

## 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

Harry A. Wilmer, *Huber the Tuber: A Story of Tuberculosis*, New York: National Tuberculosis Association, 1944, p.39.

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, Gorring, 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**

Coffee 8:00-8:30 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

NIAAA, NIDA and the Prevention of Alcohol and Drug Problems, 1978-1992

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) <a href="http://www.nih.gov/about/visitor/index.htm">http://www.nih.gov/about/visitor/index.htm</a>

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