FIFTH ANNUAL CORPORATE LECTURE TO BE PRESENTED ON OCTOBER 22 AT THE NASSAU CLUB

The fall meeting of the MHSNJ will be held Wednesday, October 22, at The Nassau Club in Princeton. Renee C. Fox, PhD, Annenberg Professor of Social Sciences, University of Pennsylvania, will present the fifth annual Corporate Lecture. Dr. Fox's paper is entitled "Experiment Perilous: Forty-Five Years as a Participant Observer of Patient-Oriented Research." The Corporate Lecture is supported by donations from New Jersey pharmaceutical companies. Registration begins at 3:30 p.m.; the program begins at 4 p.m.. An added attraction will be medical history stamps related to the program displayed by Frank Skvara, MD.

Business Meeting -- Murray A. Rosenberg, MD, President

A New Jersey Doctor and the King of Siam
Sandra W. Moss, MD

Beth Hatefutsoth: History of Jews and Medicine -- Images and Commentary
Aaron J. Feingold, MD, F.A.C.C.

New Jersey Public Health: A Social and Historical Perspective
Sam Alewitz, PhD

Cocktails and Dinner (6-7:30 p.m.)

The Fifth Annual Corporate Lecture:

Experiment Perilous: Forty-Five Years as a Participant Observer of Patient-Oriented Research
Renee C. Fox, PhD.
Annenberg Professor Social Sciences, University of Pennsylvania
Members, students, and friends are invited to attend this dinner meeting. The cost is $40/members, $50/guests, and $20/students and medical residents. Advance registration is required. For information, contact Claire Pabers, MHSNJ, 14 Washington Road, Suite 101, Princeton Junction, NJ 08550, 609/275-1911.

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MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Sam Alewitz, PhD, was appointed research associate for the Labor Art and Mural Project in the Department of Labor Education at Rutgers University.

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Francis P. Chinard, MD, presented for the 15th year the non-credit electives, "The History of Medicine" and "Current Issues in Medicine." The courses are primarily directed to first and second year medical students. "History of Medicine" is a continuation of a course initiated by Dr. Morris Saffron in the first year of the Seton Hall College of Medicine (1956), now the UMDNJ-New Jersey Medical School. "Current Issues in Medicine" examines medical issues from an historical perspective.

Dr. Chinard, no longer having an office at the UMDNJ-New Jersey Medical School, requests members to communicate with him at his home address: 40 Warren Place, Montclair, NJ 07042, (973) 476-7847.

Vincent J. Cirillo, who retired in 1993 after 31 years with the Merck Pharmaceutical Company, is now a PhD candidate in the history of medicine at Rutgers University under the tutelage of Professor Gerald N. Grob. Having successfully completed his major and minor exams, and defended his thesis proposal, Vin is now immersed in researching and writing a dissertation on the medical and surgical history of the Spanish-American War. To date, he has completed about one-third of the projected work, and expects to finish it in 1998.

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David L. Cowen, reports that Pharmacy: an Illustrated History, co-written in 1990 by himself and William H. Helfand, was recently published in Italian entitled La Storia della Farmacia. The widely popular work joins the German and Spanish versions, Die Geschichte der Pharmazie in Kunst und Kultur and La Historia de la Farmacia, respectively.

Mr. Cowen presented his collection of reprints, pamphlets, and copies of archival and documentary materials to the American Institute of the History of Pharmacy at Madison, Wisconsin. The majority of the collection pertains to pharmacy but medicine, allied health, and chemistry subjects are also represented. Known as "The AIHP Reference Files (Cowen Collection)," it comprises some 6000 computer-indexed items.
Gerald N. Grob, PhD, presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychiatric Association held in San Diego, a paper entitled "Historical Influences on Psychiatric Care in America." Dr. Grob also participated in July at the Opening Plenary Session, "Overcoming Stigma: Current Perspectives, Future Prospects," at the annual meeting of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill, held in Albuquerque.

George J. Hill, MD, became in 1996 an Honorary Life Member, National Assembly, American Cancer Society. Dr. Hill, Professor Emeritus, Department of Surgery, UMDNJ-New Jersey Medical School, recently acted as Gonfalon Bearer, at the NJMS's annual convocation. Continuing as a full-time graduate student in history at Rutgers University, Newark, he inventoried and reviewed the archives of the Essex County Medical Society from its establishment in 1816 to the present (see related story).

Wolfgang Jochle, DMV, with Joy Johnston, delivered a poster presentation entitled "Treasured Breasts: a Historical View of Human Lactation" in April at the 10th Biennial National Conference of The Australian College of Midwives held in Melbourne, Australia. Dr. Jochle was also a speaker at the MHS's spring meeting presenting, "Misreading the Bitch: Consequences for Medicine and Society at Large."

Steven Maron, MD, is participating in the Oral History Program of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP). Oral history interviews are being conducted with prominent retired pediatricians. Dr. Maron’s subject was Dr. T. Berry Brazelton, well-known TV pediatrician, author, researcher, and lecturer. Audiotapes and videotapes will be available at the Pediatric History Center of the AAP. For additional information contact: Susan Marshall, American Academy of Pediatrics, 141 Northwest Point Blvd., PO Box 927, Elk Grove Village, IL, 60009-0927 (1-800-433-9016, x 4722).

Michael A. Nevins, MD, is a co-chair faculty for the upcoming American Physicians Fellowship for Medicine in Israel’s continuing medical education seminar, “Jewish Roots of Medicine and the Ethics of Care.” The seminar is to be held from November 2-11, in Israel. Among the faculty is Aaron Feingold, MD.

Gerson Weiss MD, published letters to the editor regarding “Clinical Research in Ancient Babylon: Methodologic Insights from the Book of Daniel,” in Obstet Gynecol 87: 156-7, 1996. This citation was inadvertently omitted from the MHSNJ’s 1996 list, “Members’ Publications in the History of Medicine” (Apologies to the author from the editor).
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Call for Papers

The MHSNJ calls on all members to contribute abstracts of medical history papers they would like to present at upcoming Society meetings. Interested members should contact Program Chair, Sandra Moss, MD. 908/745-6642 (w).

Saffron-Wickes Prize

The MHSNJ announces the biennial Saffron-Wickes Prize for a meritorious publication on the history of medicine in New Jersey. To be eligible for the 1998 prize, the publication should have been published between January 1, 1996 and January 1, 1998. Nomination for the prize should be by a letter submitted by the author(s), publisher, or other nominator, along with four copies of the publication.

The deadline for submission is February 1, 1998. The award winner will be announced by April 15, 1998. The prize is $500. The award winner is invited to attend the Annual Meeting of the MHSNJ in May 1998.

For information and to send nominations contact: Helen E. Sheehan, PhD, Chairperson, Saffron-Wickes Prize, Dept. of Sociology/Anthropology, St. John’s University, 8000 Utopia Parkway, Jamaica, NY 11439.

Compiling Resources in Medical History in New Jersey:
A Status Report on a MHSNJ Project

Frank F. Katz, PhD, Project Director

Forty-nine replies to the questionnaire sent to historical societies and special libraries in New Jersey for participation in this survey have been received. Of this number, thirty-six will be included in the second draft of the directory currently in preparation. The vast majority of respondents are affiliates of the League of Historical Societies of New Jersey (LHSNJ), of which the MHSNJ is a member.

All thirty-six organizations reporting have some material in their collection or sponsor a building which may be of interest to medical historians. The collections vary from a single item, such as an oral history interview of a lone practitioner conducted by the Merchantville Historical Society, to the extensive medical holdings at the New Jersey Historical Society and the New Jersey State Library.
A brief progress report was presented before the LHSNJ at its spring meeting last June, sponsored by the Tewksbury Township Historical Society. Favorable comments about the project and continued interest in it were expressed by League members.

Currently, the manuscript is over fifty pages and has four indexes: Personal Names (173); Organizations and Agencies (97); Medical Historical Sites (7); and Artifacts/Holdings and Keyword Subjects (206). The indexes will maximize the directory's usefulness. Indeed, the very purpose of the project is to produce a utilitarian resource guide for researchers and other visitors to the State with interest in New Jersey medical history. Manuscript revisions are ongoing as a suitable format is developed and new entries are added prior to the publication date of January 1999.

UMDNJ-Special Collections Nearing Completion of Expansion and Renovation Project

UMDNJ-Special Collections at the George F. Smith Library in Newark was expanded this summer and is nearing completion of a renovation project. The department suffered from a serious lack of space for both collections and staff, as was evidenced by jam-packed bookcases. The project was made possible, in part, from generous donations from two sources: the family of the late Barbara Manisty Peck, for whom the History of Medicine Reading Room will be named, was initiated by her nephew, William D. Sharpe, MD; and by the UMDNJ Champions for the Stanley S. Bergen, Jr., MD, University Archives, named in honor of Dr. Bergen's twenty-fifth anniversary as UMDNJ president.

The renovation included expanding the physical layout of the department. A separate office and conservation work area for the Bergen University Archives were created by tearing down a wall and expanding into space formerly occupied by another department. The Barbara M. Peck History of Medicine Room was reconfigured with additional bookcases to accommodate the growing book collections. All areas of the department will benefit from new furnishings and coordinated decor. A grand re-opening reception honoring the donors is in the planning stage.

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Manuscript Donations to UMDNJ-Special Collections

A handwritten "Book of Receipts" [sic] compiled by Charles W. Harrison (1828-1901) was recently donated to University Libraries' Special Collections at the George F. Smith Library in Newark. The donor had seen an Associated Press story in her local Danbury, Connecticut newspaper about another medical manuscript donated to UMDNJ. She contacted the Library about an old family manuscript volume of medicinal recipes compiled by an ancestor.

Charles Harrison was a Newark native who apprenticed for five years under Drs. Thomas Lowery and Milton Baldwin, both Newark practitioners. Harrison later attended the College of Physicians and Surgeons but was unable to complete his medical education due to family obligations; he ended up becoming a farmer in Irvington. His "Book of Receipts" begun in Newark in 1845, contains a recipe for treating dropsy with juniper berries and mustard; another recipe uses black cherry bark and mandrake root in "bilious pills."

Two new collections documenting New Jersey county medical societies, both dating from the early nineteenth century, were also donated. These historical records join other county medical society collections previously acquired for the New Jersey Medical History Manuscript Collections at the Library.

Records of the Burlington County Medical Society (1829-1980), located in Mt. Laurel, include minute books, attendance roll books, newsletters, miscellaneous materials, including by-laws, constitutions, and membership information. Records of the Essex County Medical Society (1816-1982), in Verona, contain minute books, membership information, Society bulletins, Council Actions, committee reports, and miscellaneous published works.

Charles Harrison's recipe book, records of the Burlington and Essex County Medical Societies, and other New Jersey medical history manuscripts may be consulted by researchers by calling the Special Collections Department at 973/972-7830 or 973/972-6293.

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