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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Things are well underway for our Halifax meeting next May. With the deadline past, the Program Committee is already hard at work. U.S. citizens please do not forget to renew your passports! You will not need them to enter Canada, but you might need them to go home.

I draw your attention to messages in this *NewsLetter* from Jennifer Gunn, who heads the survey of history teaching in medical schools, and from Past President Ken Ludmerer on the Endow Our Prizes campaign.

The September 2005 issue of *The Magazine of History*, of the Organization of American Historians, is entirely devoted to the history of medicine. The AAHM accepted the challenge of the OAH to help produce this special issue through our Education and Outreach Committee. We are grateful to the editors, Kathleen W. Jones and Jonathan Erlen, and to the many members who wrote articles about our discipline for a target audience of teachers. Congratulations to all involved! For a look at the topics and contributors go to [www.oah.org/pubs/magazine/](http://www.oah.org/pubs/magazine/).

As for the Great Printed Program Debate prominently featured in our last issue, the votes are in! Who knew so many people read the *NewsLetter*? A big thank you to the four former Local Arrangement Chairs who argued their positions so clearly and to those of you who responded to their pleas.

We heard from stalwarts of the Association, and from people who have never attended a meeting, including members in Europe and South America. Messages ranged from one word to six paragraphs, replete with passion, regret, annoyance, and nostalgia.

A poignant sense of defeated resignation came from folks who teach their brains out in small universities with no funding for meetings. They wrote that they would regret the passing of the printed program for a meeting that they have never attended; however, some of this group voted to stop distribution anyway, accepting that the world expects sacrifices these days. They seem to say, "Who am I to insist on this expense when I don't (and can't) really participate?" How is it that advanced technology got us to this impasse of self-abnegation?

The numbers show why both Council and the Postmortem Meeting wrestled with the issue. You gotta love academics. Here's how it stands: 25 say keep distributing; 20 say stop; 5 are equivocal, because they apply conditions: "stop [or continue] but only if ...." e.g., you can save more than 500 dollars, mail a CD to every member, etc. Adding spicily to the confusion, an anonymous member has offered \$1,000 yearly for the next five years to keep the



programs coming. Since the votes favor continued distribution, I am inclined to accept this generous offer. Any objections? The channels are still open: duffinj@post.queensu.ca.

All good wishes for the autumn semester and the last months of 2005.

*Jackie Duffin, AAHM  
President*

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## FROM THE EDITORS

On 11 October 2005 *The New York Times* featured an article that was of particular interest to AAHM members. After all, it is not often that one of our own gets over 1,000 words in the "Gray Lady," which Wikipedia says is "often considered the newspaper of record in the United States." The article, "A Curator's Tastes Were All Too Human," was a wonderful tribute to a friend and colleague we greatly miss. The reporter, John Strausbaugh, wrote about the opening of the Gretchen Worden Room in the Mütter Museum at the College of Physicians of Philadelphia and what a fitting memorial it is to the former curator. Strausbaugh's newspaper may be the

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"Gray Lady," but his subject was anything but. With her million-dollar smile, contagious laugh, and wicked sense of humor, Gretchen was a very dazzling woman indeed. The Gretchen Worden Gallery was also the subject of an article by Bonnie Booth in the 8 August 2005 issue of *American Medical News* which featured color images of the new exhibits honoring the late curator.

Sarah Vowell's recent book, *Assassination Vacation*, is a must read for Gretchen's admirers, who are legion and now include Ms. Vowell. She happened to visit Gretchen at the Mütter one 31 October and asked if "every day is Halloween at the museum." Gretchen replied, "It's really about All Saint's Day. It's really about tomorrow, about when we give thanks to those people who have died before and for everything that they have done for us." During her time with Vowell, Gretchen said that the "coolest thing" would be, after her death, to have a permanent display in the Mütter. She now does. Ms. Vowell's acknowledgements in *Assassination Vacation* conclude with her dismay upon learning of Gretchen's untimely death. She says, and we concur, "The world is a little less interesting without her in it." We will remember



Gretchen Worden with joy and sorrow on 1 November, All Saint's Day.

*Jodi Koste  
Joan Echtenkamp Klein*

## AAHM NEWS

### Endowment Update:

The major news at the moment is that the \$25,000 challenge from the "Group of Friends," announced in the last issue of the *NewsLetter*, is now in place. The first \$25,000 contributed to the History of Medicine Foundation (the AAHM's endowment fund) during calendar year 2005 will generate an equal matching gift from the Group of Friends. If the membership contributes \$25,000 or more, our goal of raising a permanent endowment of at least \$300,000 will be reached this year. This would provide institutional and economic stability to the AAHM for the first time in its history.

I hope that all members will consider a gift to the endowment fund this year. This is a true opportunity for all of us to come to the aid of the organization we love. Your gift this year will go twice as far because of the match. No contribution is too small. Indeed, should the organization ever feel the need to pursue additional fund-raising in the future, our cause will be aided if we show a high membership participation rate now.

In early November I plan to send an appeal to the membership, as I have the past two years. However, for the convenience of those of you who might be interested in making a contribution at this time, a contribution card is found on the back page of the *NewsLetter*. Thank you in advance for your thoughtfulness and support.

*Ken Ludmerer*

### Survey: Teaching History in Medical Schools in the United States and Canada

The American Association for the History of Medicine (AAHM) and the Canadian Society for the History of Medicine (CSHM) are conducting a survey of the ways in which history is taught in medical

schools and health science centers. Our goal is to investigate the intent of history teaching in medical schools and the current scope of activities—both curricular and extra-curricular—through which history enters medical education. This is the first comprehensive survey of history teaching in North American medical schools since Genevieve Miller's survey, published in 1969.

The AAHM Ad Hoc Committee to Survey the Teaching of History in Medical Schools in the United States and Canada has developed two surveys: one for medical school deans or administrators; and one for our own members. Some of you may have filled out this form at the AAHM or CSHM meetings earlier this year. For those who did not have an opportunity to respond to the survey at the meetings, we hope you will go to the on-line version of the survey and complete it. This is for any member—faculty, clinician, student—who is involved formally or informally with history of medicine in the context of medical education or at an academic health center. The survey can be found at <[www.surveymonkey.com/historyofMedicineTeaching](http://www.surveymonkey.com/historyofMedicineTeaching)>.

We greatly appreciate your participation.

### Education and Outreach Committee

AAHM has joined with the New York Academy of Medicine (NYAM) to further the visibility and relevance of historical scholarship among health care providers and policymakers. Gary Belkin, Chair of our Committee on Education and Outreach, and Christian Warren of the New York Academy of Medicine, have begun a series of conversations with medical educators and the leadership at NYAM to plan an annual two-day CME-granting course of topics in the history of medicine, jointly sponsored by AAHM and NYAM.

The Academy's national leadership, in shaping the contemporary health care agenda and its own significant place in supporting the study of medical history, makes it an ideal partner in this effort to further the reach and resonance of our work, and its conference facilities and medical library make it an



excellent site to hold the seminars. Initial planning meetings are underway to consider logistical issues in supporting and managing the seminar, and to create a curriculum for this 1-2 day course, tentatively planned to begin in the Spring or Fall of 2006. We expect the content of each year's seminar to include both enduring themes of medical history as well as a special topic selected annually to underscore our goal of presenting prominent issues relevant to current practice that are usefully explored through history.

As a part of planning the curriculum we are reaching out to AAHM's members for feedback and ideas. What broad themes relevant to practice and/or policy and of interest to providers (examples include the nature of diagnosis, professionalism and professional authority, disease in history) should shape the core of the course and provide the stage for a range of historical teaching? What more immediate issues on the minds of potential course attendees (such as changes in the medical marketplace, emerging infections, end of life decision-making) might benefit from historical work? All ideas are welcome and encouraged, as is any interest in being involved in more specific future planning, and should be directed to either Drs. Belkin or Warren respectively at: [gary.belkin@med.nyu.edu](mailto:gary.belkin@med.nyu.edu) or [cwarren@nyam.org](mailto:cwarren@nyam.org).

### Change in AAHM Membership Offices

You didn't know the AAHM had a membership office? Technically we don't, but for the past twenty-odd years the place where membership records have been kept, membership renewals sent out and returned, the *NewsLetter*, *Membership Directory*, and, until it ceased publication in 2004, *Research in Progress* were printed and mailed, was at the offices of Academic Services, Inc., in Canton, MA, just outside Boston. If you've ever looked at the return address when putting your membership renewal form and payment in the envelope supplied, you will have noted that it had a post office box number in that Massachusetts town. Mr. Paul Henderson, president of Academic Services, has worked closely with AAHM Secretary-Treasurers over the years to take care of your membership needs. Paul has always kept the best interests of the Association in the forefront

and is an AAHM member himself. It has been a good partnership.

Over the summer, for a number of reasons, the AAHM officers and Council reluctantly decided to shift the Association's membership fulfillment services contract to Johns Hopkins University Press (JHUP). These are the same folks who publish our official journal, the *Bulletin of the History of Medicine*, so subscription and membership services will now be consolidated and, we hope, be even more efficient. The Association will now offer several new membership services, including online renewal capability, a password protected online membership directory that allows you to obtain full contact information of members, online access to the *Bulletin of the History of Medicine* from 1996 to the present, and, starting in January 2006, a searchable "fields of interest" component to the online membership directory. I have worked closely with Mr. Bill Breichner, Director of the Journals Division at JHUP, and Ms. Alta Anthony, Journals Subscriptions Manager, to make the transition in offices from Canton, MA, to Baltimore, MD, smooth and, as they say these days, "seamless." I hope that all you will notice when you renew your membership for 2006 is that the renewal form is different. You'll receive the same courteous service as in the past.

Thanks to Paul Henderson for his years of loyal service to the Association and welcome to Alta Anthony and Bill Breichner. We're looking forward to working with you.

*Todd Savitt,*  
AAHM Secretary-Treasurer

**IMPORTANT POINT:** Some of you will have already noticed that when you go to the AAHM website <[www.histmed.org](http://www.histmed.org)> and try to access the online membership directory or back issues of the newsletter or *BHM*, you are asked for your member number and password. Access to the directory and *BHM* are now password protected. If you don't know your member number you can call the JHU Press during business hours and get it. The toll-free number is 1-800-548-1784. Just identify yourself as an AAHM member and anyone who answers should be able to give you your number.



## Medical Report on Your Secretary-Treasurer

*[Author's Note: I was asked to write this article by the NewsLetter editors. It is not something I would have even thought of doing, but Jodi and Joan felt that since many members had heard about my accident, they'd want to know that all was well with the world—or at least that all was well with the AAHM Secretary-Treasurer.]*

After work on July 5, yours truly, having that very morning been given a clean bill of health by my family physician at my annual physical, was cycling my usual route from the medical school at East Carolina University to a nearby gym for my regular workout. As I turned into the entrance to a strip mall the front tire of my bike went into a small rut in the road and slid on some gravel and sand. The tire went out from under the bike and I landed hard on my right side, hitting my hip and my behelmed head. The head was fine; the hip was not, though I thought at the time I had just bruised it. When I couldn't move the leg because of the very, very intense pain, I thought I'd just lay there on the side of the driveway for a while until it went away and I'd caught my breath. A young lady who turned out to be the wife of a medical student I knew, came over to help, recognized me, and lent me her cell phone to call my wife Carole. About that time a rescue squad truck stopped, having just dropped off a patient at the hospital a block away, and the EMTs asked if I needed help. When I admitted I couldn't move for the pain in my leg, they said it would be a good idea if they took me to the hospital. Thus started my summer adventure as a patient.

I won't bore you with the details of what happened, I'll just bore you with the highlights. I fractured my hip—technically my femur at the hip joint—and had to have a nice long titanium rod inserted down the core of that bone so the shattered bone had something to heal around. I tore my medial meniscus, something that wasn't diagnosed until six weeks later because they couldn't do an MRI until the metal rod had set in my bone and wouldn't get moved by the strong magnetism of the MRI machine. No treatment for the tear, the surgeon decided, until (and if) my knee locks at some later date. I also stretched my

femoral nerve and entrapped the saphenous nerve at my knee, causing a good amount of pain. I'm taking oxycontin and neurontin to control that pain until the nerve somehow gets back to normal, either by itself or through some human (or divine) intervention.

I spent a week in the hospital, had two units of blood transfused into me (made me feel proud to have been a regular blood donor over the years and to now get some of it back from another good citizen), and have made numerous visits to physicians and physical therapists over the summer and now into the fall. I've learned a huge amount about the health care system, its good and bad points—information I have used to great advantage in my Ethical and Social Issues in Medicine class that I teach to first year medical students each fall. I also learned that vegetarian diets are not well-understood in eastern North Carolina, even in a tertiary care hospital, and that you need someone (e.g. a spouse or caring partner) with you to be a second set of eyes and ears when you enter the health care system.

I'm better now, back to work, but driving my car instead of riding my bike (we'll see about the latter, but probably not as a commuter anymore, sadly), and walking with a bit of a limp and with a cane (started with a walker, then two crutches, then one, and now a cane) when the leg or knee hurts too much.

There's lots more I could say here, but I promised I wouldn't bore you with all this stuff. Let me just thank the many of you who wrote, sent cards, flowers, and small gifts, or called. I was really, really touched by how many people took the time to let me know they were concerned about me. It meant a lot. Lastly, thank you Carole and Jackie.

*Todd Savitt*

## Garrison Committee Update

Susan Lawrence has asked to step down as chair of the Garrison Lecture Committee. Chris Crenner will move into the role of chair and Ellen Dwyer has agreed to serve as committee member to round out the membership.



## NEWS OF MEMBERS

**Warwick Anderson** (University of Wisconsin-Madison) is spending the 2005-2006 academic year as a Frederick Burkhardt Fellow at the Institute for Advanced Studies, Princeton.

**Thomas A. Horrocks** was appointed Associate Librarian for Collections at the Houghton Library at Harvard University.

**Gregg Mitman** has recently been named the William Coleman Professor of History of Science at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

At the XXII International Congress of the History of Science, held in Beijing in July, **Ronald L. Numbers** was elected to a four-year term as president of the International Union of the History and Philosophy of Science/Division of History of Science and Technology.

**Kirby Randolph** has joined the Department of History and Philosophy of Medicine at the University of Kansas School of Medicine as assistant professor of the history of medicine and the Director of Cultural Enhancement and Diversity in the office of the dean.

**Martha H. Verbrugge**, Bucknell University, delivered the John R. Betts Distinguished Lecture at the 2005 annual meeting of the North American Society for Sport History. The title of her address was "Active Bodies: Where the History of Science and Sport History Meet."

## OBITUARIES

G.S. Terence "Terry" Cavanagh, Emeritus Professor of Medical Literature at Duke University and former AAHM member, died 26 June 2005, in Athens, Georgia. Born and educated in Canada, Cavanagh first developed an interest in medical history while working in the Osler Library for the History of Medicine. He served as Director of the Clendening Medical Library at the University of Kansas Medical Center before moving to North Carolina in 1962 to become Director of the Duke University Medical Center

Library. During his time at Duke he also served as the Curator of the Trent Collection and began selling medical and science books. He retired in 1989 and moved to Georgia where he continued in the antiquarian book business until his death.

## CONSTITUENT SOCIETIES CORNER

### The Ohio Academy of Medical History

The Ohio Academy of Medical History is 68 years old. It was founded in 1937 as the Committee on Medical History and Archives, a subsidiary committee of the Ohio Historical and Archaeological Society, which is today's Ohio Historical Society. The primary purpose of the Committee was to encourage research and publication. The Ohio Historical Society hosted several state history specialty groups, providing administrative, meeting, and membership assistance for each. The new committee was readily welcomed as part of this structure. A planning meeting was held in May 1938 and the first annual meeting was held in April 1939. The Committee became a Constituent Society of the AAHM in 1940. In 1952, members severed their administrative connection with the Historical Society and became the wholly independent Ohio Academy of Medical History.

Aided by the fact that one of the founders was the editor of *The Ohio State Medical Journal* and another the editor of *The Ohio State Archaeological and Historical Quarterly* (the publication of the Ohio Historical Society), the goal of publication was admirably met during the first years. Between 1938 and 1952, 76 papers on Ohio's medical history were published in the *Ohio Archaeological and Historical Quarterly*, appearing for several years in the October issues of the *Quarterly*, which were devoted entirely to medical history. In the same period, 122 articles appeared in "The Historian's Notebook" section of *The Ohio State Medical Journal*. Toward the end of the 1940s, publication in medical history by the Historical Society declined, and members of the Committee decided it was time to become the independent Ohio Academy of Medical History. The newly constituted Academy slightly downplayed publication as a major goal in favor of one enabling those interested in the medical history of



the state to achieve their goals, including research and publication, "and, to further the general interest in medical history throughout the state."

Today the Academy has approximately 80 members. The annual meeting, a daylong session of papers presented by members, attracts 40-50 people. Periodically an invited lecture is part of the program, financed by an unrestricted gift in 1973 from longtime member Adolph Waller. The Academy has opted to meet in different places around the state, sometimes meeting at a quaint English-style manor in Granville, Ohio, and at other times at medical history centers such as The Medical Heritage Center at Ohio State University in Columbus or the Dittrick Medical History Center at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland.

The Academy has no formal affiliation with any other organization, although the Dittrick Medical History Center allows the Academy to use it as the main office mailing address, and for many years, staff members of the Dittrick have served in various offices of the Academy. The Dittrick also hosts the Academy's web page through Case Western Reserve University.

Academy members receive the *Newsletter of the Cleveland Medical Library Association*, which contains information on medical history, as part of their membership, and a membership directory. The Academy's web page was recently updated, giving basic information on the Academy, information on annual meetings, history, etc. A bibliography of Ohio medical history through 1996, a cooperative venture between the Academy and the Dittrick Medical History Center, is also included. Other features are under consideration for the future. The web address is: <[www.cwru.edu/orgs/oamh/home/htm](http://www.cwru.edu/orgs/oamh/home/htm)>.

Current officers are: Jeff Wehmeyer, Wright State University, president; Layne Klein, University of Cincinnati, vice president; Patsy Gerstner, Cleveland, secretary/treasurer; and Jennifer Nieves, Dittrick Medical History Center, membership director.

*Jeff Wehmeyer*

## Medical History Society of New Jersey

The fall meeting of the Medical History Society of New Jersey was held 26 October at The Nassau Club in Princeton. Mark E. Silverman, M.D., Professor of Medicine at Emory University and past president of the American Osler Society, presented the 4th Foundation of UMDNJ Lecture. Dr. Silverman's presentation is entitled "*De Motu Cordis: The Lumelian Lecture of 1616 by William Harvey.*" He is an historian of the history of cardiology and recently edited *The Quotable Osler* (2002). MHSNJ past president, Frederick C. Skvara, M.D., displayed medical philately related to the program. Other presentations included: "Sir Ivan Magill: The Right Anesthetist in the Right Place at the Right Time," Geoffrey Nosker, M.D. and Kenneth Swan, M.D., UMDNJ-NJMS; "On the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Last Yellow Fever Epidemic in the United States: New Orleans, 1905," Frank F. Katz, Ph.D.; "Rise and Fall of the Indian Mare Goddess: A Reflection on Fertility Problems in Mares and Cross-Cultural Connections," Wolfgang Jöchle, D.V.M.; and "Historical CPC: The Medical History and Final Illness of Guatam Buddha," Nayan Kothari, M.D., FRCP (Edin), UMDNJ-RWJMS. For information, contact MHSNJ, c/o UMDNJ Special Collections, G.F. Smith Library, 30 Twelfth Avenue, PO Box 1709, Newark, NJ 07101-1709, (973) 972-7830 or [densky@umdnj.edu](mailto:densky@umdnj.edu).

## FELLOWSHIPS/GRANTS

The **Osler Library of the History of Medicine at McGill University** sponsors a travel grant, designed to assist scholars who need to travel and establish temporary residence in Montreal in order to use the resources of the Library. The grant is available to historians, physicians, and to those interested in the arts and humanities of medical history. It carries an award of \$1,500 (Canadian), and must be held from two to four weeks during the calendar year of 2006. Two thousand dollars will be made available to those requiring four weeks to complete their research. Applicants should send a curriculum vitae and a description of the project, specifying the relevance of the Osler Library holdings to their research, to



Pamela Miller, History of Medicine Librarian, Osler Library, McGill University, 3655 Promenade Sir-William-Osler, Montreal (Quebec), Canada H3G 1Y6; (514) 398-4475, ext. 09870; (514) 398-5747 (fax); pamelamiller@mcgill.ca The applications are considered by a Committee which gives preference to specific and clearly described projects. The deadline for applications is 31 December 2005 and candidates will be informed of the results early in 2006.

**The History of Medicine Department at Johns Hopkins University and the Greenwall Fellowship Program in Bioethics and Health Policy at Johns Hopkins University and Georgetown University** are jointly offering a three-year post-doctoral fellowship position beginning in September 2006. We are seeking a historian with research interests that link history with ethical issues in medicine, science, and/or health policy. The position includes an individualized academic program, supervised research, teaching, and a summer internship in a health policy setting. Please send a c.v., three letters of reference, copies of undergraduate/graduate transcripts, a writing sample, and a personal statement describing your interest in the fellowship to Dr. Ruth Faden, History of Medicine and Greenwall Fellowship, c/o Bioethics Institute, Johns Hopkins University, 100 North Charles St., Suite 740, Baltimore, MD 21201. The deadline for applications is 1 December 2005. For more information, visit <histmed.jhmi.edu> and <www.hopkinsmedicine.org/bioethics/Academics/Greenwall/greenwall.html>.

**The Department of History and Philosophy of Science at the University of Cambridge** invites applications from candidates with interests in all areas of history of medicine who would like to be nominated for the Wellcome Trust's annual master's award and doctoral studentship competitions. The Department also invites applications for two doctoral studentships funded by a Wellcome enhancement award in history of medicine. We seek outstanding candidates whose research would fall in the field "From Generation to Reproduction," i.e., who would investigate some aspect of how, since 1500, our world of reproductive practice and controversy was created. Special interest attaches to the constitution of "reproduction" as a new object of medical

intervention and scientific research, and the increasing modern detachment of sex and reproduction. For information about the Department, see <www.hps.cam.ac.uk>, and for details of the studentships, <www.hps.cam.ac.uk/studying/funding.html> (under Wellcome Trust Awards). Informal inquiries may be made to the teaching officer with the most relevant interests. The deadline is 15 February 2006.

The **Office of NIH History at the National Institutes of Health** invites applications for the **DeWitt Stetten, Jr., Memorial Fellowship** in the history of twentieth-century biomedical sciences and technology. The fellowship supports one year of postdoctoral work for a fellow in residence at the Office of NIH History. For detailed information about the fellowship and application instructions, see <history.nih.gov/01Docs/grants/4005form.htm>. The deadline for submitting applications is 5:00 P.M., 15 December 2005.

Each year, **The New York Academy of Medicine** offers two fellowships to support work in history and the humanities as they relate to health, medicine, and the biomedical sciences: **The Paul Klemperer Fellowship in the History of Medicine** supports scholarly study of the history of medicine; and the **Audrey and William H. Helfand Fellowship in the Medical Humanities** supports work in the humanities, including both creative projects dealing with health and the medical enterprise, as well as scholarly research in a humanistic discipline—other than the history of medicine—as applied to medicine and health. Each Helfand or Klemperer Fellow receives stipends of up to \$5,000 to support travel, lodging, and incidental expenses for a flexible period between 1 June 2006 and 31 May 2007. Applicants may compete for either the Klemperer or the Helfand Fellowship, but not both. We invite applications from anyone, regardless of citizenship, academic discipline, or academic status. Deadline: Applications must be received by 1 March 2006. Candidates will be informed of the results by 1 May 2006.

For additional information see <www.nyam.org/grants/history.shtml>; history@nyam.org; or write: Office of the Academy Historian, New York



Academy of Medicine, 1216 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10029; (212) 822-7314.

Each year, the **Bakken Library and Museum of Electricity in Life** 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. Preference is given to researchers who are interested in collaborating with The Bakken on exhibits or other programs. The deadline for visiting research applications is 20 February 2006. **Travel Grants** up to a maximum of \$500 (domestic) and \$750 (foreign) are available 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; there are no deadlines. For more information about the Bakken, go to <[www.thebakken.org](http://www.thebakken.org)> and click on "Library" or "Research" on the home page. 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).

*Link on AAHM web site*

The **Chemical Heritage Foundation Beckman Center for the History of Chemistry** announces fellowships for 2006-2007:

Academic Year 2006-2007 Opportunities (Deadline: 15 January 2006): **The Gordon Cain Fellowship** is open to Ph.D. scholars who plan to conduct historical research on the development of the chemical industries. The outcome of this research should further public understanding of the relationship between technology, policy, management, and entrepreneurship and shed light on the complex development of modern society and commerce. The Cain Fellow will also organize a one-day conference. Stipend: \$43,000.

**The John C. Haas Fellowship** is open to Ph.D. scholars whose projects will enhance public understanding of the chemical industries in relation to societal, environmental, health, and safety issues. Stipend: \$38,000. Two fellowships offered.

**The Charles C. Price Fellowship** is open to scholars pursuing research on the history of the chemical sciences and technologies. Preference is given to applicants with projects on the history of polymers; however, scholars interested in other fields are also encouraged to apply. The Charles C. Price Fellowship was created by friends and admirers of Professor Price. Stipend: \$20,000.

Summer 2006 Opportunities (Deadline: 15 February 2006) include: **The Roy G. Neville Fellowship** is open to historians of science, technology, and allied fields, as well as to historians of the book and print culture, bibliographers, and librarians, who will make use of the Roy G. Neville Historical Chemical Library. The Neville collection contains approximately 5,000 titles dating from the 15th to the 19th centuries and covering all aspects of the history of chemistry and allied fields. Stipend: \$6,000. Two fellowships offered.

**La Société de Chimie Industrielle (American Section) Fellowship** is designed to stimulate public understanding of the chemical industries. Applications are encouraged from writers, journalists, educators, and historians of science, technology, or business. The fellow will spend three months in residence at CHF during the summer of 2006. Stipend: \$15,000.

**The Glenn E. and Barbara Hodsdon Ulliot Scholarship** sponsors historical research that promotes public understanding of the chemical sciences. Applications are invited from scholars, graduate students, science writers, and journalists. The fellow will spend a minimum of two months in residence at CHF during the summer of 2006. Stipend: \$4,500.

**Research Travel Grants:** The Beckman Center for the History of Chemistry offers travel grants for research in CHF's Othmer Library of Chemical History and CHF's historical archives and instrument



and art collections. Grants for researchers within the U.S are in the \$500 range and for those traveling internationally are in the \$1,000 range. See our Web site or contact [travelgrants@chemheritage.org](mailto:travelgrants@chemheritage.org) for details.

Send applications to: Fellowship Coordinator, Chemical Heritage Foundation, 315 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106-2702; (215) 925-2222; (215) 925-6195; [fellowships@chemheritage.org](mailto:fellowships@chemheritage.org).

**The Wood Library-Museum of Anesthesiology** will provide recipients with financial support for one to three weeks of scholarly historical research at the Wood Library-Museum. The Board of Trustees of the Wood Library-Museum invites applications from anesthesiologists, residents in anesthesiology, physicians in other disciplines, historians and other individuals with a developed interest in library and museum research in anesthesiology. For further information, contact: Librarian, Wood Library-Museum of Anesthesiology, or call (847) 825-5586. Visit our Web site at [www.ASAhq.org/wlm/fellowship.html](http://www.ASAhq.org/wlm/fellowship.html). Complete proposals must be received before 31 January 2006, for consideration.

The Historical Collections unit of **the University of Alabama at Birmingham** announces the **Reynolds Fellowships** for 2006. Grants of up to \$1,000 are available for research on topics covered in one or more of its three departments: Alabama Museum of the Health Sciences, Reynolds Historical Library, and University Archives. Particular strengths include (but are not limited to) Southern medicine and surgery, Civil War medicine, early 19th century medicine and health care, and botanical medicine. All interested researchers are encouraged to apply. For application details [www.uab.edu/reynolds/fellowship.htm](http://www.uab.edu/reynolds/fellowship.htm).

The **Francis A. Countway Library of Medicine** is pleased to offer an **annual fellowship** to support research in the history of medicine. The fellowship provides a stipend of up to \$5,000 to support travel, lodging, and incidental expenses for a flexible period between 1 June 2006 and 31 May 2007. Besides conducting research, the fellow will submit a report on the results of his/her residency and may be asked to present a seminar or lecture at the Countway Library. The fellowship proposal should demonstrate

that the Countway Library has resources central to the research topic. Preference will be given to applicants who live beyond commuting distance of the Countway. The application, outlining the proposed project (proposal should not exceed five pages), length of residence, materials to be consulted, and a budget with specific information on travel, lodging, and research expenses, should be submitted, along with a curriculum vitae and two letters of recommendation, by 31 January 2006. Applications should be sent to: Countway Fellowships, Center for the History of Medicine, Francis A. Countway Library of Medicine, 10 Shattuck Street, Boston, MA 02115. The appointment will be announced by 31 March 2006. The Boston Medical Library's Abel Lawrence Peirson Fund provides support for this program.

*Link on AAHM web site*

**The Lemelson Center Fellows Program** supports projects that present creative approaches to the study of invention and innovation in American society. These include, but are not limited to, historical research and documentation projects resulting in publications, exhibitions, educational initiatives, and multimedia products. The fellowship program provides access to the Smithsonian's vast artifact and archival collections, as well as the expertise of the Institution's research staff. The Center offers fellowships to scholars and professionals who are pre- or postdoctoral candidates or who have completed advanced professional training. Fellowships are awarded for a maximum of ten weeks and carry a prorated stipend. Fellows are expected to reside in the Washington, D.C. area, to participate in the Center's activities, and to make presentations on their work to colleagues at the museum. The deadline for applications is 15 January 2006. Application materials are available on the web at [invention.smithsonian.org/resources/research\\_fellowships.aspx](http://invention.smithsonian.org/resources/research_fellowships.aspx) or contact: Maggie Dennis, Fellowship Coordinator, National Museum of American History, Rm. 1016, MRC 604, Smithsonian Institution, P.O. Box 37012, Washington, D.C. 20013-7012; (202) 633-3441; (202) 357-4517 (fax); [dennism@si.edu](mailto:dennism@si.edu).



## MEETINGS/CALLS FOR PAPERS

**Popular Culture/American Culture Association Conference** will be held at the Atlanta Marriott Marquis Hotel in Atlanta, GA from 12-16 April 2006. The "Health and Disease in Popular Culture" PCA/ACA area encourages proposals from historical and contemporary perspectives. Proposals focusing on popular culture may include subjects related to health and disease in the mass media; drugs and pharmaceuticals; alcohol or tobacco; infectious and chronic disease in popular culture; epidemics; mental health; health institutions; health insurance; women and men as healers, caretakers, and health professionals; literature and health; race, gender, class and health; urban or rural health; colonization, health, and disease, or globalization, health, and disease. Contributions from interdisciplinary and single disciplines are welcome. Individual or full panel proposals are considered. Deadline is 4 November 2005. Please send 300-500 word abstracts to Jennifer Tebbe-Grossman, Jennifer.Tebbe@bos.mcphs.edu or by mail to Jennifer Tebbe-Grossman, Professor of Political Science and American Studies, School of Arts and Sciences Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences-Boston, 179 Longwood Avenue, Boston, MA 02115; (617) 732-2904; (617) 732-2801 (fax).

The **Canadian Society for the History of Medicine** is issuing a call for papers for its annual conference at York University on May 26-28, 2006. The theme of the 2006 Congress of the Social Sciences and Humanities will be "The City: A Festival of Knowledge." Abstracts on other topics are also welcome.

Abstracts must not exceed 350 words. Submissions by e-mail are welcome. If submitting abstracts by mail, please send one original and 3 copies, typed single-spaced on one sheet of paper. The Committee will notify applicants of its decision by 16 January 2006. If invited to present at the meeting, the author must undertake to provide a translation of the abstract for the bilingual program book.

Please submit your abstract and one-page c.v. for consideration by 14 November 2005 to: Megan Davies, CSHM Program Chair, Division of Social Science, York University, 4700 Keele Street, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M3J 1P3; (416) 736 2100 ext. 33812; (416) 736 5615 (fax); daviesmj@yorku.ca.

**The Patient: A Symposium** will be held at Bucknell University 18-19 October 2006. It seems timely to counteract the quantification of the patient by the health care industry and to call for a humanistic reconstitution of the patient's experience and situation, to reconsider, rethink, and emphatically re-imagine the patient in her environments, ancient and contemporary, intimate and social. Papers written from a humanistic or medical perspective addressing the following topics are invited: the patient in literary contexts; the patient in film; the dying patient; the patience of the patient; the patient and communication; the ill and the well; the chronic patient; the quality medical encounter from the perspective of the patient; patient satisfaction; the quality medical encounter from the perspective of the physician; physician satisfaction.

Submit one page abstracts and a short c.v. by 31 January 2006. The symposium will be held on the campus of Bucknell University. A selection of papers will be published by *Aperçus: Histories, Texts, Cultures*. To submit abstracts or obtain additional information contact: Harold Schweizer, Chair, Department of English, Bucknell University, MC21-11, Lewisburg, PA 17837; schweizr@bucknell.edu or Michael Foltzer, M.D., Geisinger Medical Center, 100 N Academy, Danville, PA 17822; mafoltzer@geisinger.edu.

## PRIZES

The **New York Academy of Medicine** invites entries for its second annual **Student Essay Prize**, awarded to the best unpublished essay by a graduate student in a medical, public health, nursing, or pharmacy program in the United States. Essays should address topics in the history of public health or medicine as they relate to urban health issues; they may consider social or environmental factors in the



health of urban populations, institutional histories, or specific diseases. The winner will receive \$500, and the winning essay will receive expedited review for possible publication in the *Journal of Urban Health*. Honorable Mention prizes may also be awarded at the discretion of the Prize Committee.

The contest is open to students in accredited professional degree programs in medicine, pharmacy, nursing and public health. Essays must be written entirely by one person, who must have been a student at the time the essay was written. Essays should be approximately 2,000 to 3,000 words long, and should follow the guidelines in the *Journal's* instructions for authors at [www3.oup.co.uk/jurban/instauth](http://www3.oup.co.uk/jurban/instauth). Entries 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 4 April 2006. For more information, please call us at (212) 822-7314, visit <http://www.nyam.org/grants/studentessay.shtml>, or write [historyessay@nyam.org](mailto:historyessay@nyam.org).

## PRIZES AWARDED

**The International Symposium on the History of Anesthesia (ISHA)** is held every four years, and the Sixth ISHA was held in Cambridge, England, 14-18 September. A prominent part of this meeting was the competition for the John Bullough Prize. Anyone in training as an anesthesia resident or fellow on 31 December 2004, could submit an essay for this competition. Authors of the five best papers were invited to Cambridge to present their work before an international panel of judges, who selected the winners at that time.

The first place winner in this contest, who received a check for 1,000 British pounds, was Jason McKeown, M.D., for his paper, "Koller and Halsted at the University of Vienna in the 1870s." This essay will be published in the conference proceedings. Second and third place finishers were from the Mayo Clinic and UCSF respectively. Dr. McKeown has also presented this research at the 2004 American Society of Anesthesiologists annual meeting in Las Vegas and at

the annual spring meeting of the Anesthesia History Association held here in Birmingham this past April. An abstract of the paper can be found at [www.anes.uab.edu/aneshist/AHA2005McKeown.doc](http://www.anes.uab.edu/aneshist/AHA2005McKeown.doc). For more information, contact A.J. Wright, M.L.S., Associate Professor and Director, Section on the History of Anesthesia, Department of Anesthesiology, University of Alabama School of Medicine (205) 975-0158; or [ajwright@uab.edu](mailto:ajwright@uab.edu); [www.anes.uab.edu/hoasection.htm](http://www.anes.uab.edu/hoasection.htm).

## LECTURES/SYMPOSIA

**Apothecaries, Art and Architecture: Interpreting Georgian Medicine**, a joint symposium in honor of Roy Porter will be held 24-25 November 2005. This is a joint venture organized by the Faculty of the History and Philosophy of Medicine and Pharmacy of the Worshipful Society of Apothecaries of London and Dr. Johnson's House. It is being held in honor of the late Professor Roy Porter, one of the most prolific and accessible historians of medicine, with support from the Society for the Social History of Medicine.

Two full days of presentations will take place at Apothecaries' Hall in Blackfriars in the City of London, and there will be a reception at Dr. Johnson's House on the evening of 24 November. An excellent program has been put together with nearly 40 speakers from preeminent departments in universities, colleges, museums, archives, and historical societies from all over the UK and the USA.

Full details of the Symposium are available online via the Society of Apothecaries' website: [www.apothecaries.org](http://www.apothecaries.org) where there is a link on the homepage to the Symposium page where the flyer, program, and registration form can be viewed and downloaded.

**The Department of History and Philosophy of Medicine at the University of Kansas School of Medicine** announces the **Clendening Lecture** series for 2005-2006. All lectures are 5:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. the Clendening Auditorium. There is a reception immediately preceding in the atrium of the Clendening Library.



September 8, 2005, Logan Clendening Lecture, **Evelynn Hammonds**, Professor of the History of Science and of African and African American Studies, Harvard University, "The Problem of 'Race' in Medicine: A Historian's View"

October 13, 2005, Hixon Hour Lecture, **Lynda Payne**, Department of History, University of Missouri Kansas City, "Quackery and Public Enthusiasm, Illustrated by Examples from 18th-Century Britain"

November 3, 2005, Don Carlos Guffey Lecture, **John C. Carson**, Scripps Memorial Hospital and University of California, San Diego and Past President of the American Osler Society, "Sir William Osler: The Textbook, the Man & American Medicine in 2005"

December 1, 2005, Don Carlos and Alice V. Peete Lecture, **Joel Braslow**, Departments of Psychiatry and Biobehavioral Sciences and History, University of California, Los Angeles

February 2, 2006, Hixon Hour Lecture, **Todd Savitt**, Department of Medical Humanities, Brody School of Medicine, East Carolina University, "Entering a 'White' Profession: Black Physicians in Turn-of-the-Century America"

March 2, 2006, Hixon Hour Lecture, **Elizabeth Fee**, Chief, History of Medicine Division, National Library of Medicine, Washington, DC.

April 6, 2006, Hixon Hour Lecture, **Doug Haynes**, Department of History, University of California, Irvine

May 4, 2006, Robert P. Hudson Lecture in the History of Disease, **Sander Gilman**, Distinguished Professor of Arts and Sciences, Emory University, "Infectobesity: Obesity as an Infectious Disease"

**Colloquia for the Yale Program in the History of Medicine and Science**, the Fall Term 2005:

September 12, 2005, **Adrian Johns**, Associate Professor, Department of History, University of

Chicago. "Medicine and the Crisis of Credit in Early Modern England" (HGS, 320 York Street, Room 401)

October 10, 2005, **Carlos Lopez Beltran**, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, "Medical Contributions to Theories of Heredity: From the 18th to the 19th Century." (HGS, 320 York Street, Room 119B)

October 17, 2005, **Sarah Igo**, Assistant Professor of History, University of Pennsylvania, "What I Told Kinsey: Becoming a Statistic in the Twentieth-Century United States" (HGS, 320 York Street, Room 119A)

October 24, 2005, **Morris Low**, Assistant Professor of History of Science and Technology, Johns Hopkins University. "Reinventing the Emperor as a Scientist in Postwar Japan." (Sterling Hall of Medicine, 333 Cedar Street, Fulton Room, L-215, Tea will be served at 4:00 P.M., all are welcome)

November 14, 2005, **Andrew Aisenberg**, Associate Professor of History, Scripps College. "What's in a Name?: 'Malaria' and the Problem of Morbid Specificity in French-occupied Algeria, 1830-1860" (HGS, 320 York Street, Room 119A).

December 5, 2005, (Holmes Lecture) **Anne Harrington**, Professor of the History of Science, Harvard University. "The Inner Life of Disordered Brains: Historical Reflections on an Emerging Medical and Popular Genre." (Sterling Hall of Medicine, 333 Cedar Street, Fulton Room L-215, Tea will be served at 4:00 P.M., all are welcome).

For more information, see <[www.yale.edu/hshm/](http://www.yale.edu/hshm/)>. **The Claude Moore Health Sciences Library, University of Virginia Health System** announces its 2005-2006 History of the Health Sciences Lecture Series. All lectures are held from 5:00 to 6:00, and are free and open to the public. The lectures will be available as podcasts at <[www.virginia.edu/uvapodcast/](http://www.virginia.edu/uvapodcast/)>. For more information please contact Joan Echtenkamp Klein at [jre@virginia.edu](mailto:jre@virginia.edu); (434) 924-0052 or visit <[www.healthsystem.virginia.edu/internet/library/historical/lectures.cfm](http://www.healthsystem.virginia.edu/internet/library/historical/lectures.cfm)>.



October 13, 2005, **James R. Fleming**, Professor of Science, Technology, and Society, Colby College, Waterville, Maine and the Charles A. Lindbergh Chair in Aerospace History at the Smithsonian Institution, National Air and Space Museum (2005-2006), "Climate Change, Human Agency, and Health in Early America"

November 1, 2005, **Dudley F. Rochester**, E. Cato Drash Professor Emeritus of Pulmonary Medicine, University of Virginia School of Medicine, "Last Days of the Iron Lung"

November 30, 2005, **James M. Edmonson**, Chief Curator, Dittrick Medical History Center and Museum, Case Western Reserve University, "Haunting Images: Dissection, Photography, and American Medical Students"

February 9, 2006, **Margaret Humphreys**, Professor of History, Department of History, Duke University, Associate Clinical Professor of Medicine, Duke University School of Medicine and Editor, *Journal of the History of Medicine*, "Intensely Human: The Health of Black Soldiers in the American Civil War"

March 22, 2006, **Steven A. Newman**, Professor, Department of Ophthalmology, University of Virginia School of Medicine, "Aviation Medicine in Ophthalmology"

April 3, 2006, The Tenth Annual Kenneth R. Crispell Memorial History Lecture, **Judith W. Leavitt**, Ruppel Bascom and Ruth Bleier Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation Professor of Medical History, History of Science, and Women's Studies University of Wisconsin at Madison, "What's in a Name? Histories of Mary Mallon and Typhoid Mary"

**The University of Medicine & Dentistry of New Jersey Special Collections Department** will sponsor a four-part series of lectures in the history of medicine during the academic year. The History of Medicine Lecture Series presentations are free and open to the public but pre-registration is required. The following speakers are scheduled:

October 11, 2005, **George J. Hill**, "Edison and Medicine: The Great Inventor's Impact on Health, the Environment, and the Practice of Medicine"

December 13, 2005 **Fred Skvara**, "Christmas Seals and Charity Stamps—The Medical Connection"

February 1, 2006 **Sandra Moss**, "Up from Tuskegee in the 1920s: John A. Kenney, M.D. and the 'Race Hospital' in Newark"

April 5, 2006, **Bart Holland**, "Clinical Trials of Unicorn's Horn: Plague Medicine at the start of the Scientific Revolution"

All lectures are held in the Library Exhibit Gallery, UMDNJ-George F. Smith Library of the Health Sciences, 30 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Newark. For more information on medical history resources or to pre-register for the lectures, contact [densky@umdnj.edu](mailto:densky@umdnj.edu) or (973) 972-7830.

**The David H. Chestnut, M.D., Section on the History of Anesthesia**, Department of Anesthesiology, University of Alabama School of Medicine, Schedule of Lectures for 2005-2006 is listed below. All speakers are Section faculty unless otherwise noted. The lectures are held in the department's lecture hall on the 9th floor of the Jefferson Towers Building in the UAB Medical Center. Times are 5:30 to 6:30 P.M. unless otherwise noted. These lectures are part of the department's Grand Rounds series on Monday afternoons and are free and open to the public.

November 21, 2005, **John W. Severinghaus**, Professor of Anesthesia, Emeritus University of California, San Francisco, "The Hidden Letter: The Discovery of Oxygen," and "Controversies in the Regulation of Respiration"

January 16, 2006, **Maurice S. Albin**, "The Chloroform Plot to Hijack the *Monitor*"

February 13, 2006, **Mark G. Mandabach**, "History of the First American Society of Regional Anesthesia"



April 25, 2006, **A. J. Wright**, "Early Physician Anesthetists in Alabama"

For more information contact A.J. Wright, M.L.S., Associate Professor and Director, David H. Chestnut, M.D., Section on the History of Anesthesia, Department of Anesthesiology, University of Alabama

School of Medicine, 619 19th Street South JT965, Birmingham, Alabama 35249-6810 or (205) 975-0158 or [ajwright@uab.edu](mailto:ajwright@uab.edu). Information about the Section can be found at [www.anes.uab.edu/hoasection.htm](http://www.anes.uab.edu/hoasection.htm).

## ARCHIVES/LIBRARIES/MUSEUMS

New *Wellcome Witnesses to Twentieth Century Medicine* freely available online In line with the **Wellcome Trust** policy of open access to the published output of research, all 24 volumes of *Wellcome Witnesses to Twentieth Century Medicine* are now freely available to download at [www.ucl.ac.uk/histmed](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/histmed), following the links to Publications/Wellcome Witnesses. These edited and annotated transcripts of meetings cover major topics in modern medical science, including monoclonal antibodies, NMR and MRI, heart transplant surgery in the UK, hemophilia, medical research and education in Africa, childhood asthma, leukemia, several MRC research units, genetic testing, obstetric ultrasound, and maternal care.

**The College of Physicians of Philadelphia** announces the following recent library acquisitions: The Jones family papers—papers of four generations of doctors in central West Virginia, from the 1850 to the 1960s; The Otto and Gisela Fleischmann Collection—books and manuscript material relating to Otto Fleischman (1896-1963), a Hungarian psychoanalyst who was in Freud's circle in Vienna in the 20s and 30s, and who participated in Raoul Wallenberg's rescue of Hungarian Jews in 1944; The Legionnaire's disease diary of Philip Graitcer, the first CDC officer to investigate the outbreak at the Bellevue Stratford Hotel in Philadelphia; Papers of the Health Law Project of the early 1970s at the University of Pennsylvania Law School. The Health

Law Project was designed to train lawyers to advocate for the health rights of poor.

In addition the library is pleased to announce the availability, through its website [www.collphyphil.org](http://www.collphyphil.org), of two fully searchable 18th-century Pennsylvania manuscripts: (1) A bilingual (German and English) formulary, the *Medicina Pennsylvania* of George de Benneville, a French Huguenot physician, and (2) *Remediorum Specimina*, the record of the practice and recipes of Abraham Wagner, a Schwenckfelder practitioner from Silésia. The objective of this project, supported by grants from the National Library of Medicine and the Humboldt Stiftung of Germany, is to make accessible a body of writings that offer insight into some of the lesser known medical resources available to the North American colonial population. The principal investigator, responsible for this project, is Prof. Renate Wilson of the Bloomberg School of Public Health at the Johns Hopkins University. The work was initiated at the College of Physicians by Charles Greifenstein, now at the American Philosophical Society. After Mr. Greifenstein left the College of Physicians, the technical work was completed by Laura Blanchard, executive director of the Philadelphia Area Consortium of Special Collection Libraries. One can also go directly to the manuscripts, whose URL is [contentdm.collphyphil.org](http://contentdm.collphyphil.org). Please click on "about the manuscripts" for instruction on how to make best use of the digitized editions and for further information about the project.

The **National Museum of Health and Medicine** will present, "Behind the Lines," a 1997 film based on the pioneering work of Dr. William Rivers, a British Army psychiatrist, who worked with shell-shocked soldiers during World War I. The film will be shown in two parts: first half on 2 November 2005 and second half on 3 November 2005, both at 12 noon. Jeff Reznick, Ph.D., the museum's senior curator, will provide introductions for both parts prior to the film's screening. Dr. Reznick authored the book, *Healing the Nation*, which studies caregiving during the Great War. He uses a variety of literary, artistic, and architectural evidence to explore what life behind the



lines was like for ordinary British soldiers who served on the Western front.

The National Museum of Health and Medicine holds several photos and unique anatomical specimens that open a window onto Walt Whitman's life and his experiences in Washington's Civil War hospitals. Jeff Reznick, Ph.D., the museum's senior curator, will present a tour of these images and artifacts that connect us not only to Whitman, who lived and worked in Washington from 1863 to 1873, but also to the soldiers he nursed and to the makeshift institutions of his day, where, as Whitman wrote "every cot had its history." Aligning Whitman's prose and poetry with images, individuals, and objects described by Whitman himself enables us to see his life and work in a new and engaging light. The program will be held at the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library, 901 G Street, NW Washington, D.C. on Saturday 5 November 2005.

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

The National Library of Medicine invites scholars to attend "Global Health Histories," an international symposium bringing together scholars, scientists, administrators, and activists to examine global public health crises in historical and contemporary perspectives, on 3-4 November 2005

Panels include: Shifting the Borders: Conceptualizing Global Health Histories; Economies of Illness: The Global Politics of Malaria; Globalizing Women's Health Histories; Treaties and Conventions as Tools of Global Public Health; Exploring Alternative Medicine in Global Perspective; Between Worlds: Local Histories, Global Consequence; and Global Public Health and the National Institutes of Health. Sponsored by the History of Medicine Division, National Library of Medicine and the Institute of the History of Medicine, Johns Hopkins University, in association with The Global Health Histories Initiative, World Health Organization. All sessions will be held at: William H. Natcher Conference Center, National Institutes of Health, 8600 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, Maryland 20894. Registration is free at <[www.nlm.nih.gov/hmd/conferences/pdf/](http://www.nlm.nih.gov/hmd/conferences/pdf/)

registration.pdf>. For additional information see: <[www.nlm.nih.gov/hmd/conferences/globalhealthhistories/index.html](http://www.nlm.nih.gov/hmd/conferences/globalhealthhistories/index.html)>; [globalhealthhistories@mail.nih.gov](mailto:globalhealthhistories@mail.nih.gov); (301) 496-8949; (301) 402-7034 (fax).

The History of Medicine Division announces a fall 2005 film series, *Strong Medicine: A Festival of Movie Masterpieces & Obscurities*. The festival parses the cultural, social, and existential meanings of disease and deformity, scientific medicine, the medical marketplace, treatment and cure, healing and health professionalism, living and dying. Schedule: September 22: *The Hospital*; September 29: *The Elephant Man*; October 6: *And the Band Played On*; October 20: *Safe*; October 27: *Island of Lost Souls*; November 10: *ER*, *Ben Casey*, *M\*A\*S\*H*; November 17: Short Historical Medical Films, 1920-1970. Each evening program begins at 6:00 P.M. and will include: Introductory remarks by historians, film critics, or NIH scientists; Feature presentation; Discussion period; Refreshments. Admission is free and open to all. Location: National Library of Medicine, Lister Hill Center Auditorium, Bldg. 38A, <[www.nlm.nih.gov/hmd/happening/seminars/filmseries.html#about](http://www.nlm.nih.gov/hmd/happening/seminars/filmseries.html#about)>.

The traveling exhibit, *Frankenstein: Penetrating the Secrets of Nature*, stopped at 15 libraries around the country, drawing 273,202 visitors during the six-month period September 2004 to March 2005. Host libraries organized 179 related programs, attended by nearly 19,000 people.

The 14th edition of the *Directory of History of Medicine Collections*, was published in May. Edited and compiled by Crystal Smith, it lists 28 additional collections bringing the total to 147 institutions. The *Directory* is available at: <[www.nlm.nih.gov/hmd/directory/directoryhome.html](http://www.nlm.nih.gov/hmd/directory/directoryhome.html)> or in printed form: Crystal Smith, History of Medicine, National Library of Medicine, 8600 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, Maryland 20895; (301) 496-9225; [crystals@mail.nih.gov](mailto:crystals@mail.nih.gov).

*IndexCat* was enhanced with the added capacity to Save, Print, E-Mail, and Download retrieved and selected citations. HMD also released an official *IndexCat* Home Page linked to explanatory pages: What is *Index-Catalogue*? What is *IndexCat*? About the *IndexCat* Project, and FAQs.



The National Library of Medicine recently acquired a collection of about 2,500 nursing postcards from Michael Zwerdling. These formed the basis for Zwerdling's classic book, *Postcards of Nursing: A Worldwide Tribute* (2003). The collection and book depict nurses at work and illustrates their place in twentieth-century culture generally, for example, as symbols of caring, at war, and in advertising. Although focused on the United States, the collection depicts nurses from more than seventy countries. *The American Journal of Nursing* named *Postcards of Nursing* its 2004 Book of the Year.

The Library has also acquired through donation 10,000 postcards from William Helfand. Where Zwerdling's collection is focused on a single subject, Helfand's encompasses medicine in its widest sense: portraits, buildings, scenes of war, get-well wishes, vignettes, dime novel covers, pharmacy, HIV/AIDS, nursing, doctor/patient relations, humor, public health, advertisements, medical museums, and drug stores, to name a few subjects. Like the Zwerdling collection it ranges from the 19<sup>th</sup> century to the present. Helfand's collection is phenomenal in both scope and size. Electronic access is in its early planning stages. In the meantime, interested scholars may view the postcards onsite by appointment with Jan Lazarus (301) 435-4994; [lazaruj@mail.nih.gov](mailto:lazaruj@mail.nih.gov).

Two unusual nineteenth-century imprints were recently added to the collection: Wilkins, Henry, *The Family Adviser, or a Plain and Modern Practice of Physic: Calculated for the Use of Families Who Have Not the Advantages of a Physician* (Philadelphia, 1801) and Smith, A. F. and J. Merwin, *The Indian Doctor's Dispensatory, or Every Man His Own Physician*, (Hamilton, N. Y., 1833).

In May the National Library of Medicine Board of Regents awarded the Frank B. Rogers Award to HMD's Lillian Kozuma "in recognition of exceptional contributions to the transformation of many of NLM's historical printed bibliographic tools into electronic form."

What can a slot machine teach a scientist about mutations in bacteria? Quite a lot, if the scientist is

Salvador E. Luria (1912-1991). He is the latest person added to the "Profiles in Science Web" site

Early in 1943, Salvador Luria, an Italian-born bacteriologist, was trying to determine how bacteria become resistant to specific viruses following infection: was the mutation to a resistant form provoked by exposure to the virus? Or was it spontaneous and random? The answer struck him one evening as he watched a friend playing a slot machine. Bacterial mutations, Luria realized, might occur in a pattern analogous to payouts from the slots: slot machines return about 90 percent of money put into them, but distributed very unevenly—most trials produce nothing, some yield very small amounts, and a few yield jackpots. If random mutation was occurring in 20 different bacteria cultures exposed to a virus, there would be resistant colonies in some of the cultures, none in others, and very large ones in a few. This is exactly what Luria found. The discovery, made with Max Delbrück (who worked up a mathematical proof that calculated mutation rates from the number of mutants observed), marked the birth of bacterial genetics and demonstrated the utility of bacteria for genetics research. Luria shared the 1969 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine with Max Delbrück and Alfred Hershey for their "discoveries concerning the replication mechanism and the genetic structure of viruses."

"Profiles in Science" has digitized a selection of the papers of Salvador Luria from American Philosophical Society for use by educators, researchers, and the public. This brings to 16 the number of notable researchers and public health officials whose personal and professional records are featured on the "Profiles in Science" site at [www.profiles.nlm.nih.gov](http://www.profiles.nlm.nih.gov).

The **Center for the History of Family Medicine** (CHFM) recently unveiled a new exhibit to give visitors a better idea of the Center and its holdings. The exhibit will also be on display at the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP's) 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Assembly this year in San Francisco. The exhibit, which first premiered at the Academy's National Conference of Family Medicine Residents/ National Conference of Student Members held in



Kansas City last 26-31 July, features samples from the Center's collections and highlights the multi-dimensional aspect of the Center in its role as an historical library, archives for the major Family Medicine organizations, and museum.

The exhibit will again be displayed at the upcoming Scientific Assembly in San Francisco from 28 September to 2 October 2005. In addition, the Center will be offering for sale a limited number of copies of John R. Stanard's classic book *Caring for America: The Story of Family Practice*, originally done in conjunction with AAFP's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration in 1997, for a donation of \$20.

The Center for the History of Family Medicine serves as the primary repository of information and resources on the history and evolution of General Practice, Family Practice, Family Medicine and the Family Medicine organizations within the United States. Its mission is to document, organize and preserve organizational records, personal papers, books and artifacts in all formats and disseminate information about the history of Family Medicine in both printed and electronic form. For more information on the Center and its collections, contact CHFM Manager Don Ivey (913) 906-6000, ext. 4420; [chfm@aafp.org](mailto:chfm@aafp.org); [www.afpfoundation.org/historycenter.xml](http://www.afpfoundation.org/historycenter.xml).

The **Baker-Cederberg Museum and Archives** will be moving to new quarters in November 2005. Our new 6,000+ feet of area will be located at 333 Humboldt Street in Rochester, New York. Our area will include a conference room/exhibit gallery, two exhibit galleries, a library, and enlarged storage areas including smaller ones for our tenant organizations. Our mailing address will stay the same: Philip G. Maples, Director, Baker-Cederberg Museum and Archives, Rochester General Hospital, 1425 Portland Ave., Rochester, NY 14621; (585) 922-3521; (585) 922-5292 (fax); [www.viahealth.org/body\\_rochester.cfm?id=331](http://www.viahealth.org/body_rochester.cfm?id=331); [phil.maples@viahealth.org](mailto:phil.maples@viahealth.org).

## POSITION ANNOUNCEMENTS

The University of South Carolina Department of History seeks to appoint an assistant professor in the

history of 20th century biological sciences, medicine, or biotechnology. Candidates with transnational research interests are of particular interest. The successful candidate will teach graduate and undergraduate courses in the history of medicine, history of science, and contribute to the department's survey teaching needs. Candidates must have a Ph.D. in history, history of science, or a related area and the ability to satisfy tenure and promotion criteria in the Department of History. USC has a thriving interdisciplinary science, technology, and medicine studies group including a large NSF-funded program on the social and ethical implications of nanotechnology. In addition, USC offers a minor in medical humanities. Application deadline 15 November 2005. Send materials (letter, CV, transcript, 3 letters of recommendation) to Biomedical Search, Department of History, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC 29208. The University of South Carolina is an affirmative action, equal opportunity employer. Minorities and women are encouraged to apply. For further information see [www.cas.sc.edu/hist/historyjobs.html](http://www.cas.sc.edu/hist/historyjobs.html). Application can also be made online at [USCJobs.sc.edu](http://USCJobs.sc.edu).

*Link on AAHM web site*

As part of its general search [www.case.edu/artsci/dean/searches/history06.html](http://www.case.edu/artsci/dean/searches/history06.html), the **Department of History at Case Western Reserve University** invites applications for a tenure-track position in history of science, technology, environment, or medicine, to begin August 2006. Rank is open, although beginning assistant professor is preferred. Teaching load is two courses per semester. Ph.D. in hand by August 2006. Those applications (with all supporting documents) received by 15 November 2005 will receive full consideration. An application consists of a c.v., four letters of reference, and a cover letter addressed to Professor Alan Rocke, Chair of the Department of History, CWRU, Cleveland, OH 44106. Invited preliminary interviews will be conducted at the AHA annual meeting, although videoconference interviews for semifinalists can be arranged if required. Electronic applications strongly preferred; send to [alan.rocke@case.edu](mailto:alan.rocke@case.edu). In employment, as in education, Case Western Reserve University is committed to Equal Opportunity and world-class diversity.



**OTHER NEWS**

**Yale University:** On 1 January 2006, the Graduate Program in the History of Science and Medicine will become a semi-autonomous track within the department of History. The Program's students will be awarded degrees in History, with a concentration in the History of Science and Medicine. Graduate students in the Program will be fully fledged members of the History Department. The Program will continue to have an admissions process separate from the rest of the Department of History, and, reflecting the distinctive needs of students in this field, its requirements for graduate degrees will remain somewhat different from the requirements for other History graduate students. Studies lead to the M.A., M.Phil., Ph.D., J.D./Ph.D., and M.D./Ph.D. degrees. For more information consult <[www.yale.edu/hshm](http://www.yale.edu/hshm)> or contact John Harley Warner, Director of Graduate Studies, at [john.warner@yale.edu](mailto:john.warner@yale.edu).

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