Graduate & Post Doctoral Student Symposium

8 May 2009
8:30 am - 5:00 pm
Free to REGISTRANTS

Lister Hill Visitors Center
National Library of Medicine
8600 Rockville Pike, Bldg 38A

Lunch, refreshments, snacks provided
Registration: Judy Chelnick chelnickj@si.edu
NIH directions, access: www.nlm.nih.gov/about/visitor.html
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PROGRAM

8.30-9.00 Coffee

9.00-9.15 Introductions
Leo Slater, Vice-President, Washington Society for the History of Medicine.
Elizabeth Fee, Chief, History of Medicine Division, National Library of Medicine.
David Cantor, Deputy Director, Office of History, National Institutes of Health.

9.15-10.15 Plenary
Susan E. Lederer, University of Wisconsin, Madison.
Not My Type? Blood Types, Identity and Ambivalence in 20th Century America

10.15-10.30 Coffee

10.30-12.00 Being a Graduate Student
Practical aspects of graduate work. How to plan your thesis: what to do, what not to do. What makes a good advisor? When your advisor is never available, runs off to another university. From the perspectives of advisors, post-docs, and graduate students.
Alan M. Kraut, Department of History, American University.
Laura Stark, Stetten Fellow, Office of History, National Institutes of Health.
Stanley J. Reiser, Clinical Professor of Health Care Sciences and of Health Policy, The George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences.

12.00-1.15 Lunch

1.15-2.45 How to Turn a Thesis into a Book
What’s the difference between a thesis and a book? How to plan the transition. From the perspectives of publishers, advisors, those who made the transition, and those who hope to.
Doreen Valentine, Senior Editor, Science, Technology, Health & Medicine, and the Environment, Rutgers University Press.
Michael Sappol, Curator-Historian, History of Medicine Division, National Library of Medicine.
John Parascandola, Book series editor, Healing Society: Disease, Medicine, and History, Praeger Publishers.

2.45-3.15 Coffee

3.15-4.45 Getting Grants
How to get grant money. What do grants agencies want? What not to do. From the perspectives of reviewers, grants managers, and those who want their money.
David Cantor, Deputy Director, Office of History, National Institutes of Health.
Frederick Kronz, Program Officer, Science, Technology, and Society (STS), National Science Foundation, Washington DC.
Maggie Dennis, Historian and Fellowship Coordinator, Jerome and Dorothy Lemelson Center for the Study of Invention and Innovation, National Museum of American History, Smithsonian Institution, Washington DC.

5.00 Retire to the Rock-Bottom Brewery, Bethesda.