



# Medical History Society of New Jersey

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## NEWSLETTER

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In 1988, the MHSNJ became a constituent member of the American Association for the History of Medicine. There were 73 paid members.

### 1988 MEETINGS

The Annual Spring Meeting on May 11, 1988 at the Academy of Medicine of New Jersey was dedicated to women in medicine honoring the election of Palma Formica, M.D. as President of the Medical Society of New Jersey, and the supplement of New Jersey Medicine on New Jersey women physicians, edited by Estelle Brodman, Ph.D. The following papers were presented:

- "To Humanize Not Feminize: The Future of the Woman Doctor in the United States" Regina Markell Morantz-Sanchez, Ph.D., Professor of History, University of Kansas
- "The Supreme Sacrifice. The Story of Clara Maass", Constance Schuyler, Ed.D.
- "Dr. Lena Edwards: Practicing What She Preached", Linda Holmes, M.P.A.
- "Carrie-Belle Henle: New Jersey First Woman Radiologist", Christine Haycock, M.D.

The Fall Meeting held at the UMDNJ-New Jersey Medical School in Newark on Saturday, October 8, 1988 featured a catered lunch with "Benjamin Franklin's Rum Punch" (courtesy, Dr. Francis P. Chinard) and the following presentations:

- "The Jake Walk Blues", John P. Morgan, M.D., Medical Professor and Director of Pharmacology, CUNY Medical School
- "A Cautionary Medicine Show", Robbie Wedeen, Folksinger and Richard P. Wedeen, M.D., Professor of Medicine, UMDNJ-New Jersey Medical School
- "Nellie Keershaws and Frederick Legrand", Irving J. Selikoff, M.D., Professor Emeritus of Environmental Medicine, Mt. Sinai Medical School

The Wickes Prize was awarded in absentia to Daniel Parish, Harvard Medical School, by Robert L. Thompson, Ed.D., UMDNJ-School of Osteopathic Medicine.

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- President - Richard P. Wedeen, M.D.
- Vice President - Estelle Brodman, Ph.D.
- Secretary/Treasurer - Robert L. Thompson, Ed.D.

1988-1889 COMMITTEES

At the November 16, 1988 meeting of the Executive Committee the following subcommittees were formed:

10th Anniversary Committee - Vincent J. Cirillo, M.S., Chairman; Charles Vevier, Ph.D., Barbara Irwin, members. This Committee is planning a 10th anniversary event on May 8, 1990 for the MHSNJ.

Book Project Committee - Richard P. Wedeen, M.D., Chairman; Estelle Brodman, Ph.D., David L. Cowan, Vincent J. Cirillo, M.S. and Francis P. Chinard, M.D. members. Richard P. Wedeen, M.D. and Helen Sheehan, Ph.D. (Medical Sociology) will edit a multiauthored book entitled "Industrial Health and Public Policy", which the Rutgers University Press has expressed interest in publishing.

Program Committee - Robert L. Thompson, Ed.D., Chairman; Vincent J. Cirillo, M.S. Charles Vevier, Ph.D. members. Professor Gerald I. Geison, Professor of History, Princeton University, has been invited to present the 10th Annual Morris Saffron Lecture at the Spring meeting to be held on May 10, 1989 at the Academy of Medicine of New Jersey in Lawrenceville, NJ. Dr. Geison's topic will be "Pasteur, Rioux, and Rabies: Scientific and Clinical Perspectives".

Membership Committee - Philip Rosenstein, Chairman.

ACTIVITIES

The Annual Meeting of the American Association for the History of Medicine will be held in Birmingham, Alabama, April 27-30, 1989.

Admission records and Executive Board Minutes of the "New Jersey Home for Disabled Veterans" (presently known as the "New Jersey Veterans Memorial Home, Menlo Park") have been made available to Richard P. Wedeen, M.D. and Helen E. Sheehan, Ph.D. in collaboration with James Klett, Ph.D. and Daniel Deykin, M.D., VA Cooperative Study Program, Boston MA for demographic analysis of the origins of Veteran Administration policies. These 11,673 consecutive admissions from 1866 to 1976 reflect the policies of the first state medical facility for veterans. The New Jersey Veterans Memorial Home has agreed to donate records to the George F. Smith Library of the Health Sciences at UMDNJ-New Jersey Medical School to be archived in the New Jersey Medical History Collection by Barbara Irwin.

Ynez ViOLE O'Neill, Professor in Residence, Department of Anatomy, UCLA, and Morris Saffron Lecturer in 1986, is preparing an Index of Medieval Medical Images in North America. Dr. O'Neill requests that anyone with knowledge of such material not indexed in Loren C. MacKinney's Medical Images in Medieval Manuscripts (London, 1965) contact her at the UCLA Medical School, Los Angeles, CA 90024-1763.

The New Jersey State Library has awarded a \$6,355 grant to UMDNJ to preserve a unique collection of photographs from the Newark City Hospital/Martland Medical Center, 1882-1957, donated to the George F. Smith Library by Samuel Berg, M.D.

An exhibit on "Pioneer Women Physicians of New Jersey" was displayed at the George F. Smith Library from June 1988 to February 1989. This exhibit will travel to the Douglass College Student Center as part of a celebration opening a new science center for women. Beginning in March, 1989, the George F. Smith Library will have an exhibit entitled "A Hopeful Impulse: The Heart".

The New Jersey Medical History Collection of the UMDNJ-New Jersey Medical School is actively seeking donations of relevant materials and original documents for the New Jersey Medical History Collection. A newsletter entitled CONNECTIONS published by cooperating UMDNJ Libraries is available by contacting Madeline V. Taylor at 201-456-5498.

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- BELL, W.J.: Robert Lowry Sibbet (1826-1898), A Medical Reformer Cumberland County History (Cumberland Co. Historical Society, Carlisle, PA), V, No. 1 (Summer 1988), 3-18 (Sibbet was founder of the American Academy of Medicine)
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Respectfully submitted,

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President  
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## HISTORY OF MEDICINE IN MEDICAL SCHOOL CURRICULA

QUESTIONNAIRE: Please return in enclosed envelope

Because of the uncertainty of the place of courses on the History of Medicine in the curricula of medical schools, one of us has undertaken an initial review of the subject by examining the summaries published by the Association of American Medical Colleges. In the 127 medical schools listed for the United States and Canada the following required courses were found:

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| History of Medicine           | 9  |
| Law and Medicine              | 1  |
| Medicine (Health) and Society | 8  |
| Medical Humanities            | 10 |
| Ethics                        | 14 |

The following institutions required the History of Medicine (usually in the first year of medical school):

Yale, Johns Hopkins, United Services University (Hebert School of Medicine), University of Missouri in Kansas City, Bowman Gray, East Carolina University, McGill and University of Saskatchewan.

The definitions of the above listed disciplines ( if indeed they be such) are somewhat fuzzy but all must relate to historical developments of concepts, philosophies and cultures, in brief, to the humanities. (As to the meaning of the humanities, as defined by Ralph Barton Perry 50 years ago, the humanities "embrace whatever influences conduce to freedom").

During the next few months, a small group of us will be exploring what might be a suitable role for the history of medicine and the humanities in the curricula of medical schools. Among the questions to be considered are:

1. should the medical curriculum incorporate as a requirement a course in the traditional History of Medicine framework and with the traditional content (as exemplified in Ackernecht's abbreviated text)?
2. should a broader approach be used as suggested by the variety of required courses indicated above?
3. given that only about 40 institutions out of 127 have required courses in what may be called the humanities and given the determining role of the National Board of Medical Examiners in the curricula of medical schools, is it rational to expend time, effort and energy to the development of such courses?

The responses of the membership to these questions will be greatly appreciated. To facilitate and encourage responses, addressed, stamped envelopes are enclosed.