

*Plenary speaker*

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# **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](mailto:chelnickj@si.edu)**

**NIH directions, access: [www.nlm.nih.gov/about/visitor.html](http://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.