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# American Association for the History of Medicine: Report of the Seventy-sixth Annual Meeting

The seventy-sixth annual meeting of the American Association for the History of Medicine was held in Boston, Massachusetts, 1–4 May 2003 at the Westin Copley Place Hotel.

The following summary has been prepared by the Secretary–Treasurer, Todd L. Savitt, and is intended for the information of the members of the Association. The official minutes and reports are preserved in the office of the Secretary.

## Program

Thursday, 1 May

AAHM Council Meeting  
Opening Reception

Friday, 2 May

Opening Session

Welcoming remarks, *Kenneth M. Ludmerer*, presiding

Joseph Martin, Dean, Harvard Medical School

Allan M. Brandt and Thomas A. Horrocks,

Local Arrangements Committee

Margaret Humphreys and John M. Eyler, Program Committee

Fifty Years of Twining: The Physician's Helix and the Historian's Helix,  
*Everett Mendelsohn*, presiding

DNA at the Bedside

*William C. Summers*

Molecular Middle Ages: DNA's Emerging Impact on the Study of  
Medieval Europe

*Michael McCormick*

Concurrent Sessions: Block I

Session A: Conquering Smallpox or Conquering Risk, *Elizabeth Fenn*, presiding

Vaccination and the Evaluation of Risk

*Andrea Rusnock*

"Mark of the Beast," "Mark of Indenture," or "Badge of Citizenship"?  
The Social Currency of the Vaccine Scar during the Montreal  
Smallpox Epidemic 1885-86

*Jennifer Keelan*

Session B: Medicine in Early America, *Renate Wilson*, presiding

The Inquisitive Dr. William Avery (1622-1687): Physician of Dedham  
and Boston

*Norman Gevitz*

"Inoculation Mad": Opposition to Smallpox Inoculation in  
Charleston, South Carolina, 1738-1764

*Peter McCandless*

Continuing Medical Education in Nineteenth-Century Rural  
Massachusetts: The Medical Libraries of Drs. Peter Bryant  
(1767-1820) and Samuel Shaw (1792-1870)

*Paul Berman*

Session C: Disease, Mortality, and History, *Randall M. Packard*, presiding

Changes in Morbidity during the Mortality Decline of the Nineteenth  
Century: Evidence from the Gibraltar Garrison, 1818-1899

*Janet Padiak*

The Rockefeller Foundation's 1925 *Malaria* Film: A Case Study in  
Early Public Health Filmmaking

*Marianne Fedunkiwi*

Imperfect Eradication: The Campaigns against Malaria in  
Latin America, 1950-1970

*Marcos Cueto*

Session D: Medical Institutions and their Populations, *Guenter Risse*, presiding

"Is He Crying for Home?" The Relationship between Families,  
Confined Children, and the Orillia Asylum, 1900-1930

*Jessa Chupik*

Bureaucratic Creativity and Professional Conservatism: Neighborhood  
Health Centers in New York City, 1900-1980

*William G. Rothstein*

First Choice or Last Resort? Philadelphia General Hospital and the  
Black Community, 1945-1965

*Lisa Levenstein*

Luncheon Workshops

Do Come Play: Web Resources in the History of Medicine from NLM

*Stephen J. Greenberg*

Remembering Roy Porter

*Dorothy Porter, Harold Cook, and Others*

On the Utility of Medical History: A Panel Discussion

*Ernest B. Hook*

Concurrent Sessions: Block II

Session A: Birth Defects in Historical Context, *Rima Apple*, presiding

An Epidemic of Anxiety: Maternal Rubella, 1963-65

*Leslie Reagan*

What Is a Birth Defect? Fetal Alcohol Syndrome and the  
Problem of Behavioral Teratogenesis

*Janet Golden*

Who is "Defective" and Who Decides? The "Feeble-minded"  
and the Courts

*Molly Ladd-Taylor*

Session B: Pulmonary Disease, *Barron Lerner*, presiding

Assessing Outcomes in Public Health: Agency Physicians  
and Sioux Tuberculosis, 1880-1900

*David S. Jones*

Asthma Germs and Germicides: The Rise and Fall  
of Infectious Asthma, 1860-1925

*Carla Keirns*

Tuberculosis and the Politics of Exclusion:  
Mexicans in Los Angeles, 1914-1940

*Emily K. Abel*

Session C: The Body and Signs in the Sixteenth Century, *Arleen Tuchman*, presiding

Reforming the Female Body in Sixteenth-Century England

*Mary E. Fissell*

The Masculine Birth of Gynecology

*Monica H. Green*

Jodocus Lommius' Little Golden Book and the Renaissance of  
Diagnostic Semeiology

*Jacalyn Duffin*

Session D: Medicine in India, *Ranes Chakravorty*, presiding

Professionals Abroad: India and the Making of British Medical  
Women, 1870–1914

*Kaarin Michaelsen*

Class Anxiety, Maternal Ambivalence, and Professional Ambition in  
Mary Scharlieb's Letters Home, 1883–1887

*Maneesha Lal*

"Reading Controversy, Re-writing Science": Indian Responses to the  
Germ Theory Debates

*Roberta Bivins*

Concurrent Sessions: Block III

Session A: Eighteenth-Century Medicine, *Richard Kahn*, presiding

"To the Honour and Glory of the Doctor": Trusting the Patient in the  
Eighteenth Century

*Lisa Wynne Smith*

The Enigma of Giambattista Morgagni

*Adrian Wilson*

"The Morbid Destruction of the Parts Necessary to Life":  
William Herberden and the "Usefulness" of Clinico-Pathological  
Correlation in Mid-Eighteenth-Century England

*Louella Vaughan*

Session B: Making a Medical Career, *Gert Brieger*, presiding

Deference and Deportment, the Keys to a Successful Surgical Career  
in Seventeenth-Century France

*Martha Baldwin*

Moxabustion and Medical Authority in Nineteenth-Century  
Medical Practice

*Anú King Dudley*

"What Makes a Good Physician is Ethereal": The Redefinition of  
"Good" Candidates for Medical Admissions, 1960–1990

*Molly Sutphen*

Session C: The Mind in Medicine, *Gerald Grob*, presiding

The Creative Unconscious: Doctor, Artists, and the Occult  
in Fin-de-siècle Germany

*Corinna Treitel*

American Melancholy: Depression in the Twentieth Century

*Laura D. Hirshbein*

Medical Uses of Suggestion in the American Midwest: The Chicago  
School of Psychology and Its Competitors

*Benjamin Harris*

Session D: Technology and Medicine in the Twentieth Century,  
*James Edmonson*, presiding

The Westinghouse Sterilamp, Project X-231, and the Technological  
Challenges of Airborne Disease, 1930–1947

*Gerard J. Fitzgerald*

The Iron Lung as Intellectual Property: The Story of a Lawsuit

*Lynne M. Dunphy*

From Physical Principle to Clinical Tool: Making Nuclear Magnetic  
Resonance into MRI at UCSF's Radiological Imaging Lab, 1975–1994

*Nancy Rockafellar*

Fielding H. Garrison Lecture

Medicine and the Renaissance World of Learning

*Nancy Siraisi*

Saturday, 3 May

Concurrent Sessions: Block IV

Session A: Medieval Physicians and Early Modern Bodies,  
*Walton O. Schalick, III*, presiding

Empowering the Physician in Twelfth-Century Latin Commentaries on  
Hippocrates' *Aphorisms*

*Faith Wallis*

Green Sickness and the Humoral Body in Early Modern Europe

*Helen King*

Caring for Body and Soul: Sickness and Mortality  
in Reformation Germany

*Kathleen Crowther-Heyck*

Session B: Controversies in Mid-Twentieth-Century Medicine,  
*Steven Peitzman*, presiding

Academics and the Kidney: British and U.S. Styles of Nephrology in  
the 1940s and 1950s

*Helen Valier*

Re-framing High Blood Pressure: The Platt-Pickering Controversy and  
the Modern Nature of Hypertension

*Carsten Timmermann*

Releasing the Flood Waters: Thiazide Promotion and the  
Renegotiation of Hypertension, 1958–1968

*Jeremy Greene*

Session C: Quarantines and Imperialism, *James Mohr*, presiding

Quarantine, Yellow Fever and Anti-Slavery: The *Eclair* and  
Boa Vista Scandals of 1845–46

*Mark Harrison*

A World Apart: Geography, Australian Quarantine,  
and the Mother Country

*Krista Maglen*

The Scramble for Control of Frontier Quarantine and the Rise of  
Russo-British Sanitary Antagonism in Qajar, Iran: 1897–1907

*Amir Arsalan Afkhami*

Session D: Women as Patients, *Susan Smith*, presiding

Childbirth Narratives: Making Meaning in One Doctor-Patient  
Relationship in Nineteenth-Century Baltimore

*James A. Schafer, Jr.*

Medicine and Motherhood: Infant Feeding in Mexican Public  
Welfare, 1898–1910

*Ann S. Blum*

Childbearing in Three Working-Class Lancashire Communities,  
1900–1970

*Lucinda McCray Beier*



Concurrent Sessions: Block V

Session A: Twentieth-Century Medical Institutions, *Margaret Humphreys*, presiding

Forgotten Pioneers: Pasteur Institutes in the USA

*Bert Hansen*

The Early Years of the National Health Service in the West of  
Scotland: How Different?

*Marguerite Dupree*

"A Simple, Effective Scheme": Cancer Pain Research and the  
World Health Organization

*Marcia L. Meldrum*

Session B: Surgery in the Twentieth Century, *Sherwin Nuland*, presiding

The Rise of Trauma Surgery and Automobile Politics in  
Interwar Germany

*Thomas Schlich*

Joined at the Hip: Sir John Charnley, Chas F. Thackray and  
Total Hip Replacement, 1963–1982

*Julie Anderson*

The "Dracula of Medical Technology": Re-assessing the Artificial Heart  
Twenty Years after Barney Clark

*Shelley McKellar*

Session C: Alternative Medicine and Its Institutions, *Naomi Rogers*, presiding

Sectarian Medical Schools and the Education of Women Doctors in  
Nineteenth-Century Chicago

*Eve Fine*

The Business of Disseminating Homeopathic Medical Knowledge

*J.T.H. Connor*

Can Such Things Be! Touch, Massage and Morality, 1894–1900

*Sheryl Root*

Session D: Childhood Illness and Death, *Peter English*, presiding

Unraveling the Mystery of Why There Was No Childhood  
Lead Poisoning

*John C. Burnham*

Killed by Its Mother: Infanticide in Rhode Island, 1830 to 1940

*Simone M. Caron*

The British Whooping Cough Epidemics of 1978 and 1982:  
Debating the Impact of a Vaccine Revolt

*Jeffrey P. Baker*

Luncheon Workshops

Exhibiting Medical History in the Twenty-first Century: New and Old Issues in History of Medicine Exhibitions

*Michael Sappol*

Teaching Roundtable: Classroom Strategies for Teaching Women and Gender in the History of Medicine

*Elizabeth Toon*

Public Health, Tobacco Advertising, and Targeting Minorities

*Allison Arwady, Valeri Kiesig, Elisabeth Marks,  
and Erin N. Simpson, panelists*

Concurrent Sessions: Block VI

Session A: Disease and Death in Gilded Age Massachusetts,

*John Parascandola, presiding*

Sick Horses: The Great Epizootic in Boston, 1872

*Ann N. Greene*

The Mad Dog Excitement in Massachusetts

*Philip M. Teigen*

Cruelty, Consumption, and Consequences: Boston Beef and the Reformation of Livestock Transportation in the United States

*Bernard Unti*

Session B: Disease and Its Definitions, *Robert Aronowitz, presiding*

Skin and Bones: Rickets as a Racially-Differentiated Environmental Illness

*Christian Warren*

Race, Disease, and Nerves: The Office Practices of Richard Cabot in the Context of the Medical Literature, 1900–1915

*Christopher Crenner*

More than the Names Have Changed: The Prevalence of Mental Retardation in the United States

*Jeffrey P. Brosco*

Session C: Insanity and the Victorian Doctor, *Ellen Dwyer, presiding*

Strange Biographies: Case Histories of Puerperal Insanity in the Nineteenth Century

*Hilary Marland*

In the Tropical Asylum: East African Madness in British Institutions

*Sloan Mahone*



The Lunatic Fringe: Households and the Institutional Confinement of the Insane in Victorian Ontario

*David Wright and James Moran*

Session D: Disease and Healing in Global Perspective, *Gerald Oppenheimer*, presiding

Terror and Healing: Anti-Christian Rumors and Missionary Medicine in China, 1860–1900

*Hsiu-yun Wang*

Hookworm Disease and the Popularization of Germ Theory in Early Twentieth-Century Latin America

*Steven Palmer*

Vaccinal Safety as a Determinant of the Success of Immunization Campaigns: A Review of the Smallpox Control and Eradication Programs in Twentieth-Century India

*Sanjoy Bhattacharya*

Annual Business Meeting

Annual Dinner

Annual Awards, *Kenneth Ludmerer*, presiding

Student Essay Awards: William Osler Medal, Richard Shryock Medal; Lifetime Achievement Award; William H. Welch Award; and J. Worth Estes Prize

Sunday, 4 May

Concurrent Sessions: Block VII

Session A: Love, Myth, and Laboratory Research, *Powel Kazanjian*, presiding

The Contested Legacies of Il'ia Il'ich Mechnikov/Elie Metchnikoff/Elias Metschnikow

*Elizabeth A. Hachten*

Ivan Pavlov and Maria Petrova: A Man, a Woman, and "Dogs of Every Type"

*Daniel P. Todes*

The Quest for the Historical Becky

*Thomas P. Gariepy*

Session B: History of Sexuality, *Elizabeth Watkins*, presiding

Sex, Surveys, and Students: American Sexology at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine in the 1920s

*Miriam G. Reumann*

"Normality within Limits": Making Hemophilic Boys into Men

*Stephen G. Pemberton*

From Girl to Young Woman: Media, Material Culture, and  
Menstruation in Post-War United States

*Sharra Vostral*

Session C: Racial Science and Colonial Encounters, *Harry Marks*, presiding

Fanon in Context: North African Physicians and the Politics of  
Colonial Medicine

*Richard C. Keller*

Medicine, Race, and Nationalism in Samoa (1918–1936)

*Damon Salesa*

The Essence of a Racial Laboratory: Biomedical Research in  
British East Africa (1900–1940)

*Helen Tilley*

Concurrent Sessions: Block VIII

Session A: Leprosy and the American Empire, *Warwick Anderson*, presiding

Beyond Quarantine: A History of Leprosy in Puerto Rico, 1898–1930s

*Julie H. Levison*

Missionaries and Leprosy in the American Empire

*D. George Joseph*

Rejecting the “Grave of Living Corpses”: Leprosy, Colonialism, and  
Hawaiian Resistance in 1893

*Michelle T. Moran*

Session B: Doctors and Their Battlefields, *Dale Smith*, presiding

Heroes and Villains? The Ethics of Epidemics in  
Early Modern England

*Patrick Wallis*

American Medical Support for Spanish Democracy, 1936–1938

*Walter J. Lear*

From Battlefield to Subway: The Changing Medical Constructions of  
Biological Warfare and Urban Bioterrorism, 1946–1996

*David McBride*

Session C: Understanding Illness, *Edward Morman*, presiding

Contemporary Understanding and Social Significance of Incurability  
in Nineteenth-Century France

*Jason Szabo*

Constructing “Unrelieved Cancer Pain”: Gender, Text and  
Appropriate Care for the Dying in Britain, 1950–1980

*Noëmi Tousignant*

Suicide during the 1930s: Folk Beliefs and Psychoanalytic Tendencies

*Kathleen W. Jones*