



# Newsletter

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

At the Business Meeting in May, Dr. Michael Franzblau urged the American Association for the History of Medicine to petition the Association of American Medical Colleges to endorse the teaching of the history of medicine in all medical schools in the United States. His motion was tabled for study by the AAHM officers. The status of history in medical education has not been surveyed since the excellent work of Genevieve Miller in the late 1960s. Over the most recent two decades, the rise in medical humanities programs may have had an impact on history teaching, but we do not know if it increased or decreased its presence. I am pleased to report that a new ad hoc committee has enthusiastically accepted the task of surveying medical history education in the 125 American medical schools and the 17 schools in Canada. It is chaired by Jennifer Gunn and includes Jeremy Greene, Laura Hirshbein, and Geoff Hudson, all of whom work in or around medical centers. I hope you will help them to gather information when they contact you.

I draw your attention to the enclosed letter from AAHM member Chester Burns who is current president of the American Osler Society. He is eager to have your views on ways to improve collaboration between our two societies.

Plans are well along for our April 2005 meeting in Birmingham, Alabama. The deadline for paper proposals has passed. Once again, we have an overabundance of offerings and the program committee is hard at work. Many people took advantage of our new online submission option; more than 95% of proposals came through cyberspace. Congratulations and thanks to Walt Schalick for dragging us into the twenty-first century.

Dates for the next two annual meetings to be held in Canada are now fixed for 4-7 May 2006 in Halifax and 3-6 May 2007 in Montreal. We are still looking for host cities for 2008 and 2009. All offers will be considered. Having 500 historians of medicine come to town is a wonderful way to mark an anniversary and promote what you do at home.

Remember to check our website <[www.histmed.org](http://www.histmed.org)> for up-to-date information on AAHM activities, and don't forget the Endow Our Prizes campaign! Best wishes for the autumn semester.

*Jackie Duffin*

## FROM THE EDITORS

It is exciting to be back in the world of newsletter editing after a six-year hiatus. Having edited *The Watermark*, the newsletter of the Archivists and Librarians in the History of the Health Sciences (ALHHS), for over five years, our biggest challenge will be to use the right acronym and name for this association's newsletter! We hope to convey our enthusiasm in each issue and make it something you eagerly anticipate receiving three times a year.

AAHM President Jackie Duffin approached us about this assignment based on our reputation for producing an attractive, lively, and humorous newsletter for our librarian and archivist colleagues. She expects the same for the AAHM *NewsLetter* and we hope we can live up to the billing! In the "From the Editors" column of *The Watermark*, we often shared vignettes from our peripatetic wanderings to events and places of possible interest to archivists and librarians in the history of the health sciences. Readers told us they looked forward to vicariously experiencing the highways and byways that we traveled in pursuit of things medical, archival, and historical. As space permits in the AAHM *NewsLetter*, we look forward to taking you along with us on some of our journeys, should you care to join us. We also look forward to working with Jackie, the other officers of the AAHM, and you as we compile the association's news.

This issue of the newsletter has a slightly different look and we anticipate making additional format and content changes. We will be posting shortly on the AAHM web site the editorial policies for the *NewsLetter*. We welcome your feedback on these and other issues. Look for one new feature making its debut in this issue. The phrase, *Link at AAHM web site*, on the right-hand side of the last line of a news item, signifies that there is a link to information about this topic on the AAHM web site.

In closing, we would like to thank our predecessor Dale Smith for his assistance during the transition from his editorship to ours.

Jodi Koste  
Joan Echtenkamp Klein

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News items of 250 words or less are invited and may be submitted by e-mail, fax, or regular mail. Deadlines: 1 February, 1 July, and 1 October.

## AAHM NEWS

**AAHM to meet in Birmingham:** The 78th annual meeting of the American Association for the History of Medicine will be held in Birmingham, Alabama, 7-10 April 2005.

The conference hotel will be the Sheraton Birmingham (205) 324-5000. Conference room rates have been negotiated at \$139 per night (single and double); \$149 per night (triple); and \$159 per night (quad). Additional information on the hotel is available by searching for Birmingham, Alabama at the Sheraton's main website: <[www.starwood.com/sheraton/index.html](http://www.starwood.com/sheraton/index.html)>. The Sheraton is located adjacent to the Birmingham-Jefferson Convention Center and the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame and is a short walk from the Birmingham Museum of Art (the largest municipal museum in the southeastern US).

Information about the city is located on the website of the Birmingham Convention and Visitors Bureau <[www.birminghamal.org](http://www.birminghamal.org)>. This site includes links for accommodations, dining, entertainment, attractions, event calendars, and the city's African-American heritage sites. Additionally, numerous links for Birmingham can be found at the website of the UAB anesthesiology department: <[www.anes.uab.edu/bhamcitylinks.htm](http://www.anes.uab.edu/bhamcitylinks.htm)>.

Spring comes early to Alabama and the first part of April is typically a lovely time to visit Birmingham. The average daily temperatures for the month are a high of 75 degrees and a low of 51 degrees. We look forward to your visit next spring.

*Michael Flannery  
Tim Pennycuff*

**Endowment Campaign Update:** The spring and summer are typically slow times for fund-raising. However, I am pleased to report that since the spring meeting in Madison, we have received approximately three times the amount of contributions as we did during the same period in 2003. Of the \$300,000 the AAHM needs to endow our prizes, we have raised approximately \$120,000 in gifts and pledges. On

behalf of the entire organization, I would like to express heartfelt thanks to all of you who have contributed thus far.

On 1 November, we shall be sending out letters of appeal to all AAHM members, in the hope that many of you might be in a position to think of our society as you plan your year-end charitable giving. The officers of the AAHM are indebted to all of you for considering such a contribution; the future of our society is literally in your hands. To anyone who might wish to make a contribution now, tax-deductible donations may be sent to the American Association for the History of Medicine, PO Box 529, Canton, MA 02021-0529. (Checks should be made payable to "The History of Medicine Foundation.") In the Spring 2005 issue of the *NewsLetter*, we shall publish the 2004 Honor List of donors to the campaign.

*Ken Ludmerer*

### **Webpage for Medical School History of Medicine**

**Electives:** At the request of the medical student members of AAHM and with the gracious consent of the Webmaster, Ann Carmichael, a list of history electives at various medical schools available to medical students will be added to the AAHM website. To post an elective on the website, please send the title and a brief description of the course, dates offered, credit arrangements, and contact information to: Jennifer Gunn, Program in the History of Medicine, University of Minnesota Medical School, 505 Essex Street SE, Minneapolis, MN 55455; e-mail: [gunnx005@umn.edu](mailto:gunnx005@umn.edu); (612) 624-1909; fax (612) 625-7938

The new zip code for **Todd Savitt, AAHM Secretary-Treasurer**, is 27834.

**Seeking Mentors for Medical Students for the Osler Prize Competition:** The Education and Outreach Committee is seeking volunteers who are willing to mentor medical students interested in writing historical essays for the Osler Prize competition. Some students may be at a disadvantage because their medical schools do not have anyone able to advise them about historical research and writing.

We plan to establish a link on the AAHM website for medical students to request a mentor, and the Education and Outreach Committee will endeavor to match the students with advisors from a list of volunteers. If you are willing to serve as a mentor to a medical student essayist, please send your name, contact information, and specific areas of expertise or interest to: Jennifer Gunn, Program in the History of Medicine, University of Minnesota Medical School, 505 Essex St. SE, Minneapolis, MN 55455; gunnx005@umn.edu; (612) 624-1909; fax (612) 625-7938.

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**AAHM PRIZES**  
**Call for Nominations**

**J. Worth Estes Award, 2005** This award is made annually for the best published paper in the history of pharmacology during the previous two years (2003-2004), whether appearing in a journal or a book

collection of papers. The history of pharmacology is 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 encompasses the discovery of medicaments, basic investigations about them, their characteristics and properties, their preparation, and their therapeutic applications. The award was established in honor of J. Worth Estes 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 choice of topic reflects Worth Estes' long tenure as Professor of Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics at Boston University and his own scholarship in the history of pharmacology.

The Award Committee welcomes nominations of papers that would be eligible for consideration. The nomination should consist of a letter citing the work along with a copy of the paper. For the current award, candidate papers will be those published in 2003 and 2004. 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: Marcia Meldrum, Ph.D., Department of History, UCLA, Bunche 6265, Box 951473, Los Angeles, CA, 90095-1473; mlynnmel@earthlink.net. Nominations must be received by the Committee Chair by 14 January 2005.

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 AAHM, the award will be accompanied by a \$500 check.

## NEWS OF MEMBERS

**Warwick H. Anderson** received a major book prize, the W.K. Hancock Award, from the Australian Historical Association in July 2004 for his book, *Cultivating Whiteness*.

**Judith W. Leavitt** received the spring 2004 Hildale Award for Arts and Humanities from the University of Wisconsin in recognition of her distinguished professional accomplishment. She has also been

awarded the UW Foundation Chair Ruppel Bascom Professor, a five-year renewable appointment.

**Gregg Mitman** is the recipient of fellowships from both the American Council of Learned Societies and the National Humanities Center for the year 2004-2005. He will spend the year at the National Humanities Center in the Research Triangle Park area in North Carolina completing his book, *Breathing Space: An Ecological History of Allergy in America*, to be published by Yale University Press. For the following year, 2005-2006, he has been awarded a Guggenheim Fellowship and will return to Madison where he will put the finishing touches on *Breathing Space* and begin research on his next book project, tentatively titled, *America's Rubber Empire: Ecology, Disease, and Commerce in the Making of the Firestone Plantations Company*.

**Martha H. Verbrugge** has been appointed Presidential Professor at Bucknell University. The appointment recognizes distinguished contributions in teaching, scholarship, and university service.

## OBITUARIES

**Clark Sawin**, medical researcher, educator, lecturer in the fields of endocrinology and medical history, and medical inspector for the Veterans Affairs' health care system in Washington, died 11 August in Washington, D.C., at age 70. Clark was a trusted adviser and close friend to many of us in the medical and history of medicine communities. A tireless proponent of good medicine and good history, he was active in the American Association for the History of Medicine, the American Osler Society, the Endocrine Society, and the American Thyroid Association. He brought the historian's sensibility to the latter clinical societies and was, until he became ill with a brain tumor earlier this year, actively and successfully working to develop historical activities and sections in those communities.

Clark Sawin was for decades also a tireless worker for the health of our country's veterans. As a physician and administrator in the Veterans Health Administration, first in Boston and in recent years at VA Central Office in Washington, D.C., he was embarking on a new venture at the onset of his illness.

He had obtained approval for, and was in the process of creating, an Office of VA Archives. He and I met several times to discuss how the history of veterans' medicine might be pursued within VACO. We may all hope this effort, already well along with office space established across from the White House, will not be abandoned.

Clark leaves his steadfast wife Leslie, his daughter Jennifer Sawin Stoddard, his sons Philip and Kenneth, as well as three sisters, a brother, and two grandchildren. He will be deeply missed by a large expanse of medical and historical colleagues. A memorial service was held in Washington, D.C., on 8 September.

*G. Russell Maulitz*

**Gretchen Worden**, Director of the Mütter Museum at the College of Physicians of Philadelphia, died 2 August 2004 at the age of 56. She was born in Shanghai, China, where her father was employed by the California Texas Oil Company (Caltex). Gretchen graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Anthropology from Temple University in 1970. She began working at the Mütter Museum as Assistant to the Curator in 1975, became Acting Curator in 1980, Curator in 1982, and Director in 1988.

When Gretchen became curator, the museum attracted several hundred visitors each year. At the time of her death, museum visitation had grown to more than 60,000 tourists annually. Gretchen worked tirelessly to promote the museum. She forged an international reputation as a museum educator and spokeswoman for the Mütter. She was a frequent guest on "The Late Show with David Letterman," appeared on NPR's "Fresh Air with Terry Gross," starred in "Smiling in a Jar: An Interview with Gretchen Worden," a film directed by Errol Morris, launched a popular series of museum calendars, and presented lectures about the museum from Philadelphia to Paris.

In addition to the AAHM, her professional memberships included, among others, the American Association of Museums; the European Association of

Museums of the History of Medical Sciences; and the Medical Collections Association. She was a past president of the Medical Museums Association; the Museum Council of Philadelphia, and the Delaware Valley; and of the Walt Whitman Association. She also served on the board of the Society of Civil War Surgeons and was a long-serving member of the Board of the Friends of Independence National Historical Park

The College's Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Mark S. Hochberg said, "Gretchen was an incandescent personality. She represented a unique combination of curatorial brilliance, superb communication skills and irresistible charm. The College of Physicians family has lost a treasured colleague and friend." In a memorial service held at the College on 12 September, Dr. Hochberg reflected that, like Cher and Madonna, Gretchen was a star for whom one name was sufficient. Gretchen will be greatly missed by her countless friends and colleagues.

*Compiled from sources from the College of Physicians of Philadelphia.*

## CONSTITUENT SOCIETIES CORNER

The fall meeting of the **Medical History Society of New Jersey** will be held 20 October at The Nassau Club in Princeton. The Third Foundation of UMDNJ Lecturer is Elizabeth Fee, Ph.D. Dr. Fee is Chief, History of Medicine Division of the National Library of Medicine, National Institutes of Health. She will present, "So, What's New in the Past? Some Treasures from the National Library of Medicine Now Available to You on the Web." Dr. Fee's lecture will focus on medical history resources in the National Library of Medicine now accessible through the Internet. Past MHSNJ President, Frederick C. Skvara, M.D., will display medical philately related to the program. The program also includes the following papers: "Bateson and the Doctors: The Introduction of Mendelian Genetics to the British Medical Community, 1900-1910," **Alan R. Rushton**, M.D., Ph.D.; "Dr. James Hogarth Pringle: The Man Behind the Maneuver,"

**Lowell E. Gurey**, B.A., UMDNJ-NJMS Class of 2006 and **Kenneth G. Swan**, M.D., UMDNJ-NJMS; "Dr. Thomas Kirkbride and the Greystone Park State Psychiatric Hospital, 1876-1950," **Margaret Shultz**, M.A.; "Charity Seals and Stamps: The Medical Connection," **Fred Skvara**, M.D., Past President, MHSNJ.

For information, contact MHSNJ, c/o UMDNJ Special Collections, G.F. Smith Library, 30 Twelfth Avenue, Newark, NJ 07101-1709, (973) 972-7830, [densky@umdnj.edu](mailto:densky@umdnj.edu)

News from the **Waring Library Society** in Charleston, SC: The summer has been busy moving the journals and archives collections. Staff has packed all 2,000 square feet of materials and following several delays for various reasons are in the process of unpacking, arranging, and rearranging. We hope to be reasonably settled by the end of October.

The Society will sponsor the Sixteenth Annual Warren A. Sawyer Lecture on 21 October 2004, at 5:00 p.m. The lecture will be given by **Anne Wood Humphries** whose topic will be "The Life and Art of Frank Netter, M.D."

**Jane Brown**, Curator of the Waring Historical Library and Secretary-Treasurer of the Waring Library Society, will retire 30 October 2004. Her replacement has not yet been named.

## FELLOWSHIPS/GRANTS

The **Bakken Library and Museum** in Minneapolis offers Visiting Research Fellowships and Research Travel Grants to facilitate research in its collection of books, journals, manuscripts, and instruments. Visiting Research Fellowships up to a maximum of \$1,500 are to help defray the expenses of travel, subsistence, and other direct costs of conducting research at The Bakken. The minimum period of residence is two weeks. The deadline for applications is 15 February 2005. Travel Grants up to a maximum of \$500 (domestic) and \$750 (foreign) are to help defray the expenses of travel, subsistence, and other direct costs of conducting research at The Bakken.

The minimum period of residence is one week. Application may be made at any time during the calendar year. For application guidelines or further information, please contact: Elizabeth Ihrig, Librarian, The Bakken Library and Museum, 3537 Zenith Avenue So., Minneapolis, MN, 55416; (612) 926-3878 ext. 227; (612) 927-7265 fax; [Ihrig@thebakken.org](mailto:Ihrig@thebakken.org); <[www.thebakken.org](http://www.thebakken.org)>. *Link at AAHM web site*

The Francis C. Wood Institute for the History of Medicine at the **College of Physicians of Philadelphia** is pleased to announce the availability of short-term grants for 2005-2006. Wood Fellowships carry a maximum grant of \$1,000, and require at least one week's residence at the College of Physicians. Grants will be awarded to scholars engaged in projects requiring use of the Historical Medical Library or Mütter Museum between July 2005 and June 2006. The grants are intended for travel to Philadelphia or to offset income loss and research expenses.

Anyone with a legitimate research need for the print, manuscript, and artifactual collections of the College of Physicians is invited to apply. Applicants should submit proposals of no more than 1,000 words, including necessary length of residence, historical materials to be used, and a budget (with specific information on travel, lodging, and research expenses), along with a curriculum vitae and one letter of recommendation. The next deadline is 1 March 2005.

Individuals interested in applying for this program should send pertinent materials to: Ed Morman, Director of the Wood Institute for the History of Medicine, College of Physicians of Philadelphia, 19 South 22nd Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103-3097; [emorman@collphyphil.org](mailto:emorman@collphyphil.org); (215) 563-3737, ext. 265.

The **Council on Library and Information Resources** is offering fellowships funded by The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation to support dissertation research in the humanities in original sources. Applications postmarked by 15 November 2004 (1 November 2004, if mailed from outside the United States) will be considered for about 10 awards to be announced by 1 April 2005, for use beginning between 1 June and 1 September 2005. Application



information and forms are available under Fellowships at [www.clir.org](http://www.clir.org), or may be requested from CLIR 1755 Massachusetts Ave., NW, Suite 500, Washington, DC, 20036-2124; [info@clir.org](mailto:info@clir.org); (202) 939-4750.

*Link at AAHM web site*

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. Applicants should submit an outline of the proposed project and an abstract (not to exceed 250 words) stating its general scope and purpose; a budget listing travel and other attendant expenses; the length of the anticipated visit; a brief curriculum vitae; and two letters of recommendation. All materials must be submitted by 31 December 2004 to receive consideration. Awards will be announced by 28 February 2005. For further information on the Historical Collections unit at Lister Hill Library, UAB, please visit its website at [www.uab.edu/historical/](http://www.uab.edu/historical/). Send applications to: Katie Oomens, UAB Lister Hill Library, LHL 301, 1530 3rd Ave South, Birmingham, AL 35294-0013.

## MEETINGS/CALLS FOR PAPERS

A **Conference on the History of Science, Medicine, and Technology in East Asia** is scheduled to be held in Munich in August 2005. For further information contact: Paul U. Unschuld; [unschuld@lrz.uni-muenchen.de](mailto:unschuld@lrz.uni-muenchen.de)

The **Nineteenth Barnard Medieval & Renaissance Conference** is scheduled for 4 December 2004 on the campus of Barnard College of Columbia University. The conference this year is entitled, "Medicine Across Cultures: 600-1600." For further information contact:

Laurie Postlewate, Department of French, Barnard College, 3009 Broadway New York, NY 10027; [lpostlew@barnard.columbia.edu](mailto:lpostlew@barnard.columbia.edu)

*Link on AAHM web site*

The **Canadian Society for the History of Medicine** is issuing a call for papers for its annual conference at the University of Western Ontario on 3-5 June 2005. The theme of the 2005 Congress of the Social Sciences and Humanities will be "Paradoxes or Citizenship: Environments, Exclusions, Equity." Abstracts on other topics are also welcome. Please submit your abstract and one-page c.v. for consideration by 12 November 2004 to: Shelley McKellar, CSHM Program Chair, Department of History, SSC 4424, University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario, Canada N6A 5C2; (519) 661-2111 ext.84990; (519) 661-3010 fax; [smckell@uwo.ca](mailto:smckell@uwo.ca) Abstracts must not exceed 350 words. Submissions by email are welcome. If submitting abstracts by mail, please send one original and three copies, typed single-spaced on one sheet of paper. The Committee will notify applicants of its decision by 14 January 2005. If invited to present at the meeting, the author must undertake to provide a translation of the abstract for the bilingual program book.

The Francis C. Wood Institute for the History of Medicine of The **College of Physicians of Philadelphia**, the American Philosophical Society, The Library Company of Philadelphia, The Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia, The National Library of Medicine, The McNeil Center for Early American Studies at the University of Pennsylvania, and the Section on Medical History of the College of Physicians of Philadelphia present a Conference on Health and Medicine in the Era of Lewis and Clark 4-6 November 2004 This conference is free and open to all. Major support has also been provided by the Gladys Kriebel Delmas Foundation, The Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, and Arena Program Management Group, LLC. To register online, please go to [www.mceas.org/L&Cregistration.htm](http://www.mceas.org/L&Cregistration.htm).

Call for Papers: 2005 **Mephistos Conference**  
Mephistos is an international graduate student conference in the History, Philosophy, and Sociology of Science, Technology, and Medicine. The twenty-third annual edition of the conference will be held on 5-6 March 2005. The 2005 Mephistos Organizing Committee welcomes proposals for individual papers from graduate students interested in the topics named above and/or the interdisciplinary field of Science & Technology Studies (STS).

Please submit all of the following by e-mail to Tanya Sheehan, Chair of the Organizing Committee, at [mephistos@brown.edu](mailto:mephistos@brown.edu): Cover letter including your name, institutional affiliation (department and college/university), title of proposed paper, complete mailing address, and telephone number(s). One-page abstract of the proposed paper (200-300 words-MS Word attachment preferred). Curriculum vitae (no more than 3 pages-MS Word attachment preferred). Only complete submissions received by 1 December 2004 will be considered. Letters of acceptance will be e-mailed to applicants no later than 1 January 2005. Please keep in mind that Mephistos Conference papers are expected to be formal presentations of 20 minutes in length. The 2005 Organizing Committee plans to continue the conference's long tradition of providing modest travel grants to each of the conference speakers. For further information, consult the conference website <[www.brown.edu/Students/Mephistos/](http://www.brown.edu/Students/Mephistos/)> or contact [mephistos@brown.edu](mailto:mephistos@brown.edu).

**Montana State University** announces its Fourth Annual Medical History Conference "Women in Western American Medicine" 26 October 2004 at the Museum of the Rockies Auditorium on the Montana State University Campus Bozeman, Montana, sponsored by The MSU WWAMI (pre-med) Program. For additional information, please call the WWAMI Program at (406) 994-4411.

The **University of Kansas Medical Center** is sponsoring the Harrington Spine Symposium, an international multidisciplinary meeting to advance the art and science of spine care 28-30 July 2005. Abstracts are being accepted until 1 February 2005 and must be submitted online at <http://www.harringtonsymposium.com>.

For further information contact the University of Kansas Continuing Education, 1515 St. Andrews Drive, Lawrence, KS 66047-1625; or <[www.kuce.org/kumc/hss/](http://www.kuce.org/kumc/hss/)>.

## PRIZES

**The Krumbhaar Award:** The College of Physicians of Philadelphia announces the 2004-2005 Krumbhaar Award for medical history essay contest for Philadelphia area medical students. Contestants must currently be students in a medical or osteopathic school in eastern Pennsylvania or New Jersey. Those awarded the M.D. or D.O. degree in May or June 2004 are eligible. Students with advanced degrees in history, other humanities, sociology, or anthropology will be judged in a separate pool. Essays must be based on *new* original research in primary sources. Entries will be due on 1 April 2005. First prize will be \$300. Winning essayists may be invited to submit their papers to *Transactions & Studies of the College of Physicians*. The winner(s) will be invited to the spring 2005 College Night, where they will participate in an awards ceremony. For further information, please contact: Margaret Patton, Assistant to the Director, Division of Museum and Historical Services, The College of Physicians of Philadelphia, 19 South 22<sup>nd</sup> Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103; [mpatton@collphyphil.org](mailto:mpatton@collphyphil.org)

The New York Academy of Medicine invites entries for the first annual **New York Academy of Medicine Student Essay Prize**, awarded to the best unpublished essay by a graduate student in a medical, public health, or nursing program in the United States. Essays should address topics in the history of public health or medicine as they relate to urban health issues, social or environmental factors in the health of urban populations, institutional histories, or specific diseases may be considered. The winner will receive \$500, and the winning essay will receive expedited review for possible publication in the *Journal of Urban Health*. The contest is open to students in accredited professional degree programs in medicine, nursing, and public health. Essays will be evaluated on the quality and originality of the research, the significance of the topic, and appropriateness for publication in

the *Journal of Urban Health*. The postmark deadline is 11 December 2004. Please write historyessay@nyam.org for more information.

**The Jerry Stannard Memorial Award:** The Department of History at the University of Kansas announces the 2005 competition for the annual award in honor of the late Professor Jerry Stannard. A cash award of \$1,000 will be made to the author of an outstanding published or unpublished scholarly student study in the fields of pre-eighteenth-century history of materia medica, medicinal botany, pharmacy, folklore of drug therapy, and the bibliography of those areas. Entries must be received no later than 15 February 2005. For further information contact Professor Victor Bailey, Stannard Award Committee, Department of History, University of Kansas, Wescoe Hall, 1445 Jayhawk Boulevard, Room 3001, Lawrence, KS 44045-7590.

## LECTURES/SYMPOSIA

**The College of Physicians of Philadelphia** Medical History Programming, Fall 2004

September 24, 2004, Wood Institute Seminar **Thomas Soderqvist**, Ph.D., Director, Medical Museum, University of Copenhagen, "The Rise of Molecular Biomedicine and the End of the Modern Medical Museum"

September 28, 2004, Wood Institute Seminar **James Schafer**, Ph.D. Candidate, Program in the History of Science, Medicine, and Technology, The Johns Hopkins University, "General Practitioners and Private Medical Practice in Philadelphia, 1900-1917"

October 12, 2004, Wood Institute Seminar **Emanuel Garcia**, M.D., Psychoanalyst in practice in Philadelphia, "Johan Weier and Sigmund Freud: Science and Humanism in Psychology Past and Present"

October 13, 2004, The Section on Medical History presents The 2004 Samuel X Radbill Lecture **Janet Golden**, Ph.D., Professor of History, Rutgers

University-Camden, "Message in a Bottle: The Making of Fetal Alcohol Syndrome" A reception will follow the lecture.

April 16, 2004, The Section on Medical History Celebrates its Centennial with a "History of Medicine Day" Morning: Medical History Walking Tour of Old Philadelphia Afternoon: Works-in-progress sessions; Evening: **Jaclyn Duffin**, M.D., Ph.D. Hematology, Queens University, Ontario, "Clio in the Clinic;" Dinner: **G. Russell Maulitz**, M.D., Ph.D., Family Medicine, Drexel University, "100 Years of Medical History in the United States"

The **New York Academy of Medicine** Section on the History of Medicine and Public Health is pleased to announce its public lecture series for 2004-2005. Among the highlights of this season is a four-part mini-series on Race, Ethnicity, and Health in Twentieth-Century America. For more information about these lectures and other events, please visit <[www.nyam.org/initiatives/im-histe.shtml](http://www.nyam.org/initiatives/im-histe.shtml)>. All lectures begin at 6:00 p.m., with refreshments available at 5:30 p.m. Suggested Donation: \$10. Students admitted free.

October 20, 2004, **Julia Boyd**, "Doctress: Elizabeth Blackwell M.D. and Her Place in the History of Medicine," Humanities Month Event, co-sponsored by the New York Council for the Humanities

November 18, 2004, **John Barry**, Tulane University, "The Great Influenza of 1918"

December 15, 2004, **Jeremy Greene**, Harvard University, "The Fall and Rise of a Risk Factor: Cholesterol and the Statins, 1950-2000"

January 18, 2005, The Annual Friends of the Rare Book Room Lecture, **Michael Bliss**, University of Toronto, "Harvey Cushing, His Boswells, and His Harem: Immortalizing an American Surgeon"

Mini-Series: "Subject to the Same Diseases, Healed by the Same Means?" Race, Ethnicity, and Health in Twentieth-Century America

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

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

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

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

May 23, 2005, The Lilianna Sauter Lecture, **Susan Wolf**, University of Minnesota Law School, “Governing Reproductive Medicine and Embryo Research: A Daunting Challenge”

For more information about NYAM programs in the history of medicine, write [history@nyam.org](mailto:history@nyam.org), or call Christian Warren at (212) 822.7314. New York Academy of Medicine, 1216 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10029.

A new lecture series, The Annual Weisse Lecture on the History of Medicine has been established by Drs. Allen B. and Laura Weisse at the **UMDNJ New Jersey Medical School** in Newark, New Jersey.

The inaugural lecture was delivered by **Dr. Allen Weisse** on 14 September 2004 and was entitled, “On First Looking Into Jarcho's Leibowitz. The Small Joys and Great Satisfactions of Medical Sleuthing.” AAHM President, Dr. Jacalyn Duffin has graciously agreed to be the second annual lecturer in 2005.

The Claude Moore Health Sciences Library at the **University of Virginia** announces the 2004-2005 History of the Health Sciences Lecture Series

October 6, 2004, **William A. Petri**, M.D., Ph.D, University of Virginia School of Medicine, “Walter Reed and the Yellow Fever Commission”

November 17, 2004, **Thomas M. Daniel**, M.D. , Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine, “Up to the Mountain: Wade Hampton Frost, Pioneer Epidemiologist, 1880-1938”

December 8, 2004, **Robert L. Chevalier**, M.D., University of Virginia School of Medicine, “Evolution of the Literature of Pediatrics: What the Past Can Teach Us”

February 22, 2005, **Todd L. Savitt**, Ph.D., Brody School of Medicine East Carolina University, “Using Primary Documents to Explore the Past: Health and Medicine in the Slave South”

March 16, 2005, **John P. Swann**, Ph.D., Food and Drug Administration, “Marmola and the Battle Over Authority in Obesity Treatment in the Early Twentieth Century”

April 28, 2005, The Ninth Annual Kenneth R. Crispell Memorial History Lecture **Charles S. Bryan**, M.D., University of South Carolina School of Medicine, “Aequanimitas’ Redux: Competence, Compassion, and Personal Effectiveness in Medicine.”

**Becker Library at Washington University Archives & Rare Books (ARB)** Calendar, October-November 2004

October 8, 2004, Eighteenth-Century Studies Conference, University of Missouri St. Louis, Paper about eighteenth-century medical manuscripts newly discovered in ARB: **Lilla Vekerdy**, Washington University, “Tracing Trails of 18<sup>th</sup> Century Medical Books.”

October 13, 2004, Opening of the new ARB exhibition: “Manuscript or Print? Renaissance Wars in Media Technology,” and Reception – 6:30 ARB & King Center. This project is organized in co-operation with Olin Library at Washington University, the

Mercantile Library at University of Missouri Saint Louis, the Vatican Film Library at Saint Louis University, and the Saint Louis Art Museum. The ARB exhibit opening is at the same as the opening night for three more conjoining events: the meeting of the Bibliographical Society of America, the Manuscript Conference, and a new travelling exhibition at the St. Louis Art Museum.

October 15, 2004, 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Meeting of the Bibliographical Society of America – Washington University, Olin Library Paper about St. Louis medical book collectors: **Lilla Vekerdy**, Washington University, “Three Collectors of Medical Books in St. Louis.”

November 11, 2004, HISTORIA MEDICA Estelle Bodman Lecture, 5:00 p.m. King Center **Robert Frank**, UCLA, “Joseph Erlanger and Early Twentieth-Century Research in Neurology”

## ARCHIVES/LIBRARIES/MUSEUMS

A new web exhibit opened recently at the Claude Moore Health Sciences Library, **University of Virginia**, “Very Ill!?: The Many Faces of Medical Caricature in 19<sup>th</sup> Century England and France” <[www.healthsystem.virginia.edu/internet/libray/historical/artifacts/caricatures](http://www.healthsystem.virginia.edu/internet/libray/historical/artifacts/caricatures)>. The online exhibit, created by the library’s Historical Collections & Services staff, examines and describes 37 medical caricatures from France and England.

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

**The National Library of Medicine's Online Syllabus Archive** collects college and university syllabi in the history of medicine, public health, the biomedical sciences, nursing, and related areas. It aims to offer a selection of current approaches to teaching in these subjects, from prehistory to the present, and in all parts of the globe.

The archive is intended both as a historical record of teaching in the history of medicine and as an online

syllabus exchange for college and university educators. Educators are welcome to use this archive in developing their teaching, and we encourage you to send us any syllabi that you may devise using this collection. All the syllabi collected here are stored on an internal NLM server. For the archive and for more information: <[www.nlm.nih.gov/hmd/collections/digital/syllabi/index.html](http://www.nlm.nih.gov/hmd/collections/digital/syllabi/index.html)>.

The National Library of Medicine recently inaugurated ***Medicine in the Americas***, a digital library of books important in medical history. The titles are available online (HTML) and in PDF format and are full-text searchable. For more information project contact: Michael North, Head, Rare Books and Early Manuscripts, [northm@mail.nlm.nih.gov](mailto:northm@mail.nlm.nih.gov).

**“Goya: Thirteen Prints at the National Library of Medicine,”** opens on 20 September 2004, in the History of Medicine Division’s Reading Room. The prints are medical in subject but varied in tone, sometimes satirical, sometimes horrifying, sometimes macabre. Belle Waring is curating the exhibit.

**“Strange Hells Within the Minds War Made’: Shell Shock to PTSD,”** opens on 9 November 2004 in the foyer exhibit area of the History of Medicine Division’s Reading Room. Dealing principally with WWI, the exhibit documents the varying and often conflicting models of causal explanation used to account for what was first called shell shock and later post-traumatic stress disorder. Featured in the exhibit are Siegfried Sassoon, Wilfred Owen, and Ivor Gurney, all of whom suffered or observed shell shock first-hand during the war to end all wars. Carol Clausen is curating the exhibit. It continues until 3 June 2005.

**Pamphlet Project:** The History of Medicine Division has just completed a three-year project to create records in its online catalogue, LocatorPlus, for 22,000 nineteenth and early twentieth-century pamphlets. The pamphlets, many of them sent to John Shaw Billings by the authors in the early days of the Surgeon General’s Library, were listed in the *Index Catalogue of the Library of the Surgeon General’s Office*, but were

difficult to search there and even more difficult to find. They are now easily accessible and have been receiving a significant amount of use. The collection covers a wide range of topics, including the vivisection and vaccination controversies, graduation and opening of term addresses by medical school faculty, popular nineteenth-century therapies such as homeopathy and water cure, public health, and the treatment of infectious disease.

**University of Alabama at Birmingham Exhibits Presidential Material:** “George Washington to George Bush, 1783-2002: Presidential and Vice Presidential Material from UAB Historical Collections” is currently on display at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB). The exhibit contains over 70 items drawn from the Historical Collections unit of the Lister Hill Library of the Health Sciences. The UAB Archives, Reynolds Historical Library, and Alabama Museum of the Health Sciences are the three components of UAB Historical Collections.

Letters, photographs, invitations, certificates, presidential appointments, and books are included in this display. Twenty-four presidents, seven vice presidents, nine First Ladies, and the wives of three vice presidents are represented by material ranging in date from a 1783 letter by George Washington to photographs of George W. Bush’s 2002 visit to UAB. The exhibit will be on display in the Alabama Museum of the Health Sciences at the Lister Hill Library from 23 September until 30 December 2004.

**Eastman Sesquicentennial:** George Eastman played an important part in Rochester's medical scene in the early 1900s. 2004 marks the 150th anniversary of his birth. A few Eastman stories from the archives of The Baker-Cederberg Museum and Archives, and the Genesee Hospital Archives collections are at [www.viahealth.org/archives/eastman/gift.html](http://www.viahealth.org/archives/eastman/gift.html) and [www.viahealth.org/archives/mulliganbio.html](http://www.viahealth.org/archives/mulliganbio.html).

**First Registered Nurse in New York State Honored:** In an unmarked grave in Mt. Hope Cemetery lie the remains of the first Registered Nurse in New York State, Ida Jane Anderson, a 1902

graduate of the Rochester Homeopathic Hospital (The Genesee Hospital). Miss Anderson was born in Ontario Canada in 1869. She nursed patients at Hope Hospital during the smallpox epidemic of 1903, and later saw duty in the Southern Tier during a typhoid epidemic. She was also active in the passage of the Nurse Practice Act of 1903, which established the title of Registered Nurse.

On 2 October 2004 a headstone marker will be dedicated in Anderson’s memory as part of the Second Annual Medical History Tour of Mount Hope Cemetery. This event is co-sponsored by the Baker-Cederberg Museum and Archives and The Genesee Hospital School of Nursing Archives. For additional information contact: Philip G. Maples, Baker-Cederberg Museum and Archives, Rochester General Hospital 1425 Portland Ave., Rochester, NY 14621; (585) 922-3521; (585) 922-5292 fax; [phil.maples@viahealth.org](mailto:phil.maples@viahealth.org); [www.viahealth.org/archives](http://www.viahealth.org/archives).

## OTHER NEWS

“The Most Dangerous Woman in America” website is now up on PBS at [www.pbs.org/nova/typhoid](http://www.pbs.org/nova/typhoid). The documentary film itself, based on Judith Leavitt's book *Typhoid Mary*, will be shown on PBS on NOVA on 12 October 2004, 8:00 p.m. eastern time.

The editor of the *Journal of the History of Medicine and Allied Sciences* is pleased to announce the winner of the second annual **Stanley Jackson Award** for the best paper in the *JHMAS* appearing in the preceding three years. The prize committee members, John Eyles, Chair, Joel Howell, and Susan Lawrence, chose: Suzanne Junod and Lara Marks, “Women's Trials: The Approval of the First Oral Contraceptive Pill in the United States and Great Britain” (2002, 57, 117-60).