PROGRESS AND EXPANSION OF HISTORY OF MEDICINE *

MEETINGS AND LECTURERS:

Bay area History of Medicine Club, San Francisco:


Beaumont Medical Club, Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut


Benjamin Waterhouse Medical History Society, Boston University School of Medicine:

March 9, 1989: “Surgery in the Middle Ages”, Ralph Deterling.

Canadian Society for the History of Medicine:
The Society’s annual meeting was held at the Université Laval, Quebec City, 31 May-1 June 1989. Session topics included medicine and society, “Marginal” medicine, the development of specialization, medicine in transition in the early nineteenth century, women and children, tuberculosis and sanatoriums in the early twentieth century, nineteenth- and twentieth-century hospital history, and aspects of ancient medicine. The G.R. Paterson Lecture was delivered by Jean-Noël Biraben of Paris. His title was “Les Hôpitaux parisiens aux 17e et 18e siècles”, C. Stuart Houston’s Presi-

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dential address was on the fittingly Canadian subject “Scurvy and Arctic Exploration”.

College of Physicians of Philadelphia:
Alan M. Kraut of the American University delivered a public lecture at the College on 1 March, 1989. His title was “Healers and Strangers: Immigrant Attitudes towards the physician in America, a Relationship in Historical Perspective”.

Johns Hopkins Institute of the History of Medicine:
The 1989 Spring semester colloquium series continued with “Medical Representations of Sexually Deviant Women in Nineteenth-Century Russia and Europe”, Laura Engelstein, 13 April (Princeton University);”Profession, Gender, and Class in Evolutionary Thinking: Dr. Frances Emily White, a Spencerian Woman, Edward T. Morman, 20 April (Johns Hopkins University); “The Presidential Commission on the HIV Epidemic: A look Behind the Scenes,” James L. Baker, 4 May (Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions); and “Philosophizing Biology: Alexis Carrel and the French-American Dialogue,” Anne-Marie Moulin, 11 May (University of Paris, Panthéon-Sorbonne).

Mayo Foundation History of Medicine Society, Rochester, Minnesota:


Medical History Society of New Jersey, Lawrenceville:
October, 7, 1989: “Special Collections at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey: Resources in the History of Medicine and New Jersey Medical History”, Barbara Irwin; “Mercury Finally ‘Made it’: The Discovery of the Mercurial Diuretic”. Allen B. Weisse”; Veterinarians Coping with Disaster,” Robert R. Shomer; and “Hippocratic Oath: Myth or Reality?” Helen Blank.

Reynolds Library Associates, University of Alabama, Birmingham:
February 17, 1989: “A perspective
on William Osler," Victor A. Mckusick (Reynolds Historical Lecture).

Royal Society of Medicine, London:

The following presentations were made at the fall 1989 meetings of the Society's history of medicine section: 4 October, "Medieval Judao-Arabic Medicine as Described in the Cairo Genizah," H D. Isaacs; 1 November, "Electrotherapy: Amusement and Cure", W.D. Hackman; 6 December, "Concerning John Hunter's Famous Experiment", Brian Livesley.

Society of Medical History of Chicago:


April 4, 1989: "Who was Soranus of Ephesus?" T.N.K. Raju.


Washington Society for the History of Medicine, Bethesda, Maryland:


CONFERENCES & SEMINARS:

Aids and the Historian:

The AIDS History group held a conference on this topic at the National Institute of Health, Bethesda, Maryland, from 20-21 March 1989. The program was divided into four workshops. The first explored responses in the United States to epidemic disease before AIDS: "Epidemics before AIDS: A New Research Program", Guenter B. Risss;

American Psychiatric Association:
Among events at the annual meeting of the Association in San Francisco, California, were a workshop on the practice and teaching of the history of Psychiatry on 8 May 1989, and the Benjamin Rush Lecture on 10 May 1989. The workshop was organised by Edwin R. Wallace IV, Kenneth P. Gorelick, and members of the APA’s History and Library Committee. It was held at the University of California, San Francisco, and chaired by Dr. Gorelick and Guenter B. Risse. Papers presented were: "Philosophy, Method, Utility", Edwin R. Wallace IV; "Teaching", Stanley W. Jackson; "Sources and Bibliography", Garfield Towner; and "The Relevance of Psychiatry’s Classic Texts", George Mora. Dr Risse also had the honour of delivering the Benjamin Rush Lecture. His title was "The Great Neurosis: Clinical Construction of Hysteria, 1876-1895". The lecture was organized by Lucy D. Ozartin and Dr. Jackson.
Australian Society of the History of Medicine, First National Conference:

The Australian Society for the History of Medicine held its first national conference in Sydney from 15 to 19 February 1989. The Society, established in November 1986, has as one of its purposes the organization of meetings to further the development of history of medicine in Australia. The conference held at the University of Sydney under the leadership of Bryan Gandevia, President of the Society, with the able assistance of Milton Lewis and Harold Attwood. The theme of the conference was "New Perspectives on the History of Medicine" and the distinguished roster of speakers from Australia and New Zealand was augmented by overseas speakers from Great Britain, the United States, and West Germany. William F. Bynum, Caroline Hannaway, Arthur Imhof, Derek Dow, and David Rothman were guests invited to encourage history of medicine in Australia by giving presentations of their views of the field. Randall Albury of the University of New South Wales also contributed a stimulating address relating to the theme of the conference. In addition, the conference featured a symposium on the teaching of the History of medicine with Australian and overseas panelists. Of particular interest in the symposium was the discussion of the medical history course for medical students at the University of Sydney.

British Society for the History of Medicine:

Members of the Society met in Birmingham for their thirteenth biennial congress on the weekend of 15-17 September 1989. "The Tools of the Trade" was the theme of the congress and speakers covered tools as various as the surgeon’s hand, medical journals, drugs, the doctor’s bag, measuring devices, the doctor’s horse and other means of transport, X rays, medical records, the microscope, field hospital equipment, medical lectures, and even the patient’s bed! In addition to presentations of papers, seven exhibits on medical history subjects were on view. The chairman of the organizing committee was Ben T. Davis. The next congress will be held at Trinity College, Dublin, in September 1991.

College of Physicians of Philadelphia:

History of Medicine seminars sponsored by the college in fall 1989 included "The Anatomy Museum of Leiden: A Curious collection", Willem J. Mulder, 20 September; "The Hygiene of Place", Charles Rosenberg, 4 October; "Early Twentieth-century American Psychiatry and the problem of Masculinity", Elizabeth Lunbeck, 11 October; "The Sacramental Worldview and Modern Folk Medicine: Votive offerings, Bargaining, and acceptance", David J. Hufford, 18 October; and "In Search of Useful knowledge: Physi-

Francis C. Wood Institute,
College of Physicians of Philadelphia:
The Institute’s 1989 spring seminars continued with the following program: “Observation in Physic: A Poetics of the Case History”, Julia Epstein, 6 April; “All God’s Mistakes: The Sociology of Genetic Counseling”, Charles Bosk, 13 April; “Crisis in Therapeutics: Osteopathy and the Introduction of Diphtheria Antitoxins”, Robert Thompson, 20 April; “Medical Instruments and the Conceptualization of Disease: The case of Tuberculosis”, Katherine Ott, 4 May.

History of Medicine Division,
National Library of Medicine:

Johns Hopkins Institute of the History of Medicine:
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Launching the Antibiotic Era:
A symposium with this title was held on 23 Oct. 1989 at the Rockefeller University to mark the fiftieth anniversary of René Dubos’s discovery of gramicidin. The speakers, all of whom were involved in the discovery and use of the early antibiotics, gave personal accounts of the parts they played in this pathbreaking work. The Program was as follows: “From Microbes to Medicine: Gramicidin, René Dubos, and the Institute”, Rollin D. Hotchins; “Oxford, Howard Florey, and World War II”, Sir Edward P. Abraham; “Penicillin and Luck”, Norman G. Heatly; “Chloramphenicol, Kuala Lumpur, and the first Therapeutic Conquests of Typhus and Typhoid Fevers”, Theodore E. Woodword; “Macrophages, Tubercle Bacilli, and Streptomycin”, George B.
Mackaness; and "Antibiotics in Perspective", Bernard D. Davis. The symposium was chaired by the President of Rockefeller University, Joshua Lederberg”.

National Library of Medicine, History of Medicine Division: A seminar on "The Physician-Naturalist Conrad Gesner and His Ornithological Work" was given at the History of Medicine Division of the National Library of Medicine on 18 October 1989 by Katherine Boyd.

Society for the Social History of Medicine: Members of the Society met for their annual conference at Oxford Polytechnic, 7-9 July 1989. The theme was "Medicine and Media" and sessions discussed AIDS and the media, medical texts from manuscripts to printed books, Medical journalism, and medical topics in documentary radio and film. The Program was as follows: ‘Media Coverage of AIDS’, Peter Beharell; ‘Scientific Data on HIV and AIDS and the Lay Reader (Ship): Roots of Transmission’, Kay Wellings; ‘British Medical Construction of Rent Boys and Toy Boys’, Simon Watney; ‘Popular Medicine from script to print’, Peter Murray Jones; ‘Early Printing and Scholarly Medical Texts’, Margaret Smith; ‘Medical Journalism in Eighteenth-century France’, Nina Gelbart; “Henry Burdett and The Hospital”, Christopher Maggs; ‘The Nineteenth-Century British Medical Journal’, Peter Bartrip; ‘Lighting the Understanding and Kindling the Heart’: Documentary Film and the Representation of Health in the Late 1930s”, Timothy Boon; “Dandelion Leaves and Active Bowels”: The Art and the Politics of the BBC Radio Doctor, 1940-1950”, Anne Karpf; “Photographing Medicine: The Quest of AIDS”, Daniel M. Fox; and “Headline News: ‘Anti-War Doctors Win Peace Prize’”, Pat Craig. A General Social history of medicine workshop for postgraduates and younger scholars’ presentations of their projects was also part of the conference. The conference was organized by Anne Digby and Colin Jones.


Wellcome Institute for the History of Medicine:


Among Speakers in the research seminar in Islamic civilisation was Doris Behrens-Abouseif, “The Evolution of the Physician’s Image in Arabic Biographies in the Post-Classical Period”, 21 February 1989.

Wellcome Unit for the History Medicine, University of Oxford:

FELLOWSHIPS/AWARDS

American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists:

The College announces that the 1989 ACOG-Ortho Fellowship in the history of American obstetrics and gynecology has been awarded to Dr. Steven G. Gabb of the Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio. Dr. Gabb will be investigating the discovery of insulin and its impact on reproduction in women.

Competition for the 1990 award is now open. A stipend of $5,000 is provided to defray the expenses of a month’s research in the college’s collection (and other medico-historical collections in the Washington, D.C. area) on a continuing project dealing with some area of American obstetrical or gynecological history. Applications for the 1990 award will be accepted until 1 September 1989. For further information and application forms, write to Ms. Gay Takakoshi, Librarian, Historical collection American College of obstetricians and Gynecologists, 490 Twelfth Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20024-2188.

American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists:

The College has awarded its 1990 ACOG-Ortho Fellowship in the history of American obstetrics and gynecology to Charles R. King of the University of Kansas Medical Centre, Kansas City. Dr. King will use the fellowship to investigate women’s medical care on the American Western frontier.

American Institute of the History of Pharmacy:

John P. Swann received the 1989 Edward Kremers Award from the Institute for his book Academic Scientists and the Pharmaceutical Industry: Cooperative Research in Twentieth-Century America (Johns Hopkins, 1988). The award is designed to recognize an outstanding original scholarly publication historical or social-historical aspects of pharmacy by an American.

American Institute of History of Pharmacy:

William H. Helfand of New York has been selected as the 1989 George Urdang medallist. This award is made for distinguished pharmacohistorical writing in international competition. Mr. Helfand is well known in the medico-historical community for his interest in and expertise about art and medicine, especially medical ephemera, and he is presently serving as a consultant to the National Library of Medicine in this area.

Awards in Medical History by the Wellcome Trust:

Project Grants: Professor W.R. Lee (University of Liverpool) has been awarded support for three years for a study of urbanization, the
epidemiological transition, and public health strategies in nineteenth-century Bremen; Dr. C.M. Langford (LSE) has been awarded support for one year to assess the impact of the 1918-19 influenza epidemic on Sri Lanka; Dr. D. J. Keene (Institute of Historical Research, London) has been awarded a two-year grant for his work with Dr. J. S. Henderson (Cambridge) on the geography of plague in seventeenth-century London; and Dr. M. A. Crowther and Dr. M. W. Dupree (Glasgow) have two year’s support for a study of role of the medical societies in the Scotch medical profession. Awards in 1988/89 have been made to: Dr. I.R. Morus (Cambridge) for a study of medical uses of electricity in early Victorian England; Dr. R. J. J. Martin (Cambridge) for a study of Baconian medical reforms in seventeenth-Century England; Dr. A. M. Hardy and Lady L. S. Wilkinson (Wellcome Institute) for a historical study of the London school of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine 1899-1989; Dr. V G. Hatfield (University of East Anglia) for a study of domestic herbal remedies in East Anglia from the eighteenth century to present day; Dr. I. Fellman (Wellcome Institute) for a study of Arabic medical terminology; and Dr. D. Beer (Guy’s Hospital) for a historical analysis of the concept of unitary psychosis.

Johns Hopkins Institute of the History of Medicine:

The Owsei Temkin fellowship and other fellowships for graduate study, either for the M.A. or the Ph. D. degree in the history of medicine, will be available 1 July 1990. Tuitions and stipends possible. For further information, write to Professor Gert H. Brieger, Director, Institute of the History of Medicine, the Johns Hopkins University, 1900 East Monument Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21205.

Sonnedecker Residency Program at the University of Wisconsin:

The history of pharmacy program at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, invites applications from professional and nonprofessional historians for grants under this new program funded by Glenn and Cleo Sonnedecker through the University of Wisconsin Foundation. Monies ranging from $500 to $2,000 will be available to assist researchers with well-defined projects on the history of pharmacy that would benefit from use of the collections of the University of Wisconsin-Madison and the State Historical Society of Wisconsin. Applications are welcomed from applicants of any nationality, and may be submitted at any time. Preference will be given to those candidates with published historical work, although others will be considered. For more information on the program, write to Professor John Scarborough, History of Pharmacy, University Pharmacy Building, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin 53706.
NEW CENTRES:

SWEDEN: A new centre for the History of Science has been established at the Royal Swedish Academy in Stockholm. The centre is intended to be an international research institute, and researchers will have access to the rich archival and manuscript collections of the Academy—which was the center of Swedish science during the Enlightenment—its large instrument collection, the Berzelius Museum, and the Nobel Archives. The Centre is also located near the Stockholm University Library. Limited financial support for research in the Academy’s holdings will be available to scholars both from Sweden and abroad. The director of the center is Professor Tore Frängsmyr and the address is Center for the History of Science, The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences, Box 50005, S-104, Stockholm, Sweden.

EXHIBITIONS:

Johns Hopkins Medicinal Centennial:

To commemorate the Johns Hopkins Hospital’s one hundredth birthday, several special exhibits were displayed in Baltimore. The Walters Art Gallery and the Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions jointly sponsored an exhibit titled “Thomas Eakins’ Image of the Surgeon” in June and July. The exhibit brought together two very important paintings in American medicine, Thomas Eakins’ The Gross Clinic and The Agnew Clinic. The display of Eakins’s works was accompanied by an exhibit on surgeons and anatomists. The illustrated color catalogue of the exhibit has short essays by Elizabeth Johns, art historian at the University of Pennsylvania, explaining the social and artistic context of the two paintings, by Jerome J. Bylebyl, discussing illustrations of anatomy and surgery; and by Gert H. Brieger, commenting on the history of surgery in America. The organizers of the exhibit were Robert P. Bergman, the Walters’ Director, and Jerome Bylebyl.

The Johns Hopkins Institute of the History of Medicine displayed two exhibits for the start of the centennial celebrations. “Historic Hospitals of Europe, 1200-1981” featured a selection of Grace Goldin’s Photographs of European hospitals from over twenty years of her photographic expeditions. Many of the oldest surviving hospital buildings in Western Europe were depicted, with commentary on their architecture, traditions, of the Christian and Jewish charity, and the fates of the hospitals shown. A documentary exhibit “Gertrude Stein’s Medical Education at Johns Hopkins, 1897-1901” was assembled and mounted by Gene Nakajima, a 1989 graduate of the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine.
PUBLICATIONS:

MEDICINE AND FILM: An annotated checklist on this subject has just been published by the Wellcome Unit for the History of Medicine at Oxford. Compiled by Michael Shortland, the 62-page softbound book includes a lengthy introduction to the subject, the checklist, a selection of films by subject matter, and bibliography. The book has a number of black-and-white illustrations. Copies may be had by sending £6.95 to the Wellcome Unit, University of Oxford, 45-47 Banbury Road, Oxford OX2 6 PE, England U.K.

PHARMACY HISTORY RESEARCH AID: A recent publication of the American Institute for the History of Pharmacy titled "Pharmacohistorical Resources in Madison, Wisconsin" describes in detail the pharmacohistorical collections available at the Institute, which is located at the University of Wisconsin in Madison. The pamphlet consists of reprinted articles from Pharmacy in History on various aspects of the collections and includes a map of the Madison campus giving locations of the materials. For further information, write to Dr. Gregory Higby, Director of the Institute, Pharmacy Building, 425 North Charter Street, Madison, Wisconsin 53706.

APPOINTMENTS:

American Institute of the History of Pharmacy:

Gregory J. Higby has been named Director of the American Institute of the History of Pharmacy, after serving for two years as acting Director. Professor Higby is a graduate of the University of Michigan school of pharmacy and received his Ph.D. in the history of pharmacy from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. After practicing Pharmacy for several years, he began his association with the Institute as assistant to the Director in 1981. He held a joint appointment with the University of Wisconsin school of Pharmacy at the same time. In 1986 Professor Higby became associate director of the Institute, and was appointed acting director later that year. He is the editor of Pharmacy in History.

John Hopkins Institute of the History of Medicine:

Harry M. Marks has been appointed assistant professor at the Johns Hopkins Institute of the History of Medicine, Baltimore, Maryland, under the auspices of the Elizabet Treide and A. McGehee Harvey endowment. A graduate of the University of Wisconsin and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Professor Marks has taught history and health policy in the schools of medicine and public health at Harvard University. He was a Rockefeller Fellow at the Francis Wood Institute of the College of Physicians of Philadelphia from 1986-87 and then he became a fellow of the Hopkins Institute.
National Library of Medicine,
Visiting Historical Scholar Program:

Appointed as the National Library of Medicine's Visiting Historical Scholar for 1988-89 is David A. Kronick. Professor Kronick, who received his Ph. D. in library science from the University of Chicago, is Director of Medical Communications and professor of medical bibliography at the University of Texas's health sciences campus at San Antonio.

QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY: Jacalyn M. Duffin has been appointed Hannah professor in the History of Medicine at Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, effective 1 sep.'88. Professor Duffin received her M.D. degree from the University of Toronto in 1974. She practiced medicine in Canada until 1983, when she took up a post as Médecin conseil in Paris. There she began work also on her doctorate in the history and philosophy of science at the Sorbonne. The title of her dissertation, completed in 1985 is "Laennec entre la Pathologie et la Clinique". Professor Duffin is an associate editor of the Canadian Bulletin of Medical History.

University of California, San Francisco:

Rickey L. Hendricks has been appointed in the Department of the History of Health Sciences at the University of California, San Francisco. Dr. Hendricks received her Ph. D. from the University of Denver in 1987 and was a lecturer at the University of Colorado in Denver.

University of Wisconsin, Madison:

Vanessa Northington Gamble has been appointed assistant professor in the Department of the History of Medicine at the University of Wisconsin Medical School, Madison, effective 1 July 1989. Dr Gamble received both her M.D. (1983) and her Ph. D. in the history of sociology of science (1987) from the University of Pennsylvania.