

Plenary speaker

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GRADUATE & POST-DOCTORAL STUDENT SYMPOSIUM

4 June 2010

8:30am—5:00pm

Free to REGISTRANTS

Lister Hill Visitors Ctr

National Library of Medicine

8600 Rockville Pike, Bldg 38A



Lunch, refreshments, snacks provided

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PROGRAM

8.30-9.00 Coffee

9.00 -9.15 **Introductions**

David Cantor, Organizer, Washington Society for the History of Medicine

Elizabeth Fee, President, Washington Society for the History of Medicine

Robert Martensen, Chief, Office of History, National Institutes of Health

9.15-10.15 **Plenary**

Susan Lindee, Department of History & Sociology of Science, University of Pennsylvania

Gut Feelings and Technical Precision

10.15–10.30 Coffee

10.30-12.15 **What I Am Working On. Why You Should Care.**

A chance for graduate students and post-docs to talk informally about your research projects, interests, theoretical frames, methods, etc. Why you are passionate about your project; why this audience should be.

Format: 5-10 minutes per participant (including discussion).

Up to 3 slides on memory stick allowed.

12.15-1.15 Lunch

1.15-2.45 **Job Talks**

How to prepare. What to present. What to avoid. From the perspectives of those who've sat on job searches, those who have recently given job talks, and those who hope to give one.

Graham Mooney, Institute of the History of Medicine, Johns Hopkins University

Laura Stark, Program in Science in Society, Wesleyan University

Robert Martensen, Office of NIH History, National Institutes of Health

2.45-3.15 Coffee

3.15-5.00 **What is a Good Topic?**

For a dissertation, book, or article. What counts as a good topic? What counts as a bad one? Does anyone agree on the difference? From the perspectives of historians from a variety of different specialties.

Michael Sappol, History of Medicine Division, National Library of Medicine

Kate Brown, History Department, University of Maryland, Baltimore County

Carol Benedict, Department of History, Georgetown University

5.00 Retire to the Rock-Bottom Brewery, Bethesda.