



## Joint Atlantic Seminar for the History of Medicine

Announcing the 2nd Annual Joint Atlantic Seminar for the History of Medicine to be held the weekend of Oct 15-16, 2004 hosted by the Department of the History of Science at Harvard University in Cambridge, MA. The seminar is organized and coordinated by graduate students across North America working in fields related to the history of medicine to foster a sense of community and provide a forum for sharing and critiquing graduate research by peers from a variety of institutions and backgrounds.

### **Program:**

**Friday, October 15, 2004**

**Reception: 5:00-7:00 pm in Dudley House Common Room, Harvard University.**

**Directions can be found at <http://www.fas.harvard.edu/~dudley/info/directions.html>**

**Saturday, October 16, 2004**

**All events will take place in [Science Center 469](#)**

**9:00-9:15: Opening Remarks**

**9:15-10:15: Session I (Constructing American Health and Medical Therapies: Boundaries, Culture, and Contexts):**

Chair: Jeremy Greene

Sally Romano, Yale University

The Rise of the "Healthy Tan": Sunlight and the Skin in America, 1870-1920

Noemi Tousignant, McGill University

Could It Be an Illusion? Therapeutic Evaluation and the American Response to Acupuncture Anesthesia, 1971-5.

**10:15-11:15: Session II (From Representation to Reification: Politics, Geography, and Disease in Nineteenth Century France and Britain):**

Chair: Jason Szabo

Mary Hunter, University College London

Borrowed Authority: Exposing the Realist Façade in Henri Gervex's *Avant l'Opération*.

Matthew Newsom Kerr, University of Southern California

In the Air?: London Smallpox Hospitals and the Politics of Urban Space, 1870-1885.

**11:15-11:30: Break**

**11:30-1:00: Session III (Politics, Race, and Autonomy: Contraception in the West):**

Chair: Crispin Barker

Stephen Inrig, Duke University

A Trojan Horse in the White House: Condoms, Conservatives, and the Social Relocation of Virtue.

Sarah Lawrence, Penn State University

Birth Control and Rural African Americans in the Modernizing South, 1890-1940.

Caroline Walker, University of Bristol

Therapeutic Contraception: Voluntary Birth Control Clinics and Public Health in Britain and the United States, 1921-1945.

**1:00-2:30: Lunch**

**2:30-3:30: Session IV (Medicine and Race "From Below" I--Race and Health Policy):**

Chair: Julie Severson

Jim Downs, Columbia University

Reconstructing an Epidemic: Smallpox Among Former Slaves After the Civil War.

Ann Gabbert, University of Texas, El Paso

Defining the Boundaries of Care: Local Responses to Global Concerns in El Paso Public Health Policy, 1881-1936.

**3:30-4:30: Session V (Medicine and Race "From Below" II--Race and Practitioners):**

Chair: Robyn Fishman

Julia GoodFox, University of Kansas

Manifest Medicine: Indigenous Physicians in Nineteenth Century Indian Country.

Adam Biggs, Harvard University

Strange Cures: Black Medical Doctors, the Problem of Race, and the New Negro in American Medicine, 1880-1950.

**4:30-4:45: Break**

**4:45-5:45: Round Table Discussion on Medicine and Race**

**5:45-6:00: Closing Remarks**

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The Steering Committee for the Joint Atlantic Seminar for the History of Medicine would like to thank the Sigerist Circle for its generous assistance and financial support in helping to underwrite this conference. The Committee would also like to thank Harvard University's Department of the History of Science for hosting the conference, and Harvard's History of Medicine Working Group for contributing to local arrangements.

Saturday: All events will take place in Science Center 469. Once at Science Center, please take elevators to 4th floor. Make a right out of the elevators, proceed down the hall; follow signs to the History of Science Department, last set of double doors on the right.

For questions about the program, please contact Todd Olszewski.

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