

News, Notes, and Queries

Rockefeller Archive Center Grants for Travel and Research

The Rockefeller Archive Center, a division of The Rockefeller University, invites applications for its programme of Grants for Travel and Research at the Rockefeller Archive Center for 1999. The competitive programme makes grants of up to \$2,500 to U.S. and Canadian researchers and up to \$3,000 to researchers from other countries in any discipline, usually graduate students or post-doctoral scholars, who are engaged in research that requires use of the collections at the Center.

For 1999, in addition to its regular competitive programme, the Center will award grants to support research in the history of The Rockefeller University, and on topics related to the history of conservation and ecology. The Archive Center holds wide-ranging collections relating to the conservation movement and to

ecological research in the twentieth century. The Rockefeller University archives include administrative records, papers of individual scientists (such as Alfred E Cohn, Rene Dubos, Rebecca Lancefield, and Karl Landsteiner), photographs and films. The archives document the leading currents of biomedical research in the twentieth century.

The deadline for all grant applications is 30 November 1998; grant recipients will be announced in March 1999. Inquiries about the programmes and requests for application forms should be addressed to: Darwin H Stapleton, Director, Rockefeller Archive Center, 15 Dayton Avenue, Pocantico Hills, Sleepy Hollow, New York 10591-1598, USA (Tel.: 914 631 4505; Fax: 914 631 6017; e-mail: archive@rockvax.rockefeller.edu).

The New York Academy of Medicine Section on Historical Medicine

The schedule of public lectures for 1998–99 has been announced. These lectures, which are free and open to the public, will be held at the Academy (1216 Fifth Avenue (at 103rd St), New York, NY 10029) at 6.00 p.m. CME credits are available for physicians. To register, please call 212-822-7271 (registration is requested but not required). For further information please contact the Office of the Associate Librarian for Historical Collections and Programs: 212-822-7314 or history@nyam.org

9 October 1998: Symposium on the History of Nuclear Medicine, to commemorate the Centenary of Basic Discoveries in Nuclear Physics. **18 November 1998:** 'The Gospel of Germs: Men, Women and the Microbe in American Life', Nancy Tomes, PhD. **9 December 1998:** 'Medical Philanthropy in

New York', Alexander Bearn, MD. **26 January 1999:** 'The Development of Cardiology in the USA', W Bruce Fye, MD. **17 February 1999:** Human Genetics, Past and Present I. 'Better Living through Genetics: The Past, Present, and Future of Enhancement Technologies', David Rothman, PhD and Sheila Rothman, PhD. **16 March 1999:** Human Genetics, Past and Present II. The Lattimer Lecture: 'Galton's Ghost and the New Reproductive Machinery: Gender and Eugenics Then and Now', Daniel J Kevles, PhD. **21 April 1999:** Human Genetics, Past and Present III. 'Personal Reflections on the Early Years of Human Genetics in the U.S.', Barton Childs, MD. **19 May 1999:** The Galdston Lecture: 'The First Cocaine Epidemic', David Muston, MD.

The Jerry Stannard Memorial Award

The 1999 competition for the annual award in honour of the late Professor Jerry Stannard is open to graduate students and to recent recipients of a doctoral degree (the PhD degree or an equivalent), conferred not more than three years before the competition deadline. Published or unpublished scholarly studies in the fields of the history of materia medica, medicinal botany, pharmacy, and folklore of drug therapy before the 1700s will be considered. In 1999 the award will be \$500. Manuscripts must be in English, French, or German. Only one paper by any author may be submitted in any given year. Each entry should be typewritten, double-spaced, and no longer than 50 pages, including notes, bibliography, and appendices. Entrants should

keep copies of their manuscripts, since those submitted will not be returned. Each manuscript must be accompanied by the following: (a) a one-page abstract of the paper in English; (b) a current curriculum vitae of the author; and (c) a letter of recommendation from an established scholar in the field. Entrants who are resident in the USA are also requested to indicate their home address and social security number. Entries must be received no later than **15 February 1999**. The award will be announced on or about 15 May 1999. All manuscripts and correspondence should be addressed to: The Stannard Award Committee, Department of History, Wescoe Hall 3001, The University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS 66045-2130, USA.

Call for papers

Twentieth Annual Samuel J Zakon Award

The Samuel J Zakon Award is open to historians and dermatologists in practice or training. Manuscripts should be submitted to John Thorne Crissey, MD, Chairman, Samuel J Zakon Award Committee, 608 Sierra Madre

Boulevard, San Marino, CA 91108, USA, by 1 October 1998. Essays may relate to any aspect of the history of dermatology not heretofore published.

Call for papers

Conference on 'Contagion', 7–8 April 1999 University of Sydney, Australia

Proposals for papers and presentations are invited from researchers in cultural studies, medical history, science and technology studies, gender and sexuality studies, and medical studies. Those wishing to participate should send abstracts of 250 words plus a brief

CV by 1 September 1998 to: Dr Alison Bashford, Department of Women's Studies, University of Sydney, NSW 2006, Australia. Tel.: +61 2 9351 3884; Fax: +61 2 9351 5336; e-mail: alison.bashford@womenstudies.usyd.edu.au

Three Associations merge into Single Organization to study Bioethics and Humanities

The Society for Health and Human Values (SHHV), the Society for Bioethics Consultation (SBC), and the American Association of Bioethics (AAB) have merged to form the American Society for Bioethics and Humanities (ASBH). The first ASBH annual meeting will be held in Houston, 18–22 November 1998. ASBH is dedicated to promoting interdisciplinary exchange of ideas and

scholarship, research and policy development in bioethics, humanities and human values in healthcare. For more detailed information about ASBH, or to request information about membership and an application form, contact ASBH headquarters at 4700 W Lake Avenue, Glenview, IL 60025, USA (Tel.: 847 375 4745; Fax: 847 375 4777; e-mail: info@asbh.org)