MID-WINTER MEETING OF THE LUNAR SOCIETY
An inheritor of the great 19th-century Birmingham Circle of physicians and scientists who met at the full moon

DATE: Wednesday February 8, 2017
TIME: 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon
PROGRAM: Alexander Library, Rutgers University 169 College Ave., New Brunswick, NJ
LUNCHEON: Rutgers Club, 199 College Ave. ($15, seating limited, please R.S.V.P.)
PARKING: Rutgers Club parking lot for library program and luncheon

PROGRAM

Walkaround exhibit of the surgical art of Dr. Edgar Burke

Fish, Ducks, and Abdominal Procedures: The Paintings of Dr. Edgar Burke
Bob Vietrogoski, Special Collections, George F. Smith Library of the Health Sciences

Dr. Burke’s Legacy: Surgical Education Then and Now
Dr. Theodore Eisenstat, Department of Surgery, Robert Wood Johnson Medical School

“Move over We’ve Got This”: Women on a Mission to Establish Hospitals in Middlesex County, New Jersey, in the Late-19th and Early-20th Centuries
Linda Whitfield Spinner, Doctor of Medical Humanities

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Dr. Edgar Burke (1890–1950) was a longtime surgeon at Jersey City Medical Center. He was also a skilled artist, known for his paintings of wildfowl, fish, and fly-fishing flies.

This past spring, Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences–Special Collections received a donation of approximately 800 small paintings of human anatomy and surgical procedures executed by Dr. Burke. Special Collections librarian Bob Vietrogoski will present an introduction to Dr. Burke’s artistic and surgical careers.

Robert Wood Johnson Medical School Professor of Surgery Dr. Theodore Eisenstat will discuss a selection of paintings from a surgeon’s perspective. A selection of Burke’s original paintings and publications will be on display prior to the presentation.

Dr. Linda Whitfield Spinner will address the critical roles of women and civic groups in establishing and managing the two early hospitals in New Brunswick. Mrs. Grace Wells and several members of the Ladies Hospital Aid Association helped to establish the New Brunswick City Hospital (later Wells Memorial Hospital) in 1884. The Sisters of Charity of the Order of Grey Nuns of Montreal were instrumental in establishing and running St. Peter’s Hospital in 1907.