Third Annual Corporate Lecture to be Held at Fall Meeting

Ira Rutkow, MD, MPH, DrPH, Clinical Professor of Surgery, UMDNJ-New Jersey Medical School, and Surgical Director of the Hernia Center in Freehold, NJ, will be the Society’s third Corporate Lecturer at the fall meeting on October 18 at the Nassau Club in Princeton. Dr. Rutkow will deliver a paper titled "American Surgery and the Civil War: A Time of Revolution." Dr. Rutkow is the author of The History of Surgery in the United States, 1775-1900 (1988) and Surgery: An Illustrated History (1993). The Corporate Lecture is supported by donations from New Jersey pharmaceutical companies.

Program:

Business Meeting -- William C. Campbell, PhD, President, MHSNJ

Non-Surgical Uses of Ether and Chloroform in Mid-19th Century America
Donald Kent, MD, PhD
Adjunct Professor of Medical History, Drew University

Breeches of Impropriety: Transvestite Woman Physicians
Gretchen Worden, AA, BA
Director and Curator, Mutter Museum, College of Physicians of Philadelphia

The Interface of Jewish, Greek and Arabic Medicine as Exemplified by Three Physicians: Asaph, Maimonides and Amatus Lusitanus
Michael Nevins, MD
Director of Medical Education, Pascack Valley Hospital, Westwood, NJ

Cocktails and Dinner
Members, students, and guests are invited to attend this dinner meeting. Registration begins at 3:30 pm; the business meeting at 4 pm. The cost is $40 per person. Advance registration is required. Registration material will be mailed to members soon. For information, contact Lisa Fleischer, MHSNJ, 14 Washington Rd, Suite 101, Princeton Junction, NJ 08550, 609/275-1911.

**MEMBERS IN THE NEWS**

William C. Campbell, PhD, Society president and professor at Drew University, was invited to speak at the Industrial Liaison Symposium of the American Society of Parasitologists held in July in Pittsburgh.

Francis P. Chinard, MD, UMDNJ-New Jersey Medical School, presented “Free Radicals and Antioxidants: Friends or Foes?” in August at Martha’s Vineyard Hospital during Staff Rounds. Dr. Chinard participated in the Carl A. Goresky Workshop, July 14-16, at Department of Medicine, Montreal General Hospital, McGill University, where he presented “Water and Small Molecule Exchange Patterns in the Lungs and Kidneys.” Dr. Chinard emphasized the historical aspects in both these presentations.

Pharmacy in History (Vol. 37, No. 2, 1995) contains papers presented at the 1994 Symposium in Honor of David L. Cowen held in Seattle, and also includes a “Brief Tribute to David L. Cowen.”

Hugh E. Evans, MD, UMDNJ-New Jersey Medical School, will be one of two Navy Day speakers October 27 dedicating a new wing at Bethesda Naval Hospital. Dr. Evans will speak on Franklin D. Roosevelt’s health and his examination at Bethesda. Dr. Evans is a member of The Working Group on Disability in United States Presidents, convened last January by former president Jimmy Carter; the group will reconvene in November at Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, NC. The working group was created to explore legislative options to modify or adapt the 25th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. Dr. Evans serves on a subcommittee studying the balance between the public’s right to know and a president’s privacy. Former President Gerald Ford is expected to attend the November meeting. Dr. Evans also reports he was invited by President Clinton’s physician, Dr. E. Connie Moriano, to breakfast at The White House where he toured the medical and dental facilities available to the President.
Aaron J. Feingold, MD, served as Chairman for a dinner honoring Dr. Jonas Salk in May at The Plaza in New York City. The occasion was sponsored by the American Friends of Beth Hatefutsoth, the Museum of the Jewish Diaspora in Israel, commemorating the opening of an exhibit entitled “Therefore Choose Life...” The exhibit celebrates the magnificent Jewish contribution to medicine spanning from Biblical and Talmudic times, the Middle Ages, the Renaissance, and into the Modern Era. Dr. Feingold is the author of a chapter, “The Marriage of Science and Ethics,” in the catalog for the exhibit, *Jews and Medicine: Religion, Culture, Science*.


Gerald N. Grob, PhD, Rutgers University, gave three visiting lectures: “Caring for the Mentally Ill” at the National Museum of Health and Medicine, Washington, DC, in February; the Charles Bodmer Lecture at the University of Washington School of Medicine, Seattle, entitled “Mental Health Policy in America” in April; and “Caring for Persons with Mental Illness” at the July Convention of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill.

During the past academic year, Donald Light, PhD, UMDNJ-School of Osteopathic Medicine, was the Regents Visiting Professor at the University of California, San Francisco, School of Medicine; the Brod Lecturer at Oxford University; Visiting Professor at the University of Pennsylvania; and the Bulger Lecturer at the University of Texas Health Sciences Center.

Alan J. Lippman, MD, Newark Beth Israel Medical Center, is incoming president of the Academy of Medicine of New Jersey.

Sandra Moss, MD, is preparing a permanent display, “Masters of Medicine,” for the Department of Medicine Conference Room at St. Peter’s Medical Center, New Brunswick.

Victor Parsonnet, MD, Newark Beth Israel Medical Center, presented “The History of Medicine in the Jewish Community in Newark, New Jersey,” at the Newark Public Library on June 12, as part of the educational programming which accompanied the Library’s exhibit, “Lasting Impressions: Greater Newark’s Jewish Legacy.”

Joseph Reichman, MD, has been appointed Chairman of the History and Archives Committee of the Academy of Medicine of New Jersey.
Helen Sheehan, PhD, presented a poster session in July at the East Orange VA Medical Center Research Day on “New Jersey Home for Disabled Soldiers, 1866-1976.” Dr. Sheehan will present a paper in December entitled “Organization, Practice, and Patronage of Ayurvedic and Unani Medicine in Hyderabad Before and After Independence” at the National Library of Medicine in conjunction with the exhibit, “Allopaths, Maharajas, and Vaidyas; Nizams, Jams, and Hakins: Medical Pluralism in the Princely States of India” (Sept. 15-Dec. 31). She also contributed a photograph on tribal medicine and an Islamic plate used for prayers in curing illness to the exhibit.

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James Strick, PhD candidate at Princeton University, won the Schuman Prize for best graduate student research paper awarded by the History of Science Society for his paper, “Adrianus Pijper and the Debate Over Bacterial Flagella, 1846-1956,” which he presented at the 1994 annual meeting of the Society. His paper has been accepted for publication in the Society’s journal, ISIS.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

MHSNJ members are reminded they may apply for library privileges with primary user status at any UMDNJ library upon payment of $50 per year.

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Manuscripts Acquired for New Jersey Medical History Collection

Two manuscripts were acquired recently for the UMDNJ Libraries’ Department of Special Collections with funds from the Morris H. Saffron Endowment for Books in the History of Medicine. The manuscripts are available to researchers in the department located at the UMDNJ-G.F. Smith Library of the Health Sciences in Newark. Brief descriptions appear below:

Joseph Cook, MD (1825-1895). Manuscript Account Book of Medical Practice, Salem County, NJ, 1857-1865. A ledger primarily containing notations for “medical attendance and obstetrical attendance/labor complications.” Other notations for medical services include: medical advice, vaccination, dressing a horse leg, extracting teeth, and dressing gunshot wounds.

Pharmacy Manuscript, Vineland, NJ, 1866-1868. Manuscript containing over 575 prescriptions and formulas mostly written by Edwin Curtis Bidwell, MD (1821-1905), who practiced in Vineland; Bidwell was an 1884 graduate of Yale College School of Medicine. Most prescriptions give the price of the medication and indicate what medical condition it was used for. The prescriptions are pasted over an earlier 1856-1860 daybook and, where visible, provide information about the unidentified pharmacist’s personal and business accounts.

For further information contact, Special Collections at (201) 982-7830 or 982-6293.

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Dr. James Still Office Nominated to Historic Places Register

The house containing the medical office belonging to Dr. James Still, located in Medford Township, Burlington County, was nominated for listing on the NJ Register of Historic Places. The nomination, approved by the NJ State Review Board for Historic Sites, is awaiting the signature of the State Historic Preservation Officer. Once the nomination is signed, the property will be listed on the State Register, and be eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

Dr. Still (1812-1885) was known as the "Black Doctor of the Jersey Pines." With only three months of formal schooling, James Still had an intense desire to become a physician. Barred from medical school because of his lack of education and the prejudice of the time, he was self-taught in the practical application of herbal medicines and medical theory. Dr. Still, who was called doctor by all who knew him, avoided prosecution for practicing medicine without a license by legally preparing and selling his herbal remedies, which were remarkably successful in treating people's ailments. His reputation was so great that people outside the Pine Barrens came to him to purchase his remedies. In 1877, Still wrote his autobiography, *Early Recollections and Life of Dr. James Still*.

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35th International Congress on the History of Medicine and
the 1st International Medical Olympiad

The island of Kos, Greece, birthplace of Hippocrates, will be the location of the 35th International Congress on the History of Medicine, September 2-8, 1996. Topics include medicine in ancient civilizations, origins and influence of Hippocratic medicine, the Alexandrian (Hellenistic) School, women and health sciences, history of hospitals, and other subjects. The meeting will be organized and hosted by the International Hippocratic Foundation of the Island of Kos (IHFK), which is the historical and cultural venue of the Foundation, providing a symbolic setting closely associated with the historical evolution of the art of medicine. The IHFK is a non-profit organization created for the purpose of preservation of the Hippocratic tradition, ethic, and ideals in medical thought and practice. The official languages of the Congress are English and French.

By decision of the International Congress for the History of Medicine, Kos Island has been designated as the permanent location of the International Medical Olympiad, to take place under the auspices of IHFK every four years. The Olympiads will explore, study, and discuss aspects of history, culture, philosophy, ethics, trends, and policies related to medicine as practiced in a continuously changing social climate. The 1st International Medical Olympiad, August 31-September 2, will precede the 35th Congress.

Deadline for early registration for the Olympiad and Congress is February 15, 1996. For more information, contact the U.S. National Delegate and MHS member, Christos Moschos, MD, UMDNJ-New Jersey Medical School, 201-982-4735.

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New Electronic Discussion Group Formed

NJ_History, an electronic discussion group, is free and open to anyone with an e-mail account. All aspects of New Jersey history may be discussed: archives, genealogy, historic sites, museums, problems in research, the quest for speakers, etc. Joining up could not be simpler. Send an e-mail message to:

majordomo@email.rutgers.edu

In the body of the message (not the “subject” line of the heading) type:

subscribe nj_history

(Note: the mark after “nj” is an underline, not a hyphen.) You will receive a reply telling you that you have subscribed to the group. From then on, all mail sent to the group will automatically come to you, and anything you post will go to all the other subscribers. Getting off the list is as easy as getting on (send a message to the above address saying “unsubscribe”). (Reprinted with permission from NJ Historical Commission Newsletter, June 1995.)

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Donald Kent, MD, PhD
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Donald Light, PhD
History of the American health care system; comparative analysis of managed care systems; transformation of the German & British systems; ethics of health care reform.

Michael Nevins, MD
The Jewish Doctor: Case Histories
(forthcoming, Jason Aronson).

Victor Parsonnet, MD
History of medicine in the Jewish community in Newark, NJ.

Michael Schulder, MD
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Helen Sheehan, PhD
Ongoing data entry, research, and publication preparation on "New Jersey Home for Disabled Soldiers, 1866-1976 with Dr. Richard P. Wedeen.

Cornelius Stover, MD
Civil War medicine related to the U.S. Sanitary Commission, the Veterans Reserve Corps (Invalid Corps), and stress fractures during prolonged marches.

James Strick
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Richard P. Wedeen, MD
Ongoing data entry, research, and publication preparation on "New Jersey Home for Disabled Soldiers, 1866-1976 with Dr. Helen Sheehan."
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