



## Summer 2003 Chicago Area Medical Archivists Meeting

Notes by J. Robins and Susan Sacharski

The Chicago Area Medical Archivists met on August 27, 2003, at Northwestern Memorial Hospital (NMH), in Chicago. Our host was Northwestern Memorial's Archivist Sue Sacharski.

The meeting was attended by: Heidi Dressler, Judith Dzierba, Brigid Lusk, Susan Rishworth, Judy Robins, Sue Sacharski, John Zwicky, Ken Morgan, Ron Sims, Ramune Kubilius, Ann Weller, and Richard Nachman, M.D.

The meeting opened with reports of other regional and national meetings. Ramune Kubilius of Northwestern University's Galter Health Sciences Library reported that the subject of handling archival records was one focus of the recent Medical Librarians Association meeting. She said they are looking for "input" from archivists.

John Zwicky reported that Steve Novak gave a great presentation on the Health Information Privacy and Accountability Act (HIPAA) at this year's ALHHS meeting. John is a member of the steering committee of the SAA Science, Technology and Health Care Roundtable (STHC.) He reported that at the recent SAA Annual Meeting, the Council approved a joint letter to the Secretary of Health and Human Services, signed by the Presidents of SAA and the ALHHS, in response to HIPAA. He noted that the Council met prior to the meeting of the STHC Roundtable, where the Act was discussed at length.

Sue handed out copies of Northwestern Memorial's HIPAA patient privacy brochure and confidentiality

workbook for staff. She noted that while not specifically addressing access to historical records, the publications contained practical information for those of us who work with protected health information (PHI). The various shared experiences with and concerns about HIPAA kicked off a very vigorous discussion! Everyone present admitted that they do not fully understand the Act and its implications. And all agreed that, in so far as we do understand those implications, the Act is so far-reaching that it places great difficulties in the way of scholarship. Practical examples of items that would be restricted by obeying HIPAA to the letter include published photographs, and board meeting minutes.

Sue suggested placing the matter in the hands of our respective institutions' legal counsel. Judy Robins warned that this can be a two-edged sword. Brigid Lusk noted the Association of Medical Records Administrators sets ten years as the period during which records must be closed. Sue reported that the archives registration form used at NMH was amended to include a statement that researchers agree to comply with confidentiality restrictions that may be imposed as a result of HIPAA regulations. Judy responded that such promises are impossible to enforce. John said that at the American Academy of Pediatrics, an Institutional Review Board scrutinizes all requests for access to records, including such items as oral history tapes. Guest Dr. Richard Nachman stated that the research community would be impoverished by either the destruction, or permanent closure, of such records. Ramune noted that HIPAA restrictions are similar to those of FERPA, relating to student records.

Next on the agenda was a discussion of the program for the Second Annual CAMA Symposium. This will be hosted by the American Society for Clinical Pathology on October 16th. There will be four presentations, a short-films festival, and exhibits. Like the first Symposium, this date was chosen to coincide with the celebration of Archives Week in Chicago. Judy urged everyone to recognize Archives Week in their own institutions. For more information about the Symposium, contact John Zwicky (JohnZ@ascp.org.)

Members then reported on recent activities in their own archives. Sue displayed samples of exhibits she produced as part of groundbreaking activities for the new women's hospital under construction on Northwestern's medical center campus. The NMH archives has received several "archeological finds" from the construction site. But Sue noted that the safeguarding of these objects for their museum collections (turn-of-the-century bottles, mostly) has been fortuitous, and that most objects are being taken by construction workers or individuals who enjoy scavenging at excavation sites.

Heidi reported on Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Center's recent decision to rename the

institution Rush University Medical Center. Heidi also mentioned that the archives contracted with a service vendor to convert several films to digital format. There was great interest in this topic. Heidi also noted that several buildings on the campus are scheduled for demolition, and that the archives plans to examine them before the wreckers arrive. John reported that one such site review that he conducted yielded a patient ventilator. That item was then donated to the National Museum of Health and Medicine. He noted that this is an excellent way to get publicity. Judy asked everyone to share information about any unwanted artifacts in their collections.

The meeting was followed by a tour of the hospital's Florence and Ike Sewell Museum and the adjoining history and donor gallery. These inviting spaces are located on the third floor public space area, and are filled with handsome displays of documents and artifacts that present the history of Northwestern Memorial and its many predecessor institutions. Sue explained the process by which the archives became involved in this public relations effort.

#### EDITOR'S NOTE

I would like to express my sincere apologies to Dr. D.J. Canale of Old South Books. Due to an oversight, his advertisement was not included in the Summer issue of the Watermark. I regret any inconvenience this may have caused.

Linda Lohr, Editor

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## Obituary

Columbus Dispatch  
October 11, 2003

Barbara Van Brimmer of Columbus, Ohio, died Thursday, October 9, 2003 after a short battle with cancer. She is survived by husband, Richard Van Brimmer, daughter, Tonya Claar, father, Paul (Donna) Steinbrecher, mother, Inez Steinbrecher, brothers, Dave (Brenda) and Ben (Becky) Steinbrecher and numerous nieces and nephews. Barbara was an Associate Professor and Curator at the Medical Heritage Center, Prior Health Sciences Library, the Ohio State University. She was a graduate of Miami University (OH) and received her Master's degree from the University of Mississippi.

Contributions in honor of Barbara may be made to the Barbara Van Brimmer Endowment. Please make gift check out to The **Ohio State University Foundation**, indicate the purpose of the gift in the memo line of your check, "Contribution for the Barb Van Brimmer Medical Heritage Endowment," mail check to the Office of Medical Center Development & Alumni Affairs, 1375 Perry Street, Building 13, 5th Floor, Columbus, OH 43201.

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Two Members-at-Large are elected each year by the membership of the organization. The term of office is two years. The 2004 Elections is scheduled for February. Please send nominations by January 16, 2004 to:

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3640 Colonel Glenn Hwy  
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[Jeff.wehmeyer@wright.edu](mailto:Jeff.wehmeyer@wright.edu)

Self-nominations encouraged.

2004 ALHHS Nominating Committee Members:  
Jeff Wehmeyer, Chair; Nancy Eckerman, Indiana University; Jack Eckert, Harvard University.

## Ex Libris

by Lucretia W. McClure

## Congratulations

to Joan Echtenkamp Klein, Claude Moore Health Sciences Library, University of Virginia, who was presented the 2003 Waldo Gifford Leland Award for writing of a superior excellence and usefulness in the field of archival history, theory, or practice. The award honored her for the Philip S. Hench Walter Reed Yellow Fever Collection Digitization Project Website.

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and to Bethany Hipple who has joined the staff of Yale-New Haven Hospital as the hospital archivist. She was graduated from Columbia University in May of 2002 with an MPH from the Center for History and Ethics in Public Health. Her current project includes developing a procedure for archival displays in the hospital and for creating a photo guide for the collection.

## On Exhibit

*Frankenstein: Penetrating the Secrets of Nature*, an exhibit developed by the National Library of Medicine in collaboration with the American Library Association, will be displayed at the Alabama Museum of the Health Sciences, Lister Hill Library, University of Alabama at Birmingham, January 21-March 5, 2004. Featured along with the exhibit will be a Frankenstein Panel Discussion on January 23 with panelists Gregory E. Pence, PhD, Department of Philosophy, Kyle Grimes, PhD, Department of English, and Lee Shackelford, Instructor, Theatre Department, all of UAB.

The Frankenstein Film Series will offer showings of *Frankenstein* (1931), *Abbott and Costello Meet Frankenstein*, *The Bride of Frankenstein*, and *Mary Shelley's Frankenstein* during January and February.

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*Research Matters: A GI Journey*, an exhibit that details the history of endoscopy and new technological advances in the field, is now on display at the National Museum of Health and Medicine of the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology. The exhibit will run indefinitely.

Endoscopic examinations allow physicians to see inside the human body and are useful in detecting abnormal growths, lesions and other pathological conditions. Endoscopes (endo-inside; scope-to see) have been used for nearly 2000 years although the level of sophistication of these instruments has changed dramatically since Roman times. The application of fiber-optic technology has allowed the instruments to bend along anatomical pathways rather than be rigid instruments. The exhibit features ten traditional endoscopes, spanning from AD 0 to AD 2003, and includes cystoscopes, vaginal speculums, gastrocameras, otoscopes, rigid gastroscopes, nasal speculums, sigmoidoscopes, and rectal dilators. Also included are several photographs and diagrams of the inner-workings of the new M2A "pill endoscope," as well as a video that illustrates endoscopic examination and endoscopic biopsy procedures.

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Christies of New York hosted an exhibit of selected treasures from the collections of the Francis A. Countway Library of Medicine at Harvard Medical School September 20 through September 24. The show featured relics from the first years of Harvard Medical School, 13th-century manuscripts, 15th-century books, rare medical Judaica, and artifacts relating to the extraordinary and famous case of Phineas Gage. The exhibit, *Treasures from the Countway Library of Medicine*, also included several rare items bearing inscriptions from their authors, Florence Nightingale, Marie Curie, novelist Henry James, and Charles Guiteau, the assassin of President James Garfield. The artifact collections

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of the Harvard School of Dental Medicine were represented by a set of dentures worn by philosopher Ralph Waldo Emerson and the dental casts of George Parkman used to convict Dr. John White Webster of murder in 1850. Innovations and developments in modern medicine were represented by Philip Drinker's laboratory notebook describing his experiments in artificial respiration leading to the development of the iron lung, a specimen of penicillin mold from the laboratory of Alexander Fleming, and a personal memo of Franklin Delano Roosevelt to his physician concerning his paralysis from polio.

The exhibit opened with a reception at Christies on September 20, followed by a lecture by curator of the exhibit, Jack Eckert, a member of the Rare Books and Special Collections Staff at the Countway.

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The National Museum of Health and Medicine has received slides, photographs, and military records from the estate of U.S. Army Major John J. Lucas, D.D.S., who died in 1993 at the age of 82. He served as a dentist aboard the Shamrock, a U.S. Army hospital ship, for nearly a full year during World War II. He was responsible for examining, diagnosing, and treating diseases, abnormalities, injuries and defects of the teeth. He also performed oral surgery. Dr. Lucas was discharged in 1946

with the rank of major and had received two campaign ribbons and three service stars. After his discharge, he practiced dentistry in Hershey, Pennsylvania.

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*Battlefield Surgery 101: From the Civil War to Vietnam* is the newest exhibit at the National Museum of Health and Medicine. Opened in November of 2003, it will run indefinitely.

The exhibit, drawn exclusively from the museum's extensive holdings, examines the breadth and depth of military surgical activities. Photographs, rare artifacts, and videos, many never before seen by the public, will illustrate the evolving role of the military surgical team throughout the 19th and 20th centuries. In addition to highlighting how the military operating room evolved over time and changed with technological advances, the exhibit also illustrates the challenges faced by the men and women who work there.

For further information about the Museum, please contact Suzy Martin at [martins@afip.osd.mil](mailto:martins@afip.osd.mil).

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A gift of rare and out-of-print books has been presented to the Special Collections of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School by Norman Rosenberg, MD, Emeritus Professor of Vascular Surgery. Highlights of the gift include three 18th-century works:

Joan Alexander Brambrilla's *Instrumentarium Chirurgicum Viennense* (Wien, 1781) with sixty-five engraved plates showing more than 600 early medical instruments

Jean Louis Petit's three-volume *Traite des Maladies Chirurgicales et des Operations Qui Leur Convient* (Paris, 1790) with ninety folding copperplate engravings of early surgical instruments

Lorenz Heister's *A General System of Surgery, in Three Parts* (London, 1757) sixth edition.

Dr. Rosenberg and his wife established the Norman and Ruth H. Rosenberg Chair in Vascular Surgery at the Medical School in 2002. For further information please contact Lois Densky-Wolff at [densky@umdnj.edu](mailto:densky@umdnj.edu).

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The Library of Psychiatry and Psychoanalysis of the Menninger Foundation has been presented to the Houston Academy of Medicine - Texas Medical Center Library and are located at the Historical Research Center. The gift includes 18,000 clinical monographs, more than 3,000 rare books, and 6,000 journal volumes including the complete runs of the Menninger journals.

The Clinical Library includes publications by and commentaries about Sigmund Freud, a collection so extensive that the Menninger staff devised an expanded classification scheme to shelve the titles. Many titles devoted to community mental health, pastoral counseling, and social work are also included in the collection.

The rare books collection includes many early journals on psychoanalysis, hundreds of German psychiatric texts, and special reports from many American asylums. There are many fine texts related to the broader field of medicine, one being a 1783 German edition of the anatomy of Andreas Vesalius with reproductions of the illustrations from the original.

The collection of Menninger publications has papers of faculty and staff bound annually, beginning in 1919 along with the journals, alumni directories, annual reports, and directories of training programs. In time, the newer materials in the clinical library will be folded into the HAM-TMC Library's main collection. The older books and journals, Menninger publications, and rare books will remain at the Historical Research Center. For further information, please contact Elizabeth White at [bethw@library.tmc.edu](mailto:bethw@library.tmc.edu).

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John Zwicky invites all to view the online newsletter, Archival Elements, of the Science, Technology and Healthcare Roundtable of the Society of American Archivists at <http://www.archivists.org/saagroups/sthc/aelements2003.html>.

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The Stetten Museum announces the three web exhibits that can be viewed at <http://history.nih.gov>:

*Revolution in Progress: Human Genetics and Medical Research.* This exhibit was featured in the June 20th issue of Science

*Rodbell: Discovering How Cells Respond to Signals*

*Measuring Fluorescence for Medical Research: The AMINCO-Bowman Spectrophotofluorometer.*

## Good Listening

The Claude Moore Health Sciences Library, University of Virginia School of Medicine Continuing Medical Education Program sponsors the History of the Health Sciences Lecture Series. Following are the lectures for 2003/2004:

September 17

Anne Wood Humphries, MLS, Health Sciences Library, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, speaking on *Teaching with a Sable Brush: The Life and Art of Frank H. Netter, MD*

November 5

Helen King, PhD, Visiting Lecturer, Oxford Brookes University, University of Reading Department of Classics, speaking on *A Disappearing Disease? Green Sickness: The Disease of Virgins in Medical History*

December 10

John L. Tone, PhD, Associate Professor, Department of History, Technology & Society, Georgia Institute of Technology, speaking on *Carlos Finlay, "The Mosquito Man"*

February 18

Linda Layne, PhD, The Alma and H. Erwin Hale '30 Teaching Professor in Humanities and Social Sciences, Department of Science and Technology Studies, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, speaking on *A Historical Juncture for the Experience of Pregnancy Loss in America*

March 10

John A. Owen, Jr., MD and Leo J. Falk, MD, University of Virginia School of Medicine, speaking on *The Mulholland Law: A Master Mentor and His Creed.* The Eighth Annual Kenneth R. Crispell Memorial History Lecture

April 7

James E. Starrs, LLM, Professor of Law and Forensic Sciences, George Washington University, speaking on *Exhumations of Human Remains: From Jesse James to John Wilkes Booth to Meriwether Lewis*

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The Reynolds Lecture Series held in the Lister Hill Library, University of Alabama at Birmingham includes the following:

September 5

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October 8

John Parascandola, PhD, Historian for the United States Public Health Service, speaking on *'An Exile in My Own Country': The Confinement of Patients at the U.S. National Leprosy Hospital at Carville*

November 14

Maarten Ultee, PhD, Professor, University of Alabama Department of History, speaking on *'Persistent as Vermin'-Anti-Semitism in the History of Medicine, 1890-1955*

For further information please contact Michael Flannery at [flannery@uab.edu](mailto:flannery@uab.edu)

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The C. F. Reynolds Medical History Society at the University of Pittsburgh announces the following lectures:

September 25

David Courtwright, PhD, Professor, Department of History, University of North Florida, speaking on *Forces of Habit: Why We Make War on Some Drugs But not on Others?*

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Walton Schalick, III, MD, PhD, Assistant Professor, Department of Pediatrics, Washington University School of Medicine, speaking on *'On the Shoulders of Giants': The Medieval Origins of 'Professional' Medicine*. The Ninth Annual Sylvan E. Stool History of Medicine Lecture

January 22

Michael DeVita, MD, Associate Professor, Critical Care Medicine and Internal Medicine, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, speaking on *Research Involving the Dead: Something Old, Something New ...*

March 4

Charles S. Bryan, MD, Heyward Gibbes Distinguished Professor of Internal Medicine, University of South Carolina School of Medicine, speaking on *HIV/AIDS, Ethics, and Professionalism: What Did We Learn?*

April 8

James Herndon, MD, William H. & Johanna A. Harris Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery, Harvard Medical School, speaking on *Patient Safety Movement: History and New Perspectives*. The Fifteenth Annual Mark M. Ravitch History of Medicine Lecture

For further information please contact Jonathon Erlen at [erlen@pitt.edu](mailto:erlen@pitt.edu).

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The College of Physicians of Philadelphia Section on Medical History announces the following program for 2003/04:

September 17

Steven J. Peitzman, MD, Drexel University College of Medicine, Medical College of Pennsylvania Hospital, speaking on *"The City of Medicine": Doctors and Patients in Old Philadelphia*

October 23

Charles S. Bryan, MD, University of South Carolina School of Medicine, speaking on *Sir William Osler and Today's Idea of the "Role Model"*:



*Competence, Caring, Personal Effectiveness.* The Samuel X Radbill Lecture.

November 19

Robert J. T. Joy, MD, Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, speaking on *Civil War Medicine: Casualty Care in the U.S. Army and the Reforms of Major Jonathan Letterman*

For further information, please contact Edward Morman at [emorman@collphyphil.org](mailto:emorman@collphyphil.org).

### Fellowships

The Francis A. Countway Library Fellowship in the History of Medicine for 2004-2005 provides a stipend of up to \$5,000 to support travel, lodging, and incidental expenses for a flexible period between June 1, 2004 and May 31, 2005. Besides conducting research, the Fellow will present a seminar or lecture at the Countway Library and submit a report on the results of his/her residency.

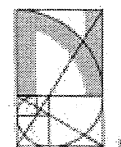
The fellowship proposal should demonstrate that the Countway Library has resources central to the research topic. Preference will be given to applicants who live beyond commuting distance of the Library. The application, outlining the proposed project, length of residence, materials to be consulted, 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 January 31, 2004. The appointment will be announced by March 31, 2004.

Applications should be sent to Thomas A. Horrocks, Associate Director for Special Collections and Joseph Garland Librarian, Countway Library of Medicine, 10 Shattuck Street, Boston, MA 02115.

Each year the Bakken Library and Museum in Minneapolis offers Visiting Research Fellowships and Research Travel Grants for the purpose of facilitating research in its collection of books, journals, manuscripts, prints, and instruments. The focus of the Bakken's collections is the history of electricity and magnetism and their applications in the life sciences and medicine. Included are the works of natural philosophers, scientists, physicians,

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electrotherapists, and electrophysiologists of the 18th, 19th, and early 20th centuries, and the related subjects of mesmerism and animal magnetism, and such instruments as electrostatic generators, magneto-electric generators, induction coils, and physiological instruments.

Visiting Research Fellowships up to a maximum of \$1,500 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 and preference is given to researchers who are interested in collaborating with the Bakken on exhibits or other programs. Travel Grants up to a maximum of \$500 (domestic) and \$750 (foreign) help to defray the expenses of travel, subsistence, and other direct costs of conducting research at the Bakken. The minimum period of residence is one week.

The deadline for all 2004 applications is 16 February 2004. For further information please contact Elizabeth Ihrig at [ihrig@thebakken.org](mailto:ihrig@thebakken.org).

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The recipients of the two research fellowships for 2003/2004 at the Historical Collections Department of the New York Academy of Medicine have been announced. The Audrey and William H. Helfand

Fellow in the Medical Humanities is Angus Fletcher, a Graduate Fellow in the Department of English at Yale University. His proposal is entitled *Paracelsian Medicine and the Experience of Bodily Consciousness in Seventeenth-Century English Literature*. The Paul Klemperer Fellow in the History of Medicine is Sarah Tracy, PhD, of the University of Oklahoma. Her proposed study is *From Vice to Disease: Alcoholism in America, 1870-1920*.

### A Fiftieth Anniversary

North Shore University Hospital in Manhasset, New York, is celebrating its 50th anniversary with a historical retrospective. The exhibit traces the history of the hospital from the early struggle to raise funds for a community hospital to its position as a linchpin of a major regional healthcare system. The progress of the hospital's clinical departments is illustrated, along with the contributions of non-clinical employees and the Hospital's Auxiliary. The exhibit will run from September 4 through August of 2004 in various locations in the Hospital.

### Programs of Note

The Lewis & Clark Trail Heritage Foundations held its annual meeting August 9-13 in Philadelphia. The College of Physicians of Philadelphia played a leading role in the Foundation's program, welcoming some 400 of its members to the city. The theme of the meeting was Philadelphia's role in the planning and aftermath of the expedition. Foundation members toured the College's exhibit, *Only One Man Died: Medical Adventures on the Lewis & Clark Trail*, which outlines medical aspects of the expedition.

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Philadelphia was the center of science and medicine in the new republic when Meriwether Lewis visited the city in 1803. As part of his preparation for the expedition, he consulted with Caspar Wistar, Benjamin Smith Barton, and Benjamin Rush, all of whom were or had been Fellows of the College. Gretchen Worden of the Mutter Museum presented greetings to the conference on behalf of the College of Physicians and Associate Library Director Charles Greifenstein presented a paper on *Benjamin Rush and the Medical Theorists of the 18th Century*. Also presenting was Eric v.d. Luft, who began his library career at the College, whose paper was on Benjamin Smith Barton's *Elements of Botany, 1803*.

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The Annual Fall Meeting of the Medical History Society of New Jersey was held October 8 at the Nassau Club of Princeton. The afternoon program included talks by the following:

Wolfgang Jochle, DVM, speaking on *Hypogonadic Eunuchoid Giants in the Land of the Pharaohs and Diprosopus in Tlatilco: Medical Images from the Past*

Michael Nevins, MD, speaking on 'You've Got Mail!' *The Nineteenth-Century Correspondence of Dr. Elijah Rosencrantz and His Son John*

Mary Coleman, MD, speaking on *Clinics in Cuneiform: Medicine in Mesopotamia*

William Helfand, ScD, speaking on *Jersey Pills for Jersey Ills: The New Jersey Patent Medicine Show*

Presenting the Second Foundation Lecture following the dinner was Karen Reeds, PhD, author of *A State of Health: New Jersey's Medical Heritage* speaking on *Keeping Well in New Sweden: Diet, Disease, and Medicinal Plants*.

For further information, please contact Lois Densky-Wolff at [densky@umdnj.edu](mailto:densky@umdnj.edu).

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The first annual "NIH History Day" featured a lecture by Professor Alan Kraut of American University on September 22. Entitled *Goldberger's War: The Life and Work of a Public Health Crusader*, the lecture was based on Kraut's new biography of Dr. Goldberger who demonstrated that pellagra was a dietary deficiency disease. For further information please see <http://history.nih.gov>.

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The Second Annual Medical History Symposium sponsored by the Chicago Area Medical Archivists will be hosted by the American Society for Clinical Pathology at the ASCP headquarters October 16 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Four speakers will make presentations on various aspects of medical history followed by a showing of films from local repositories. For further information contact John Zwicky at [johnz@ascp.org](mailto:johnz@ascp.org).

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The National Museum of Health and Medicine of the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology has offered a number of public programs on various health topics this fall.

*Learning About Forensics*, a program explaining how forensics are used by police and other professionals, is scheduled for October 18. Forensic science is used to determine the identity of human remains and attendees of the program will learn about methods and procedures used to identify the dead through case studies. Examples from current events such as the September 11 tragedy and the Iraq war will provide insight into the complex nature of these medicolegal investigations.

In recognition of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the National Museum of Health and Medicine held a health fair on October 4. Almost 40,000 women in America die of breast cancer each year. It is the most common cancer in American women after skin cancer, with an estimated 211,000 new cases diagnosed annually.

Prostate cancer is the most common cancer in American men after skin cancer, with an estimated 220,000 new cases diagnosed annually. The National Museum held a health fair on September 6 to provide information about the prevention and treatment of prostate cancer. For further information please contact Steven Solomon at [solomon@afip.osd.mil](mailto:solomon@afip.osd.mil).

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The Chicago Area Medical Archivists announce that a number of activities are planned for the Archives Week, October 12-18. For further details please contact Judy Robins at [j.robins@sahq.org](mailto:j.robins@sahq.org).

### History of Medicine Course

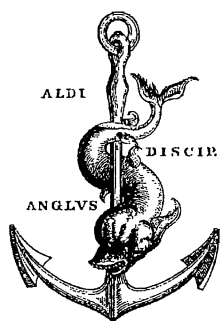
A History of Medicine Certificate is offered through the Honors College at the University of Pittsburgh. Mandatory core courses of nine hours and elective courses of nine hours are required. The course is administered by Dr. Jonathan Erlen. For further information please contact him at [erlen@pitt.edu](mailto:erlen@pitt.edu)

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

**Elizabeth Fee, Chief**

A major new exhibit, *Changing the Face of Medicine: Celebrating America's Women Physicians*, opens on October 14, 2003, at the National Library of Medicine, Bethesda, Maryland. Celebrating the achievements of women in medicine since Elizabeth Blackwell (1821-1910) gained entrance to medical school, the exhibit focuses on women physicians' struggle for access to education, hospital internships, and medical societies.

The exhibition at the National Library of Medicine includes historic artifacts, textile displays, audiovisual presentations, and digital interactives showcasing physicians' life stories.

There is a preview at [www.nlm.nih.gov/exhibition/changingthefaceofmedicine/trailer/index.html](http://www.nlm.nih.gov/exhibition/changingthefaceofmedicine/trailer/index.html).

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"Visual Culture and Public Health," a two-day symposium sponsored by the National Library of Medicine on October 16 and 17, explores the purposes of public health imagery and examines how it documents the history of public health and medicine. The second in a series of symposia, it presents speakers from such diverse disciplines as anthropology, history, geography, and media studies. Speakers include Barbara Maria Stafford (University of Chicago), Roger Cooter (University College, London), Katherine Ott (Smithsonian Institution), and Gregg Mitman (University of Wisconsin-Madison). Registration is free. Further information at [www.nlm.nih.gov/hmd/visualculture](http://www.nlm.nih.gov/hmd/visualculture).

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The History of Medicine Division announces a new website, Historical Anatomies on the Web. Providing high-quality images from important anatomical atlases in the Library's collection, it includes in its first phase selections from anatomical atlases by Johannes de Ketham (?-1490), Albrecht Dürer (1471-1528), Andreas Vesalius (1514-1564), and others. Its address: [www.nlm.nih.gov/exhibition/historicalanatomies](http://www.nlm.nih.gov/exhibition/historicalanatomies).

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Upcoming Lectures in the History of Medicine Division:

October 22 (Wed) 2:00 - 3:15 p.m. -- Bldg. 38, Conference Room B  
Bernard Unti, "Animal Protection Societies and the Passage of the 1966 Laboratory Animal Welfare Act"

November 5 (Wed) 2:00 - 3:15 p.m. -- Bldg. 38A, Lister Hill Auditorium  
Richard Sha, "19th Century Romantic Science and British Sexual Revolution"

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Papers of Fred Lowe Soper (1893-1977) now added to Profiles in Science website. An organizer of great skill and thoroughness, Soper worked for the

Rockefeller Foundation, mounting extensive efforts to control hookworm, yellow fever, malaria, and typhus. From 1947 to 1959 he was Director of the Pan American Health Organization.

The online exhibit features not only Soper's correspondence, diaries, articles, and photographs, but also operations manuals for disease control campaigns. Visitors to the site can view, for example, Soper's detailed, day-by-day account of the yellow fever epidemic in his 1929-1930 diaries, or photos of his de-lousing operations in wartime Naples. The site's web address is <http://profiles.nlm.nih.gov/VV/>.

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Papers of Florence R. Sabin (1871-1953) now added to National Library of Medicine's Profiles in Science website. Following her graduation in medicine from Johns Hopkins University in 1900, Sabin taught anatomy there until 1927, when she left for the Rockefeller Institute to study tuberculosis. In 1938 she retired to Colorado and began a career in public health, reducing the incidence of tuberculosis and syphilis there dramatically. It was for this work that she won a Lasker Award.

The online exhibition features correspondence, published articles and reports, and photographs from the Florence Sabin collections at the American Philosophical Society and the Sophia Smith Collection at Smith College. Visitors to Profiles in Science can view, for example, a series of candid photos taken at Sabin's Rockefeller laboratory and

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correspondence between Sabin and her collaborators on the tuberculosis project. The site's web address is <http://profiles.nlm.nih.gov/RR/>.

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Crystal Smith was recently appointed reference librarian in the History of Medicine Division. This spring she finished an MLS at the University of Maryland-College Park.

Anne Rothfield joined the History of Medicine Division staff in August as a reference librarian. Before moving to HMD she worked at the National Archives and Records Administration in College Park, Maryland. She has an MA in history from the University of Maryland Baltimore County and an MS in Library Science from Catholic University. Long-time HMD staffer Anne Whitaker moved to the Library of Congress in August, joining the rare book cataloging team there.

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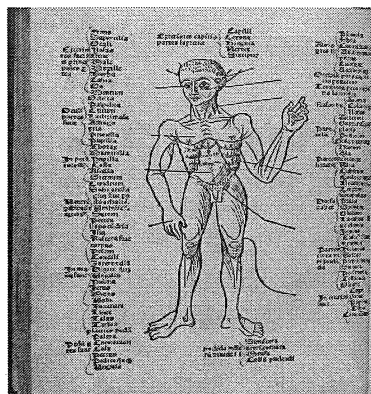
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**"Historical Anatomies on the Web": a New Digital Project at the National Library of Medicine**

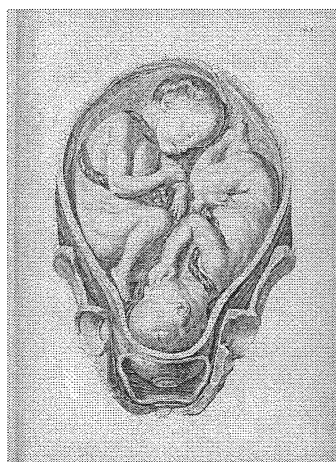
The History of Medicine Division of the National Library of Medicine is proud to announce a new digital project: "Historical Anatomies on the Web," viewable at <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/exhibition/historicalanatomies/home.html>. The project has been designed to broaden access to the Library's large anatomical atlas collection by providing high resolution, downloadable scans of important images to Internet users.

The site offers selected images from NLM's atlases, not the entire books, with an emphasis on images and not texts. Atlases and images have been selected by the project's content coordinator, Michael North, HMD's Head of Rare Books and Early Manuscripts, primarily for their historical and artistic significance. Occasionally, important images from certain works have been omitted if NLM's copy is damaged or too fragile, or if works were

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Each work is accompanied by a brief historical discussion about the work, its author, the artists, and illustration technique. A good bibliographical description is also included, so that users will know exactly which edition is being used and if there are any characteristics special to NLM's copy.

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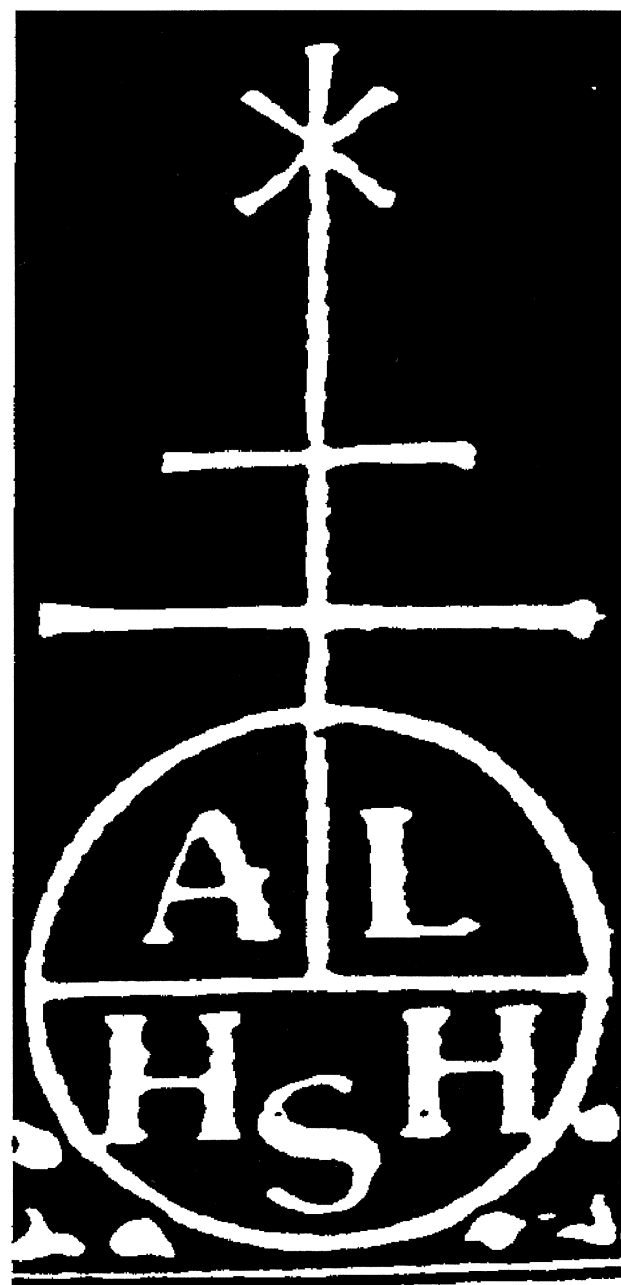
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