SPRING MEETING AND
SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL MORRIS H. SAFFRON LECTURE

The MHSNJ will hold its annual meeting May 22 at the Nassau Club, Princeton. The program features Gerald N. Grob, PhD, the Henry E. Sigerist Professor of the History of Medicine at Rutgers University and President-Elect of the American Association for the History of Medicine, who will deliver the seventeenth annual Morris H. Saffron Lecture, sponsored in part by the Academy of Medicine of New Jersey. Dr. Grob will present "American Psychiatry: Past, Present, and Future." Other speakers and their topics appear below. A short business meeting preceding the program will include election of new officers. Registration begins at 3:30 pm.

Program (4-6 pm):

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

The Worm and the Tumor: Did the Nobel Committee Make a Mistake?
William C. Campbell, PhD, Dana Fellow, Drew University
Outgoing President, Medical History Society of New Jersey

Medicine, Hippocrates, and the Island of Kos: Some New Ideas for an Old Place
Christos B. Moschos, MD, FACC, Professor of Medicine, UMDNJ-New Jersey Medical School

Bioethics Committees: Where They Came From, Where Are They Going
Joseph C. d'Orazio, PhD, MPH, Assistant Clinical Professor of Social Medicine, Columbia University School of Public Health

Cocktails and Dinner (6-7:30 pm)
The Seventeenth Annual Morris H. Saffron Lecture (7:30 pm):

**American Psychiatry: Past, Present, and Future**
Gerald N. Grob, PhD
Henry E. Sigerist Professor of the History of Medicine
Institute for Health, Health Care Policy, and Aging Research
Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey
President-Elect, American Association for the History of Medicine

Members, students, and friends are invited to attend this dinner meeting. The cost is $40 per person; $5 for students. Advance registration is required. For information, contact Lisa Fleischer, MHSNJ, 14 Washington Rd, Suite 101, Princeton Junction, NJ 08550, 609/275-1911.

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**MEMBERS IN THE NEWS**

Sam Alewitz, PhD, was appointed chair, History of Public Health Committee, and association trustee of archives of the New Jersey Public Health Association.

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Judith K. Amorosa, MD, UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, curated an exhibit in November on the Jewish Hospital in Budapest, Hungary, at the Radiological Society of North America's annual meeting in Chicago.

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Hugh E. Evans, MD, UMDNJ-New Jersey Medical School, participated in a panel discussion on Presidential Disability at Wake Forest University in North Carolina in November. The panel included the Honorable Gerald R. Ford, former US President, and Tom Wicker, writer and former columnist for the New York Times. Dr. Evans is the author of *The Medical Heritage of President Franklin D. Roosevelt* (forthcoming).

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Bart K. Holland, PhD, UMDNJ-New Jersey Medical School, presented "Prospecting for New Drugs in Old Texts," in March as part of a program entitled "Herbal Medicine and its Regulations: The Value of Historical Evidence" at the annual meeting of the American Institute for the History of Pharmacy, held in Nashville. *Prospecting for Drugs in Ancient and Medieval European Texts: A Scientific Approach* (Hardwood Academic Publisher), edited by Dr. Holland, is due for publication in July.

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Frank F. Katz, PhD, MHSNJ delegate to the League of Historical Societies of New Jersey, attended the League’s summer meeting June 10 in Somerville. The meeting was sponsored by the Friends of the Wallace House and Old Dutch Parsonage. Dr. Katz reports "it was an interesting meeting with interesting people, and the League is happy to have a representative from the MHS attending."
MHSNJ members who will give papers at the annual conference of the American Association for the History of Medicine (AAHM) in May are Allen B. Weisse, MD, "Bats in the Belfry or Bugs in the Belly: Helicobacter and the Resurrection of Johannes Fibiger" and Barbara Smith Irwin, "The New Jersey AIDS Collection and Oral Histories." The AAHM meeting will take place from May 10-12 in Buffalo.

Sandra Moss, MD, is preparing a permanent display in the Department of Medicine Conference Room at St. Peter's Medical Center, New Brunswick, on "Masters of Medicine."

James E. Stick, Princeton University graduate student, will present "Spontaneous Generation Controversies: What Can We Learn From Historical Studies?" at the annual meeting of the American Society of Microbiology in New Orleans in May.

Richard P. Wedeen, MD, UMDNJ-New Jersey Medical School, and Helen Sheehan, PhD, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, St. Johns University, presented a seminar on March 18 on historical, medical, and sociological approaches to environmental issues based on their edited book, Toxic Circles (Rutgers University Press, 1993), at St. John's University, Vincentian Center for Church and Society.

In Memoriam

Harry Bloch, MD
Charles Vevier, PhD

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Save this date -- October 23 -- for the fall meeting of the MHSNJ.

Election of New Officers

The MHSNJ will elect new officers at the annual meeting on May 22. The Nominating Committee, Vincent Cirillo (Chair), Barbara S. Irwin, and Donald Kent, submitted the following candidates for the term 1996-1998:

Murray A. Rosenberg, MD, FACR President
Helen Sheehan, PhD Vice-President
Steven Maron, MD Secretary/Treasurer
The MHSNJ welcomes the following new members (as of April 1, 1996):

Christine Bednash, RN
Erik C. Bennett
Angie Campo, RN
Frank Campo, MD
Robert M. Campolattaro, BS
Antonio G. Ciucci, MD
Edwin A. Deitch, MD
Pedro Gascon, MD, PhD

Daniel M. Greenwald, MD
Harold Jaffe, MD
Jeanne Jaggard, MD
David G. Landsnes, MD
Charlotte Shipley, RN
Joseph W. Sokolowski, Jr., MD
William Sukovich, MD

Book collectors alert: Swann Galleries in New York City will auction medical books on May 16. For information and a catalogue, contact Tobias Abeloff, Swann Galleries, 104 East 25th Street, NYC, 10010-2977; phone (212) 254-4710.

"African-American Pediatricians: Caregivers and Child Advocates of Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow" was the theme of a videotape shown at the UMDNJ-Smith Library in Newark on February 14 to celebrate Black History Month. The video was produced by the National Medical Association to commemorate its centennial being celebrated this year. The program was sponsored by the UMDNJ-Smith Library and the New Jersey Medical School-Pediatrics Department.

John P. Swann, PhD, Historian at the US Food and Drug Administration, presented the eighth annual David L. Cowen Lecture in the History of Pharmacy at the Rutgers University College of Pharmacy on April 16. Dr. Swann's lecture was entitled "The History of Drug Regulation in the United States."

Medical History Programs Increasing in NJ's Colleges and Universities
by Barbara Smith Irwin

Interest in medical history is increasing in New Jersey colleges and universities. A summary of courses and programs, some taught by MHSNJ members, follows:

Drew University is the only university on the Eastern seaboard to offer both a Certificate and a Master's degree in the medical humanities. The program is conducted jointly by Drew and the Raritan Bay Medical Center, affiliate of Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital and UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School. Among the courses is the "Cultural History of Medicine" taught by Donald Kent, MD, PhD, in which students examine the relations between the theory and the
which students examine the relations between the theory and the practice of medicine; the course is also included in the Master of Letters program. Other courses include "The History of Medicine," "Literature and Medicine," "Medical Ethics," "Medicine and the Fine Arts," "Philosophy of Medicine," and "Religion and Medicine."

Drew University also offers an undergraduate course, "Evolution of the Bio-medical Sciences," a four-credit seminar for undergraduates taught by William C. Campbell, PhD. The course examines the history of biology and medicine as inter-dependent and mutually reinforcing sciences. It deals mainly with the scientific, rather than the professional or cultural, aspects of medicine and is part of the Drew Scholars program and degree programs in history and biology.

The Federated History Department of Rutgers-Newark and the New Jersey Institute of Technology offers a specialization in the History of Technology, Environment and Medicine. The program offers an opportunity to explore not only the history of medicine itself but its overlaps and interactions with other related historical topics. Some of the courses include "Culture and Science in the History of American Medicine," "Social History of American Medicine," and "History of the Body in Modern Western Culture." Many of the courses in environmental history and history of technology also consider themes of medicine and disease. Seven faculty members from NJIT and Rutgers-Newark participate in this part of the history masters program. Among the faculties specializing in medical history and history of science are Christopher Sellers, MD, PhD; Norman Dain, PhD; and Beryl Sater, PhD.

Rutgers University-New Brunswick offers an undergraduate course each fall, "Health and Environment in America," taught by Gerald N. Grob, PhD. "Diseases and Doctors in the Modern West," is taught by Gerald L. Geison, PhD, at Princeton University in the fall.

Medical students at UMDNJ-New Jersey Medical School may participate in a History of Medicine elective during the fall semester. The course is taught by Francis P. Chinard, MD, with William D. Sharpe, MD. The focus of a spring course, "Current Issues in Medicine," is the evolution of the principles and practices of medicine and their possible implication to the future of medicine; discussions include the Hippocratic Oath, euthanasia, human experimentation, and health care as a right, a privilege, or a commodity of the market place. Dr. Sharpe is planning a "Civil War Medicine" course to be offered in the near future.

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National Library of Medicine's History of Medicine Division Program

An innovative program was held in the History of Medicine Room at the UMDNJ-G.F. Smith Library in Newark on March 13 by the National
Library of Medicine's (NLM) History of Medicine Division (HMD). Philip M. Teigen, PhD, Deputy Chief of HMD, presented a multimedia program surveying NLM's rich historical collections of prints and photographs, printed books and journals, manuscripts, archives and films. Information was also provided on NLM's historical resources available on the Internet: Images from the History of Medicine Division, exhibit catalogs, and HISTLINE. The afternoon program included a hands-on session in a computer classroom. MHSNJ members were among the participants.

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National Library of Medicine’s Historical Resources on the Internet

There will soon be a bigger, better, easier, and more accessible INTERNET GRATEFUL MED being designed for easy access over the Web, according to Elizabeth Fee, Chief of the History of Medicine Division (HMD) of the National Library of Medicine (NLM). HISTLINE has been named a “high priority” database for Internet access and may be available by fall. For anyone impatient for HISTLINE access, a simplified set of instructions for using the current system has been compiled and is available from HMD (301/496-5405).

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MEMBERS’ PUBLICATIONS IN THE HISTORY OF MEDICINE, 1995


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