu/csd>.

The XXIInd International Conference of the European Society for Philosophy of Medicine and Healthcare together with the Centre for Ethics, University of Tartu, will be held 20-23 August 2008 in Tartu, Estonia. The theme for the conference is "European Bioethics in a Global Context." Abstracts should be submitted before 1 January 2008. For more information contact Bert Gordijn, Secretary of the ESPMH, Department of Ethics, Philosophy, and History of Medicine, Raboud University Nijmegen Medical Centre, PO Box 9101, 6500 HM Nijmegen, The Netherlands; b.gordijn@efg.umcn.nl.

LECTURES/SYMPOSIA

Trust in Science, an interdisciplinary workshop, will bring together leaders in broadcasting, journalism, and museology with scientists and scholars from the social sciences and humanities who are engaged in the study of science and technology. Sessions include: Clinical Trials and the Pharmaceutical Industry; Publicizing Science, and its Effects; Public Controversies and the Distribution of Expertise; Who to Trust on Climate Change; and Museums and the Public Trust. The workshop will be held 15-16 October 2007 at Toronto's CBC Conference Centre. The entrance to the conference centre is located at 25 John Street. Events open to the public will also take place each evening at the CBC in the Glen Gould Theatre. There is no registration fee for attending the workshop, but you must register in order to attend. To register for the workshop, please e-mail Bessie Goldberg at: Bessie@yorku.ca. Include your name, e-mail address, mailing address, phone numbers, and institutional affiliation. The deadline for registering is 20 September 2007. However registration will be limited

to the first 75 registrants. For more information, including a list of speakers and a workshop schedule, see: <www.yorku.ca/cshps2>.

Architecture of Healing, an International Conference at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA will be held 16-17 November 2007 to celebrate the opening of the new Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center. The conference is presented by the UCLA History of Medicine Faculty and History & Special Collections, Louise M. Darling Biomedical Library. It will explore the development of the hospital from its beginnings in the Near East; the hospital as a geographical space; the hospital as a place of healing; and as a center of medical research, the hospital's role in society today

Advance registration (\$30; student registration is free) is required and includes lectures, coffee breaks, lunches on Friday and Saturday, library reception on Friday, and the Medical Center tour on Saturday. Please print, complete and return the registration form available on the Web site before 2 November and return with your payment.

For information contact: Teresa G. Johnson, tgj@library.ucla.edu or Katharine E. S. Donahue, kdonahue@library.ucla.edu; History & Special Collections, Louise M. Darling Biomedical Library, 12-077 Center for the Health Sciences Box 951798, UCLA, Los Angeles, California 90095-1798; (310) 825-6940; Fax: (310) 825-0465; <www.library.ucla.edu/biomed/his/index.html>.

The Hektoen Institute of Medicine's Society of Medical History & Humanities announces its fall 2007 lectures. Lectures take place at the Hektoen Institute, 2100 W. Harrison Street in Chicago, IL. A reception starts at 5:30 p.m. All presentations begin at 6:15 p.m. Cost is \$15.00. For more information visit, <www.hektoen.org/societyofmed.htm> or call (312) 948-2522.

September 11, 2007, "Michelangelo and the Brain: an Interpretation of the 'Creation of Adam' Based on

Neuroanatomy” by **Frank Lynn Meshberger**, M.D., Private Practice, Gynecology, Anderson, Indiana.

October 2, 2007, “Pain Unfixed: Medical Instruments, Enlightenment Horror, and the Marquis De Sade” by **Alice Haisman**, Doctoral Candidate, English Dept., University of Illinois at Chicago.

November 6, 2007, “The Dead Mother Series of Egon Schiele: Psychoanalytic Use of an Artist’s Image” by **Prudence Gourguechon**, Institute of Psychoanalysis, Chicago.

December 4, 2007, “Johns Hopkins and the Revolution in American Medicine” by **B. Herold Griffith**, Emeritus Professor of Surgery & Emeritus Chief of the Section of Plastic Surgery, Northwestern University.

The C. F. Reynolds Medical History Society, University of Pittsburg announces its 2007-2008 schedule of meetings

September 27, 2007, **Stanley Finger**, Professor Department of Psychology, Washington University, “Benjamin Franklin and Medical Electricity.”

November 1, 2007, 14th Annual Sylvan E. Stool History of Medicine Lecture, **Lynne M. Dunphy**, Routhier Endowed Chair of Practice and Professor of Nursing, University of Rhode Island, “The Steel Cocoon: Tales of the Doctors, Nurses and Patients of the Iron Lung, 1928-1955.”

January 22, 2008, **Rick Wool**, Professor, Department of Pharmacology, University of Pittsburgh Medical School, “Cleopatra’s Needle, Moriz Kaposi, and the Children of the Moon: Understanding *xeroderma pigmentosum*.”

February 21. 2008, **Gregory Anstead**, Associate Professor, Department of Medicine, University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, “Southern History, Rats and Fleas: Murine Typhus in the United States.”

April 3, 2008, Twentieth Annual Mark M. Ravitch History of Medicine Lecture, **Peter Warren**, Professor of Medicine (ret.), University of Manitoba School of Medicine, “Too Shocking for Public Perusal-Public Accessibility to a Surgeon’s Record.”

All lectures will be held in Lecture Room #5, Scaife Hall, University of Pittsburgh, at 6:00 p.m. Members will receive notices for each lecture. A dinner for members and their guests in the 11th floor Conference Center, Scaife Hall will follow each of the five individual lectures. Please refer all questions on the Society and its programming to Dr. Jonathon Erlen, (412) 648-8927; erlen@pitt.edu.

PRIZES

The Waring Library Society and the Waring Historical Library at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston invite entries for the W. Curtis Worthington, Jr., Undergraduate and Graduate Research Papers Competition. Papers should represent an original, comprehensive effort in research and documentation of some aspect of the history of the health sciences, including biology, chemistry, genetics, biochemistry, physics, and all medical, dental, pharmacological, and other health science disciplines.

Entries may not have been published previously, nor be submitted more than once. A person may submit only one entry each year. The same person may not win first prize during two consecutive years. This competition is open to any degree-seeking individual attending an accredited college or university. Entries must be no less than 2,500 words nor more than 5,000 words. Photographs or illustrations should be included whenever possible or appropriate. Manuscripts should be submitted as a Word document or as an unformatted ASCII-preferred document. Send completed application form as an attachment with your submission; do not include any personal identification information in the text of your submission. Entries must be received by 30 April in each contest year.

Winners agree to grant the Waring Historical Library and Waring Library Society both initial and subsequent publication rights in any manner or form without further compensation. Except as provided above, copyright ownership otherwise remains with the author.

No more than two awards (first and second prize) in each of the undergraduate and graduate categories are given each year, consisting of a commemorative medal and monetary award as follows: First Prize \$1500; Second Prize \$750; An honorable mention certificate will be presented in each category.

The two first-prize papers in each category will be published in the *Journal of the South Carolina Medical Association*. Financial sponsorship of these awards is provided by McNeill Pharmaceuticals, Inc. The WLS Awards Committee reserves the right to not give any or all awards in a particular year. For more information about this competition, please contact the Waring Historical Library at (843) 792-2288 or waringhl@musc.edu.

ARCHIVES/LIBRARIES/MUSEUMS

Opened in 1934 and situated in the handsome seventeenth century Hôtel de Miramion in the Latin Quarter near Notre Dame, the **Musée de l'Assistance Publique-Hôpitaux de Paris** spans the history of hospitals in Paris from the Middle Ages to the beginning of the twentieth century. The collection numbers nearly 10,000 items: paintings, sculptures, drawings and medical instruments among others. Some of these works and objects are put on display during special exhibitions, while a part remain on permanent display. Please contact us if you would like more information or see our Web site at www.aphp.fr/musee.

The Claude Moore Health Sciences Library Historical Collections of the University of Virginia won the first annual C. Herbert Finch Online Publication Award for its online exhibition, "Patients' Voice in Early 19th Century Virginia: Letters to Doct. Carmichael & Son" carmichael.lib.virginia.edu.

The award, presented by the Arline Custer Memorial Committee of the Mid-Atlantic Regional Archives Conference (MARAC), honors online publications, including virtual exhibitions, Web sites, and Web pages devoted to the promotion and use of archival materials.

Historical Collections of the Claude Moore Health Sciences Library announces the opening of two new Web exhibits. *The Plague Book* historical.hsl.virginia.edu/plague invites visitors to explore sixteenth-century medicine with a look at a unique book of advice to combat the plague. "*Orders thought Meete ...*" was published under the auspices of Elizabeth I during an outbreak of the plague in England and presents a fascinating look at public health, epidemiology, and illness in the late sixteenth century.

Typed transcriptions, both in the vernacular and in modern English, accompany the text to aid comprehension. Over 50 plants suggested for use as preventatives and curatives are linked with corresponding images, most in color from the Missouri Botanical Garden, and with instructive quotes from the 1633 edition of *The Herball* by John Gerard. Several essays on the site provide further context for the book.

Vaulted Treasures historical.hsl.virginia.edu/treasures looks at some of the rare treasures kept in Historical Collections' climate-controlled vault. These printed treasures were published between 1493 and 1819. Some are small pocket-sized volumes only a few inches tall. Others are massive: the largest weighs in at 18 pounds and has a cover that exceeds four square feet. Some consist of only the written word. Others contain exquisite illustrations of the human body or fanciful landscapes.

For more information, contact Joan Echtenkamp Klein, Alvin V. and Nancy Baird Curator for Historical Collections at jre@virginia.edu.

The Center for the History of Medicine at the Countway Library at Harvard Medical School is

pleased to announce the opening of several manuscript and institutional records collections. As part of a series of processing projects focusing on reproductive health, recently completed projects include the papers of John Rock, one of the developers of the birth control pill, and two of Rock's contemporaries in family planning, Abraham Stone and Alan Guttmacher. The Loretta McLaughlin Papers, a corollary collection containing McLaughlin's interviews conducted for her biography of Rock, is also open for research. Newly processed collections from the Archives for Women in Medicine consist of several women from the Harvard Medical School community, including Anne Pappenheimer Forbes, Lydia Dawes, Ethel Dunham, and Myrtelle Canavan. The papers of dermatologist Irvin Blank and allergist Theron Randolph were recently processed with support from Johnson and Johnson, Consumer & Personal Products Worldwide, and the Randolph Archival Fund, organized by the Human Ecology Study Group, respectively. Recently processed institutional collections include the records of Brigham and Women's Hospital and Boston Lying-In Hospital. Please contact Reference Librarian Jack Eckert, jeckert@hms.harvard.edu, for usage of these collections. Finding aids are available online on OASIS, Harvard's online finding aid database at oasis.harvard.edu.

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

Upcoming lectures to be held in Building 38A, Lister Hill Visitors Center from 2:00 to 3:15 p.m. include:

August 1, 2007, **Karen Ehrenberger**, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, "The Telescopic Body: Visualizations Of Normal Anatomy And Social Pathology In Weimar Germany."

August 22, 2007, **Rachel Core**, Johns Hopkins University, "Controlling TB to Boost Production: the Case of the 1950s Chinese Factory."

September 26, 2007, **Bernadette Wegenstein**, "Made Over in America." (Film Premier).

August 29, 2007, **Courtney Fullilove**, Columbia University, "Proprietary Medicines & the Development of Intellectual Property Rights in 19th Century America."

October 18, 2007, **Leslie Adrienne Miller**, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, MN, "The Resurrection Trade: A Poetry Reading."

In conjunction with the Washington Society for the History of Medicine, the History of Medicine Division sponsored its first Graduate Student Symposium on 18 May. Beth Linker, University of Pennsylvania, gave the keynote address, "Beyond Disease to Disability." Informal presentations of current work filled the rest of the morning and in the afternoon local historians of medicine led a workshop on academic and non-academic careers in medical history. The day ended with a selection of short medical films. Twenty graduate students from across the country participated. The Second Graduate Student Symposium is scheduled for Spring 2008.

The History of Medicine Division released a Rosalind Franklin site to *Profiles in Science* in 2007. Franklin (1920-1958), a British chemist and crystallographer, is best known for her role in the discovery of DNA structure. Her x-ray diffraction photos of DNA and data analysis provided Francis Crick and James Watson with clues crucial for building their model of the molecule in 1953. While best known for this work, Franklin also did important research into the microstructure and properties of coals and other carbons, and spent the last five years of her career elucidating the structure of plant viruses, notably tobacco mosaic virus.

The Churchill Archives Centre in Cambridge, England is the repository for the Rosalind Franklin Papers, which range from 1920 to 1975. The collection contains photographs, correspondence, diaries, published articles, lectures, laboratory notebooks, and research notes. The site is at profiles.nlm.nih.gov.

The History of Medicine Division released in June an extensive selection from the papers of Mary Lasker (1899–1994). A patron of scientific, medical, and public health initiatives, “Lasker acted as a catalyst for the growth of the world’s largest and most successful biomedical research enterprise, with the National Institutes of Health (NIH) as its centerpiece,” said Donald A.B. Lindberg, NLM Director.

Developing a compelling political rationale for federal sponsorship of medical research, Lasker built a powerful lobby that won large research appropriations, and pushed the NIH in new scientific directions, at times in opposition to scientists.

Her political influence diminished after the 1970’s War on Cancer, a controversial measure that raised unrealistic public expectations. Nevertheless, Lasker continued to serve as the “Fairy Godmother of Medical Research,” in the words of *Business Week*, raising money for research on hypertension, arthritis, osteoporosis, diabetes, and AIDS.

The new online exhibition features correspondence, newspaper accounts, and photographs from the Mary Lasker papers at Columbia University Libraries. Visitors to the site can view, among other things, an extensive exchange of letters with her confidante and fellow advocate, Florence Mahoney, a note of tribute from Salvador Dali with a drawing in his hand, and a photo of her at a tree planting ceremony with New York City Mayor Robert Wagner that captures her interest in urban beautification.

With the Lasker addition, the number of researchers, public health officials, and promoters of medical research memorialized on *Profiles in Science* has reached twenty-two. The site is at <profiles.nlm.nih.gov>.

Opening Doors: Contemporary African American Academic Surgeons, a new mini-exhibit prepared by HMD and the Reginald F. Lewis Museum of Maryland African American History and Culture, opened simultaneously in Baltimore and Bethesda on 1 February. A celebration of the achievements of African American

pioneers in academic surgery, it remains in the HMD foyer and Reading Room through the summer.

A traveling exhibition, *The Horse, a Mirror of Man*, is visiting sites around the country at the present time. It is available for loan to other libraries. For reservations and information contact Michael North at northm@mail.nih.gov.

Recent acquisitions: The National Center for Homeopathy in Arlington, Virginia, donated its entire historical collection to NLM. Of the 1870 volumes included, most were published before 1915. Some archival and manuscript material arrived also.

Girolamo Mercurio’s *La Comare Oricoglitrice di Scipione Mercuri* (Venice, 1596). An early vernacular work on obstetrics, it was written for midwives and included illustrations.

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Director, Center for the History of the Health Professions (27UC6085) The University of Cincinnati, Academic Information Technology and Libraries (AIT&L) seeks to hire an academic director, the Victor and Odette Haas Director for the Center for the History of Health Professions, to lead visioning and planning for the Center; to direct the Center’s staff and activities, including the organization and maintenance of materials, services, exhibits, publications, and special events; and to promote and support the Center through fundraising, grant writing, and scholarly activities.

Responsibilities include: Provide visionary leadership for the Center, leveraging existing strengths (e.g., Albert Sabin archives); provide reference and research services for historical research projects; develop and promote collections; participate in fundraising activities, including identifying and cultivating potential donors and stewarding existing benefactors; write grant proposals to support Center initiatives; develop, manage, and implement exhibits, publications, and special events; integrate history of health sciences resources into curricular objectives of

the university; teach selected courses in the history of medicine and other health sciences; implement standards and practices for providing electronic access to historical materials; perform outreach and develop partnerships with state, regional, and national institutions; represent the Center and AIT&L through participation in appropriate university, local, state, regional, and national bodies; pursue scholarship and publish in the field of health sciences history; manage and motivate Center staff; and participate in AIT&L-wide management and advisory activities.

Minimum Qualifications: Doctorate in the history of medicine or a related field; successful fund raising experience; successful grant writing experience; management and supervisory experience; the ability to foster a collaborative and collegial environment; working knowledge of rare book, manuscript and archival management; knowledge of computer applications in special collections and archives; outstanding oral, written and interpersonal skills; and demonstrated professional and scholarly activity in the history of medicine or health sciences. The ideal candidate will have five years professional experience in library special collections or archives; master's in library science (or equivalent) from an accredited program; sustained professional and scholarly activity; and knowledge of a foreign language

For additional information on application materials and to apply for position #27UC6085, please see www.jobsatuc.com. AAE/EOE

OTHER NEWS

The Naval Research Laboratory (NRL) is pleased to announce the recent appointment of Dr. Leo B. Slater as the Laboratory's new historian. Dr. Slater will provide historical support to the NRL command, maintain the Laboratory's corporate memory, administer the oral history program, and carry out other preservation duties.

A former research chemist, Dr. Slater began his career as an historian in 1997 with the Chemical Heritage Foundation, Philadelphia, PA. In 2002, he joined the

Johns Hopkins University as a malaria research historian. He later spent time as visiting scholar at the Max Planck Institute for the History of Science in Berlin, Germany. In 2004 he joined NIH as a DeWitt Stetten, Jr. Fellow in the History of Biomedical Sciences and Technology. Dr. Slater received a B.A. in chemistry from Brandeis University, an M.S. in chemistry from Stanford University, and M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in history from Princeton University. He has a book forthcoming in 2008 entitled *War and Disease: Biomedical Research on Malaria in the Twentieth Century*. Dr. Slater can be reached at leo-slater@nrl.navy.mil. To learn more about the NRL visit www.nrl.navy.mil.

A **Web portal at www.historyofdrugs.net** is run by Walter Sneader, who is the author of four books on drug discovery and was until recently the Head of the School of Pharmacy at the University of Strathclyde in Scotland. His site aims to create a wider interest in the history of medicinal drugs by providing links to articles and other materials. Dr Sneader would welcome suggestions from AAHM member about further links to relevant Web sites for him to consider for inclusion in the portal. Please send suggestions to message@historyofdrugs.net

The Department of History and Philosophy of Medicine at the University of Kansas School of Medicine has established a new one-year fellowship in medical ethics. Maura Flood, Associate Professor of Law at Gonzaga University School of Law, has been chosen as the first fellow and will begin her tenure in July 2007.

Dittrick Medical Heritage Tours, Case Western Reserve University will head to Belgium in Fall 2007. Our Belgian tour begins on 29 September and concludes on 7 October 2007. With the help of Dr. René van Tiggelen, we have prepared a full itinerary that will feature museums and collections in Bruges, Antwerp, and Ghent. We will begin our tour in picturesque Bruges, which offers both a remarkable array of Flemish art as well as a rich medical heritage. General sightseeing includes the Groeninge Museum (of Flemish art), strolling Bruges' charming streets, or taking a canal tour. Medical sites include the St John's

Hospital and Memling Museum, where Chief Curator Eva Tahon will present the hospital's rich history to medieval times, as well as the religious art of Hans Memling (c.1430-94). A sidetrip to nearby Damme will feature that town's St. John's Hopital Museum presented by curator Mieke De Jonghe. From Bruges we will proceed to nearby Ghent, via Antwerp. In Antwerp we will see the Plantin-Moretus Museum, a printing and publishing house dating to 1549, that is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The trip proceeds to Ghent, Belgium's leading university town with intriguing collections and museums. At the University of Ghent we will visit the Museum of the History of Science with its director, Prof. Danny Seger, and tour the University's Museum of the History of Medicine, in a former Dominican convent, the "Het Pand," with Prof. Michel Thiery and his associates. We will travel to the Hôpital à la Rose at Lessines, a hospital complex dating to 1242 and lovingly restored as a classed European Heritage site under the direction of Raphael Debruyne, our host. Finally we will return to Ghent to visit the Dr. Guislain Museum (history of psychiatry, medical photography, and "outsider art"). For those of you who enjoy dark chocolate, Belgian beer, and Flemish art—and distinctive medical history collections and sites—this should be a memorable trip!

The Dittrick Medical Heritage Tours now enjoy co-sponsorship from the College of Physicians of Philadelphia, home of our sister institution, the Mütter Museum. For a brochure, visit the Dittrick Web site: www.case.edu/artsci/dittrick/site2/news/Belgium/CWRU%20Museums%20Belgium3.pdf.

And if you have any questions about the tour, contact Jim Edmonson at james.edmonson@case.edu or (216) 368-6391. For reservations contact Kollander World Travel at (216) 692-1000 or (800) 800-5981 or kwtravel@kollander-travel.com.

The Wellcome Trust Centre for the History of Medicine at UCL is delighted to announce the appointment of three new members of staff, who will be in post from September 2007. Emma Spary, well-

known for her work in the history of France and the history of natural history, will be rebuilding the Centre's work in the long 18th century. Guy Attewell, who has worked on Portuguese, Islamic, and South Asian subjects from the 16th century to the 20th, will be adding strength to the Centre's growing work on Asian and global medicinal exchanges. William (Bill) MacLehose brings the European medieval period back into the Centre for the first time in twenty-five years; through his work on the history of childhood, Bill has rediscovered the importance of the history of medicine for understanding the period.

Further information about these and other members of the Centre's staff, as well as the latest news, events, and publications, will be available in September, when the Web site is updated. Visit us there at www.ucl.ac.uk/histmed/.