The Office of History at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) presents

**History in the NIH**

**The Third Annual Stetten Symposium**

14 June 2011
8:30 am - 5:00 pm
Building 1, Wilson Hall
National Institutes of Health
Introduction

The Office of History, National Institutes of Health (NIH) exists to advance historical understanding of the NIH and of biomedical research supported by the NIH. One of the ways in which it achieves this goal is through the DeWitt Stetten Fellowship in the History of the Biomedical Sciences and Technology or Medicine. This fellowship program aims to bring post-doctoral scholars from leading universities across the globe to the NIH campus to study the history of research sponsored by NIH since 1945. The results will be published in scholarly journals and books.

This meeting is a ‘progress report’ by the eight current Stetten fellows: an opportunity for the fellows to present their work to colleagues at the NIH, and for scientists and physicians at the NIH to respond to and debate with these fellows. Their subjects include Federal responses to obesity; the NIH and the problems of homelessness; the problem of anticipation in hereditary disease; nanotechnology and cancer; complementary and alternative medicine at the NIH; the history of biological conceptions of mental illness; and the role of the NIH in promoting AIDS research in Africa.

The meeting is open to all: come and hear your history; come and give us your views.

Cover image


Huber the Tuber is the fantastical story of a tubercle bacillus and his friends who fall into Lungland, much as Alice fell into Wonderland. This gathering of friends (including the Hitler-like Nasty von Sputum, Rusty the Bloodyvitch, Huey the Long Tuber, Gobbles, Goring, and Tojotuber) begins to attack Lungland, much as the historical figures their names evoke threatened the United States. Lungland is defended by Corpuscle Lipsky and his army. In this image Huber is trapped by Lipsky’s military police. “I’m surrounded,” Huber cries.
PROGRAM

8:00-8:30 Coffee

**Introduction**

8:30 -8:45 Robert Martensen
Director, Office of History, National Institutes of Health

**Session 1**

8:45-9:35 **Speaker**, Chin Jou
Obesity and the Federal Government in the 1970s and 1980s

**Commentator**: Anne Sumner
Clinical Endocrinology Branch, National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK)

9:35-10:25 **Speaker**, Judith Friedman
Science Fiction to Science Fact: The Biological Validation of Anticipation

**Commentator**: Kenneth H. Fischbeck
NIH Distinguished Investigator, Neurogenetics Branch, National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS)

10:25-10:40 Coffee

**Session 2**

10:40-11:30 **Speaker**, Johanna Crane
Globalizing HIV Science: AIDS, Africa, and the Internationalization of American HIV Research

**Commentator**: David M. Morens
Senior Advisor to the Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID)

11:30-12:20 **Speaker**, Brian Casey
Searching for the Biological Roots of Mental Illness: Stories from the National Institute of Mental Health

**Commentator**: Maryland Pao
Clinical Director, National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH)

12.20–1.20 Lunch
Session 3

1:20-2:10 Speaker, Marian Moser Jones
Taking It to The Streets: The Federal Research Response to the 1980’s Homeless Crisis

Commentator, Stephen J. Heishman
Senior Investigator, Chief, Nicotine Psychopharmacology Section, National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)

2:10-3:00 Speaker, Sharon Ku
Laboratory in Translation: A Sociological Analysis of the Nanotechnology Characterization Laboratory

Commentator, Martin Fritts
Senior Principal Scientist, Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC)-Frederick, Inc. / National Cancer Institute (NCI) at Frederick

3:00-3:15 Coffee

Session 4

3:15-4:05 Speaker, Grischa Metlay

Commentator, Ralph W. Hingson
Director, Division of Epidemiology and Prevention Research, National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA)

4:05-4:50 Speaker, Eric Boyle
Contested Science and the Recent History of Alternative Medicine

Commentator, Karin Lohman
Director, Office of Policy, Planning, and Evaluation, National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine (NCCAM)

5.00 End
How the sessions will work
Each session will begin with the speaker’s talk (20 minutes). The commentary (10-15 minutes) will follow, after which the chair will open the discussion to the floor. Speakers may respond to the commentary at this point.

Presentation 20 minutes
Commentator 10-15 minutes
General Discussion 15-20 minutes

Location
The meeting will be held in Wilson Hall, Building 1, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Maryland.

Visiting NIH (security, directions, maps, etc.)
http://www.nih.gov/about/visitor/index.htm

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