



# Newsletter

University of Wisconsin - Madison

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*Medical History and Bioethics department  
welcomes new chair*

## ACCLIMATIZING TO MADISON

*Warwick Anderson*



In January and February I would stagger into the department and ask my colleagues: “Is it cold yet? Is this ‘cold?’” I’m pleased to report that it was, indeed, “cold,” even by Wisconsin standards. If anyone had said “Just wait till it gets really cold,” then I might have been on the next flight out of here. By now my standards have fallen so far that I occasionally observe how warm it is when the temperature reaches 20F. If I’m not careful my Australian citizenship will soon be revoked.

Why did I join the growing exodus (well, Linda Hogle and me so far) from the Bay Area? It wasn’t for the weather, to be sure. In my case, it was because the University of Wisconsin can boast a remarkable group of historians of medicine and science, bioethicists, and Southeast Asianists, along with many other

outstanding scholars. It is for me a wonderfully stimulating and hospitable intellectual community. No place I’ve been before compares with Madison for support of scholarship, and for ease of communication across programs and disciplines. It almost makes me want to go out and buy some badger-wear.

Here, though, I’m supposed to introduce myself, not extol Bucky.

As many of you know, I graduated in medicine from the University of Melbourne, and then began training in pediatrics at Melbourne and Oxford, England. After a period of medical practice in the suburbs of Melbourne, I was unexpectedly lured to the United States, where I did my Ph.D. in the history of medicine at the University of Pennsylvania. It was to prove a slippery slope, as they say.

In 1992, I joined the faculty of the Department of the History of Science at Harvard University, with a secondary appointment in the Department of Social Medicine at Harvard Medical School. After three years at Harvard, I returned to the University of Melbourne to join the Department of History and Philosophy of Science, where I taught history of medicine and biology, and founded the Centre for the Study of Health and Society (CSHS). At the CSHS, based in the School of Medicine, I was compelled to establish various teaching and research programs in medical ethics, health social sciences, and Indigenous health policy – as well as reviving the medical history program and museum. At Melbourne, having convened the Health and Society Task Group for the new medical curriculum (which was responsible for organizing the teaching of ethics, history, social sciences, Indigenous and women’s health, population health, biostatistics and epidemiology!), I learned that involvement in one major medical curriculum reform was more than enough for one lifetime. No wonder, then that in January 2001, I escaped to the Department of Anthropology, History and Social Medicine at the University of California at San Francisco, with a secondary appointment in the History Department at Berkeley. At UCSF, I directed the history of health sciences graduate program and the Center for Humanities and Health Sciences, a campus-wide humanities center. I was also Vice-Chair of the department, and a member of the Culture and Behavior Committee for the new medical curriculum (no escape!) and the steering committee of the Robert Wood Johnson Health and Society Fellows Program at UCSF.

Through most of my career my email alias – initially computer generated – has been “wanders.” All too appropriate one might suggest. At Madison though it’s now the far more boring, and static, “whanderson.” I hope this is a good sign.

I have become chair of a department with two outstanding programs: bioethics and medical history. My chief goal at this stage is to maintain and further enhance the quality of each program. We have been fortunate to recruit Linda Hogle to the bioethics program this year; and currently we are conducting a search for one or two more bioethicists, at least one of whom will be appointed at a senior level. Another priority is to nurture our excellent junior faculty in both programs – this is something that Madison has always done strikingly well, and we plan to continue the tradition.

Already, the pace of activity seems to be picking up rapidly in the department, with more post-docs, conferences, workshops, and visitors. In the past 6-8 months we have gone from virtually no extra-mural support to more than \$1.3 million in grants (thanks largely to Pilar and Linda). I expect this trend to continue. There are also signs of increasing engagement and collaboration across the programs – another Wisconsin tradition – especially among the younger faculty. The greatest limitation on our continued growth and interaction now is inadequate space: those of us lucky enough to be accommodated in the MSC are scattered throughout the building. We hope, though, to move to the WARF building some time in the next few years.

In between the demands of administration and teaching new courses, I have been trying to finish my book on the history of tropical medicine and ideas of race in the colonial Philippines. It should be done early in summer (I’m assuming there will be another summer, eventually). Meanwhile, Rick Keller and I have received funding from International Studies and Programs for a series of workshops and seminars on the colonial histories of psychoanalysis. In addition, I’m conducting research (with NSF support) on my next project, the history of investigations of kuru in the highlands of New Guinea. My visit to PNG last summer to interview those Fore people who had worked with the kuru investigators was richly rewarding, and I plan to complete my research there over July and August 2004. I’ve also begun writing a few essays on the history of disease ecology. More of that later, I promise.



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## *Faculty News -*

### ***Mitman Wins Triple Crown!***

Gregg Mitman is the recipient of fellowships from both the American Council of Learned Societies and the National Humanities Center for the year 2004-2005. He will spend the year at the National Humanities Center in the Research Triangle Park area in North Carolina completing his book *Breathing Space: An Ecological History of Allergy in America* to be published by Yale University Press. For the following year, 2005-2006, he has been awarded a Guggenheim Fellowship and will return to Madison where he will put the finishing touches on *Breathing Space* and begin research on his next book project, tentatively titled, *America's Rubber Empire: Ecology, Disease, and Commerce in the Making of the Firestone Plantations Company*.

# *Anderson and Keller awarded grant -*

## HISTORIES OF COLONIAL PSYCHOANALYSIS

The Office of International Studies and Programs of the University of Wisconsin has awarded \$30,000 to Warwick Anderson and Richard Keller for their project “Globalizing the Unconscious: Cross-Cultural Encounters with Colonial Psychoanalysis.”

This is a research initiative on the entwined histories of colonialism and psychoanalysis, which will enrich our knowledge of citizenship, cultural difference, and the international dynamics of medical and scientific expertise. We believe that this collaborative project is of special intellectual importance since it will allow us to chart the construction of the universalized, individual subject – the “global citizen,” a figure that has withstood the removal of the psychoanalytic scaffolding that once supported it. Such an interdisciplinary exploration of the globalization of a particular sort of psychological subject offers, moreover, a means of retrieving and imagining other “possible selves” in globalization. It is this potential engagement with the contemporary psychology of globalization that has attracted to this project many of our international collaborators, especially Homi Bhabha and Ashis Nandy.

There are two main components or themes of this proposed research project:

- The history of psychoanalysis in various colonial and proto-national settings, with an examination of its role in framing the “modal” personality of the colonized, and, in a more “progressive” register, shaping the (differently) individualized subjectivities of colonial emissaries and local elites.
- The study of the impact of empire – the engagement with cultural otherness – on the development of a universalist psychoanalytic subject in the twentieth century.

We plan to draw together scholars from the history of medicine and science, comparative literature, area studies, psychology and psychiatry. An important outcome of this project will be the creation of an international network of researchers and analysts. Many of them have begun work on this topic in specific local settings, but few have yet had the opportunity to discuss the international or global dynamics of psychoanalysis with other scholars. In addition to the development of this network of local and international scholars, we are proposing:

- to hold conferences on each of the project’s major themes, leading to edited collections on each theme;
- to promote international links by supporting visiting scholars from the United States and abroad;
- to construct a website and listserv; and
- to engage graduate students from across the disciplines in the project by developing an interdisciplinary graduate seminar and reading group on colonialism and psychoanalysis.

In the opinion of Homi K. Bhabha (Harvard):

This will be a crucial project in re-defining the knowledge-base of international studies while providing a critical history of the emergence of psychoanalysis as a science of individual and cultural consciousness. I am excited by the emphasis placed by the authors on re-thinking questions of global citizenship.

Ashis Nandy (Centre for the Study of Developing Societies, New Delhi) has observed that:

A history of psychoanalysis can be important not only from the point of view of postcolonial studies but also give us clues to the political sociology of critical social theories and, thus, to the ‘unconscious’ of contemporary global commonsense.

## Bioethics Search -

The Bioethics Division has begun a search for two new faculty positions, one in clinical ethics, the other in population health. The search committee is being chaired by Warwick Anderson with Norm Fost as co-chair.

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## New Faculty -



**Linda F. Hogle, PhD.,**  
*Associate Professor of Medical History and Bioethics, and is an Affiliate Faculty of the Department of Anthropology and of the Holtz Center for Science and Technology and Society.*

**I**nterdisciplinarity, multi-disciplinary collaboration, cross-fertilization of ideas—these are the watchwords of twenty-first century learning and research in all fields. While critics fear that disciplinary methods and traditions will be lost with such minglings, I am among those who see the potential for creative thinking when diversity of experience and knowledge are respected, and I have seen first hand how innovative problem-solving can be when multiple perspectives are brought together. As someone with training in several fields, perhaps I am prejudiced. Nevertheless, I look forward to my new life at the University of Wisconsin, where I see productive interactions between departments, schools and areas of expertise.

Like cloth still on the loom, the warp and woof of my experience in different worlds has brought me to Madison to take a position in the stem cell and regenerative medicine cluster. I was impressed that the university leadership had the vision to create a position for researching and teaching ethical, social and policy issues as they relate to the rapidly evolving research in regenerative medicine, and it's just the sort of thing that interdisciplinarity is about. I hope to contribute fresh perspectives by weaving together my background in medical and social science, technology development and regulation, and my ongoing research on emerging policy and ethical concerns in stem cell and tissue engineering research.

The frame upon which my work continues to be threaded is a love of the life sciences, a curiosity about why medical technologies take the form they do, and a fascination with the interaction between the body and technological augmentations that may be enhancements. In my work in medical technology, much of my work was in the intensive care units and surgery in a metropolitan hospital. Wanting to do more, I took an MBA and worked in health care administration and strategic planning. Eventually, I was recruited by a Johnson and Johnson company to do research and development on surgical products. I spent all of my time watching procedures and talking to surgeons, nurses and others in operating rooms all over the country about how and why they did what they did. Without knowing it, I was doing ethnography; that is, observing patterns, analyzing not only what did and didn't work, but paying attention to the rituals, narratives, and local adjustments to "standard" procedures in order to understand the work and interactions in the O.R. When I became the Manager of New Technology, my focus shifted to emerging technologies, and I increasingly came into contact with medical professionals from many countries. This fueled a fascination with the way medical technologies are developed, deployed and viewed in various socio-cultural and economic circumstances, as well as the way the body is understood vis-à-vis these new diagnostic and therapeutic techniques.

The warp was laid, and it was time to weave the woof, which for me was medical anthropology. My PhD in the University of California, San Francisco and Berkeley Joint Program in Medical Anthropology was ideal in preparing me to analyze social and ethical issues in medical technology. I was intrigued with the increasing use of human biological materials (cells, tissues, organs) as both research and therapeutic tools, and how some types of tissue for particular uses were considered to be miracles of modern medicine, while others were seen as macabre violations of cultural or religious values. I began an inquiry by conducting an ethnography of an organ procurement organization, following the coordinators through all phases of organ donor management and retrieval of organs. We often think of modern medicine as having universal practices and meanings, but I wondered if there weren't differences among societies-- even among Euro-American ones assumed to be similar-- because of differing local attitudes about the body and differing historical and political experiences. I headed for Germany, supported by a Fulbright Fellowship, to learn what the practices of organ donation and brain death would be like in a country with a unique history of the use of some humans for the benefit of others. The question of who has the right to proclaim certain individuals dead and

for which purposes reads differently against the history of euthanasia and eugenics. In the immediate post-reunification years, the struggle to define legal and ethical policies was contentious and overlaid with both political and historical meanings. While there, I also followed the progress of what was then touted to be the “next phase of transplant medicine,” tissue engineering and artificial organs. This led to two major projects, one scrutinizing the political, legal-regulatory and ethical concerns of tissue engineering as they unfolded, and the other examining the nature of the emerging field, and the extent to which social, political and ethical debates were or were not being incorporated into research programs and product development plans. Adult and embryonic stem cells are playing a significant role in the range of new therapies being pursued, and through empirical, qualitative study I have been able to observe directly how transformations in the field are taking place in the negotiations between social and technical domains. Another important thread has been the ways stem cell research and nuclear transfer techniques have been represented by various groups, and how this may affect understandings of the techniques by the public, political leaders, ethicists, and others, and ultimately how policy and research infrastructures may be influenced. This research was conducted at the Stanford University Center for Biomedical Ethics and supported by Greenwall Foundation and National Science Foundation grants. While at Stanford, I also initiated new training in research ethics and translational technology ethics for biomedical engineers and medical entrepreneurs, and with my colleagues started new educational programs in medical ethics and humanities.

At the University of Wisconsin, I will continue these projects, as well as others I have initiated in ethical, social and policy concerns related to biomedical engineering and basic bioscience research. The combination of anthropological insight and methods, clinical training and work in a center for biomedical ethics scholarship have provided the basis for my current and future teaching and research on cultural understandings of the body and biomedical technologies and related ethical concerns.

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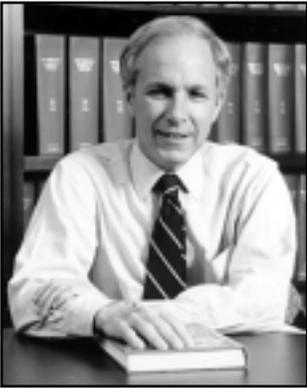
## *Current Faculty -*



**Tom Broman** is spending a lot of time this year working as chair of the Local Arrangements committee for the AAHM meeting at the end of April. He is also on teaching leave this semester at the Institute for Research in the Humanities. He hopes to finish writing two chapters of his book on the evolution of the press in 18th-century Germany.

**R. Alta Charo** is now in her second year as the associate dean for the Law School and was recently named the Elisabeth S. Wilson Professor of Bioethics and Law. In addition to her administrative duties, she has joined the core faculty for the newly created master's degree program in biotechnology studies, and continues to teach in the areas of bioethics and pharmaceutical law. Having completed her service on the National Bioethics Advisory Commission, she has now been appointed to the Board on Life Sciences at the National Academy of Sciences, and served on an academy committee looking at ways to promote biotechnology without promoting uses that might be directed toward bioterrorism. She is also serving on an Institute of Medicine committee overseeing the implementation of the smallpox vaccine program. On campus, she serves on the Scientific Advisory Board of WiCell, UW's stem cell research center, as well as on the campus bioethics advisory committee. Her stem cell advocacy also includes service on the ethics boards of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, CuresNow and the Alan Guttmacher Institute.





**Norm Fost** was recently the recipient of the William G. Bartholome Award for Ethical Excellence, presented by the American Academy of Pediatrics Section on Bioethics. He was also named to Board of Directors of Partnership for Human Research Protections, a collaborative effort of the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals and the National Center for Quality Assurance, created to provide accreditation of Institution Review Boards. In October 2003 Dr. Fost was named Vice Chair of the Department.

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**Judy Houck** - Like many of the women in my study, I am beginning to wonder whether menopause (and its concomitant frustrations) will ever be finished. I refer, of course, to my book manuscript, still tentatively titled, *Not Just Hot and Bothered: Women, Medicine and Menopause in America, 1897-1980*. I hope to put the finishing touches on the book this spring. Meanwhile, I continue to write and speak about the history of menopause to a variety of audiences including historians, women's health advocates, physicians, and menopausal women. (At a local feminist bookstore, my talk on the history of menopause was completely upstaged by a presentation on herbal cures for hot flashes. History apparently can't compete with black cohosh.) While I continue to love this project, I am eager to begin work on my next undertaking, the history of the women's health movement in the United States.



Since I began this job, I have launched two new courses, "A History of the Body," and "The Medical History of Sex and Sexuality." These have been a joy to develop and teach, and they have both changed the way I look at my current project and how I hope to address future research. I look forward to designing and teaching with Rick Keller a 200 level course on the history of race and science.

I'm still hoping to see my first yellow cuckoo...



**Richard Keller** – It has been a busy and productive eighteen months since arriving at the UW! Developing and teaching new courses in the history of psychiatry and the history of international health has been both challenging and rewarding. On the research front, I have been working on revisions on my book manuscript on psychiatry and colonialism, tentatively titled *Developing Madness: Psychiatry's Civilizing Mission in French North Africa*, while also eagerly beginning a new project on the cultural and material aspects of infectious disease surveillance in the French empire. A research trip to Paris, Aix-en-Provence, and Nantes this past summer was particularly helpful in wrapping up the final bit of research on the psychiatry book, thanks to generous travel support from the Society for French Historical Studies and from the Center for European Studies at the UW.

These are also exciting times for collaborative work in the department, on campus, and beyond. Warwick Anderson and I have been working on building a new international studies research circle on colonialism, globalization, and psychoanalysis, while Judy Houck and I have been busy designing an introductory course in science, medicine, and race. Participating in seminars and workshops in African Studies, International Health, and Global Studies has provided wonderful opportunities for meeting folks with similar interests in a range of fields at the UW. Meanwhile, conferences in psychiatry, the history of medicine, and the history of science in the US and Europe have introduced me to a host of new colleagues and opened a number of exciting new pathways for collaboration.



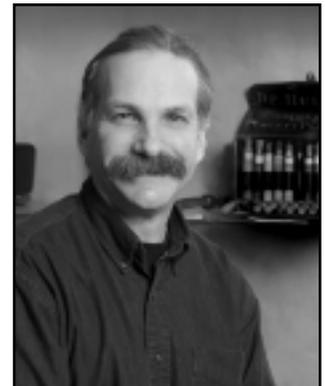
**Judith Walzer Leavitt** was recently awarded the Feminist Scholars Fellowship from the Women's Studies Research Center for spring semester of 2005, which will relieve her of teaching duties for that semester. Currently, she has been enjoying teaching and research after too many years of administrative duties. She is also enjoying being a grandma to 16-month-old Simon. Her current research – spurred on by Ron Numbers and other fathers around the department – is about fathers-to-be and their roles in mid-20th-century hospital childbirth. The first foray into this subject was her presidential address to the American Association for the History of Medicine upon leaving that post, called "What Do Men Have To Do With It?" and now published in the *Bulletin of the History of Medicine*, Summer, 2003. She is slowly working on a book on this subject to be titled *Make Room for Daddy*, which addresses the stereotype of the incompetent, nervous, pacing male in the waiting rooms of America's hospitals and broadens beyond it to analyze the historical record of men's deep and effective participation in the process of birthing. The book will be organized around the

spaces in which the birthing process occurs for men in the middle of the 20th century: the waiting room, the labor room, and the delivery room. These spaces both restricted men's participation and framed their experiences. While she still sees birth primarily as a women's experience, she acknowledges in this project that the fathers-to-be add an important dimension to understanding its full historical development, especially in the mid-20th century hospital. She would appreciate suggestions and stories from all.

**Late breaking news:** Judy is the recipient of the 2004 Hilldale Award for Arts and Humanities in recognition of her distinguished professional accomplishment.

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**Gregg Mitman** is serving this year as chair of the Department of History of Science and is eagerly looking forward to a break from administrative and teaching responsibilities next year when he will be a Fellow at the National Humanities Center at Research Triangle Park, North Carolina. He plans to spend next year completing his book *Breathing Space: An Ecological History of Allergy in America*, which will be published by Yale University Press. His article, Hay Fever Holiday, which appeared in the Fall 2003 issue of the *Bulletin of the History of Medicine*, offers a preview of the book to come and represents Gregg's first official publication in the history of medicine.



In the dog days of the summer of 2004, just before the ragweed is about to bloom, *Landscapes of Exposure: Knowledge and Illness in Modern Environments*, edited with Michelle Murphy and Christopher Sellers, is scheduled for publication by the University of Chicago Press as volume 19 of *Osiris*. Gregg is also putting the finishing touches on *Thinking with Animals: New Perspectives on Anthropomorphism*, edited with Lorraine Daston, which will appear with Columbia University Press in the fall of 2004.

After attending a conference with Ron Numbers at the University of Geneva last summer, Gregg and Ron went on a research trip that included a tour of Mont Blanc and former TB sanatoria in the surrounding region. They can now speak from experience of the salubrious effects the Alps have in restoring tired bodies and souls.

Gregg also spent a portion of last summer on a research fellowship at the National Library of Medicine and the March of Dimes, where he spent two weeks watching campaign health films produced by the National Tuberculosis Association and the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. In the fall, he presented his research at a symposium on the Visual Culture of Public Health, hosted by the National Library of Medicine.



**Ronald L. Numbers** - On July 1 Ron celebrated his (second) descent from the departmental chair, which he had occupied for the past four years. Since then he has happily resumed his routine of writing, lecturing, and teaching--including, for the first time, the required historiography course for first-year graduate students in the history of science and medicine. In late spring he received the Hilldale Award for Distinguished Professional Accomplishment (not to be confused with the Hilldale Professorship) from the Arts and Humanities Division of the University of Wisconsin.

A few months ago the University of Chicago Press published his latest book, *When Science and Christianity Meet*, edited with David Lindberg, which one smart-mouthed colleague and contributor to the volume (initials TB) promptly dubbed *Son of God and Nature*. Three of the eight volumes of *The Cambridge History of Science*, also edited with Lindberg, have now appeared, and Ron hopes to complete his own contribution to the series, *Modern Science in*

*National and International Context* (edited with David Livingstone), by this coming summer. He will then turn his attention exclusively to completing his long-promised history of science in America, which will be published by basic books.

Ron recently signed a contract with Harvard University Press to write a biography of John Harvey Kellogg, famous for his seminal work on sex, cereal, and clean bowels. A foretaste of this book can be found in Ron's chapter on "Sex, Science, and Salvation: The Sexual Advice of Ellen G. White and John Harvey Kellogg," in *Right Living: An Anglo-American Tradition of Self-Help Medicine and Hygiene*, ed. Charles E. Rosenberg (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2003), pp. 206-26. Ron is also struggling to finish off *Wrestling with Nature: From Omens to Science*, edited with Michael H. Shank.

Last summer Gregg Mitman and Ron Numbers took a cool break deep inside an Alpine glacier, while attending a conference on "Airs, Eaux, Lieux: L'homme, la santé et l'environnement" at the University of Geneva, where they gave an invited paper, "From Miasma to Asthma: The Changing Fortunes of Medical Geography in America."



**Pilar Ossorio** is currently co-investigator on an application to NIH for a planning grant to develop a Centers of Excellence in ELSI Research (CEER). Pilar has also been awarded a new grant for work on a project entitled "Community Consultation as an Ethics Method." This project aims to provide theoretical grounding for the practice of community consultation. A working group of 20 scholars from diverse disciplines, and individuals from frequently studied populations, will engage in a deliberative process of discourse, argumentation, reflection and writing to answer questions regarding community consultation. The group's deliberation will be supplemented with interview data describing researchers' and participants' experiences with consultations. The working group will propose guidelines by which IRBs and other research oversight entities can determine whether a protocol requires accompanying consultation, and by which reviewers can determine whether a proposed consultation is likely to achieve stated ethics or policy goals. This project will yield several manuscripts aimed at professional, policy and public (non-expert) audiences.



**Robert Streiffer**, Ph. D. in Philosophy, MIT, is now in his fifth year at UW-Madison, and has now added an affiliate position with the Department of Medical Sciences in the School of Veterinary Sciences to his joint position with Philosophy and Medical History and Bioethics. He serves on the UW Hospital Ethics Committee and the University's Bioethics Advisory Committee. His book, *Moral Relativism and Reasons for Action*, was recently published by Routledge Press. His current research interests include the medical privacy of presidential candidates, ethical and policy issues arising from research on human embryonic stem cells, academic freedom and restrictions on academic biotechnology research, the implications of liberal neutrality on government responses to non-consequentialist objections to agricultural biotechnology, and mandatory labeling of genetically engineered foods. He continues to perform outreach service, discussing bioethics issues with the general public and with high-school life science teachers and students.

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**Alan J. Weisbard** - (Law, Medical History and Bioethics, Jewish Studies, and Religious Studies) returned to active teaching this fall after two years of medical leave with severe back pain. While not recommending the experience to fellow bioethicists, he found his adventures as a participant-observer in the worlds of pain medicine, physical therapy, alternative/complementary health care, and, ultimately, back surgery instructive, particularly with regard to their differing models of patient-professional relationships and attitudes toward self-care. He has continued his work on Jewish bioethics, particularly with a working group on Judaism and the new genetic technologies in association with the AAAS (American Association for the Advancement of Science), and is pleased to be back in the classroom at UW. He will be offering a new summer course open to community members on Jewish Bioethics in Comparative Perspective this June.

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## *Visiting Faculty -*



**Matthew August Gilmartin**, M.D. (University of California, San Francisco) is visiting the department as a post-doctoral fellow during the 2003 academic year. He graduated from Stanford University with an A.B. in Humanities (Modern Thought and Literature) and completed a Masters degree at the University of California, Berkeley, having written a thesis on definitions of science in the early history of the osteopathic profession. Currently, he is preparing an article on the metaphor of "body as machine" in early osteopathy. Tentatively titled "Finding Health in the Machine," the article will discuss the inventions and patents of A.T. Still (osteopathy's founder) and explore Still's appropriation of terminology and concepts from engineering in his attempts to re-define disease and clarify the role of the osteopath in society.

**Katariina Goeschl** is visiting the Department of Medical History and Bioethics this year. She moved to Madison with her family in November and has been excited to find the department here both friendly and intellectually lively. Faculty, staff and students all seem very motivated and, in particular, the inter-disciplinary approach adopted in many departmental activities has come as a positive surprise.

She is originally from Finland, but has lived in the United Kingdom for the past few years. She completed her Ph.D. degree in History with a specialization in the history of public health at the University of Cambridge, England, in March 2000. She also has a recent Master's degree in Health Policy Planning and Financing from the London School of Economics and the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. Her research interests focus on modern European, especially north European social history and history of public health. She has also developed an interest in veterinary public health and before coming to Madison worked briefly as a consultant for the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations in Rome. This year she is teaching the Health and Social Welfare in Western Society course at the Department. She has previously taught undergraduate courses at the University of Helsinki, where she did her first degree. She is also currently working as a Lecturer at the Department of Scandinavian Studies here in Madison, teaching a course in modern Scandinavian history.

She is grateful to everyone for welcoming her at the Medical History Department in Madison and looks forward to months ahead.

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**Edward Shorter** - Edward "Ned" Shorter was born in 1941 in Evanston, Illinois, and did his graduate training at Harvard University, completing his Ph.D. in modern social history in 1968. In 1967 he joined the University of Toronto's Department of History, where his initial focus on European social history gradually shifted to the social history of medicine. Shorter's various research interests have culminated in the publication of over a dozen books, including *The Making of the Modern Family* (1975), *Bedside Manners: the Troubled History of Doctors and Patients* (1985), a two-volume history of psychosomatic medicine: *From Paralysis to Fatigue* (1992) and *From the Mind into the Body* (1994), *A History of Psychiatry from the Era of the Asylum to the Age of Prozac* (1997) and *The Kennedy Family and the Story of Mental Retardation* (2000). Since 1991, Professor Shorter has held the Hannah Chair in the History of Medicine at the University of Toronto's Faculty of Medicine; in 1996, he was cross-appointed as Professor of Psychiatry for his contributions as an historian of this discipline. In 1995 he received dual honours from the Royal Society of Canada, when in addition to being elected a Fellow of the Society, he was awarded the Jason A. Hannah Medal for *From Paralysis to Fatigue*. In 1997 he received a Humboldt Research Prize from the Humboldt Foundation in Bonn, Germany. Spring 2000 was spent as the Fulbright Scholar at the Sigmund Freud Haus in Vienna Austria. Also in 2000 he again received the Hannah Medal for *A History of Psychiatry* making him the inaugural double recipient of this prestigious award. He is currently doing research in the history of sexuality and in the history of psychopharmacology. His *Historical Dictionary of Psychiatry* will be forthcoming from Oxford University Press.

**Karen Walloch** taught *The Development of Public Health in America* (509) in the fall and **Tasia Person** led three discussion sections of *Ethical Problems Raised By Biomedical Technology* (558) this spring.

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## FORMER FACULTY

**Harold J. Cook** - (Professor and Chair, 1993-1999) continues to direct the Wellcome Trust Centre for the History of Medicine at UCL in London, which has about 80 on-site members during term-time, and which will be offering a new one-year MA in the history of medicine starting next autumn. Details can be found on their website ([www.ucl.ac.uk/histmed](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/histmed)). Although his administrative responsibilities are too large, he continues to work on a book about medicine and natural history in the Dutch Golden Age when he can. In July he was made an Honorary Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians.

**Gunter B. Risse**, M.D. (Professor and Chair 1971-77) Although he retired from the University of California, San Francisco in 2001, he continues to be quite active researching and writing, attending meetings, reviewing manuscripts and books. He is now an Affiliate Professor at the University of Washington in Seattle. His book *Mending Bodies, Saving Souls: A History of Hospitals*, continues to receive excellent reviews, the latest appearing in the June 2003 issue of *Isis*. One of his recent papers deals with Osler and public health in Baltimore and will appear in the next *Osler Library Newsletter*. A collection of essays titled *Portraits of Ambiguity: Health and Medicine in Eighteenth-Century Scotland* is currently under review for publication in the *Clio Medica* series. Last fall, he attended and delivered a paper at the 38th International Congress on the History of Medicine in Istanbul, Turkey. This summer, he gave the keynote address at a conference sponsored by the International Network for the History of Hospitals in Montreal.

**Dan Wikler**, Professor Emeritus, is currently Professor of Ethics and Population Health at the Harvard School of Public Health. His appointment in the Department of Population and International Health involves many of the same issues with which he was concerned at WHO during his two years as staff ethicist, and that he studied at UW. These include the ethics of research involving human subjects; resource allocation; and ethical issues arising in the practice of public health. Most of his work these days addresses these questions in the context of developing countries. Dan is now at work on a book on research ethics, one that will draw on lessons learned while a member of the UW's Committee for the Protection of Human Subjects. Dan and his Harvard colleagues share a population focus in their work in bioethics, for which Dan's contacts with the UW's bioethics and Population Health programs have proven valuable preparation.

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## HONORARY APPOINTMENTS

**Daniel Albert**, M.D., is an adjunct professor in the Department of Medical History and Bioethics. He has published a chronology that is entitled *Dates in Ophthalmology* put out by Parthenon Publishing. He is currently working on a book entitled *Egg Heads and Cheese Heads: A Comparison of Manners, Morals, Money, and Management at Harvard and the University of Wisconsin*.

**Julie Fagan**, M.D., does 75% practice of internal medicine, and also teaches bioethics to undergraduates and medical students. She is vice-chair of the CHS institutional review board. She and Professor Streiffer are writing a paper on privacy rights of presidential candidates that they hope to submit soon. Julie is a member of both UW and Meriter hospital ethics committees.

**Renie Schapiro**, (M.P.H.) Her latest edited book, *Transplanting Human Tissue: Ethics, Policy, and Practice*, was published by Oxford University Press last month and she will be on a panel on the subject in Cuba in March 2004. She is currently a guest editor of an issue of the *Kennedy Institute of Ethics Journal* on public attitudes toward the "dead donor rule" in organ transplantation. She is also in the third year of running the Senior Partners program for UW medical students.

**Annette Yonke** - (Ph.D.) In addition to prairie restoration, land preservation, going to philatelic shows, Annette finds time to continue her academic research. From an archival search on the history of the medical student preceptorship at UW, she found that as far back as 1926, UW Medical School was a leader in innovative medical education. But a huge faculty absence occurred in the 1940s with nearly everyone off to war. What did medical faculty do on the war front, and how were they trained? Now her current interest is hospital ships, which she has combined with philatelic collecting.

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## ALUMNI AND POSTDOCS

**Charlotte G. Borst** - (Ph.D. 1989) is Dean of Arts and Sciences and Professor of History at Union College. Prior to coming to Union, she was Chair of the History Department at Saint Louis University, and was a faculty member at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. Her first book, *Catching Babies: The Professionalization of Childbirth, 1870-1920*, was published by Harvard University Press in 1995. She has published numerous scholarly articles on the history of obstetrics and other issues relating to gender and race and concepts of professionalization in medicine. Her current scholarly interests focus on the intersection of race and gender in twentieth-century American medical education, and she is now working on a book tentatively entitled, *Choosing the Student Body: Gender and Race and Medical School Admissions in Twentieth-Century America* (under preliminary contract with Harvard University Press). A recent article relating to this research "Choosing the Student Body: Masculinity, Ethnicity, and the Fitness for Medical School, 1920-1940, appeared in the *History of Education Quarterly*, [vol. 42 (2), Summer 2002, pp. 181-214.] She has recently submitted another article, "Poor, pregnant, and black in Bull Connors Birmingham: Indigent medical care and academic medical politics in Birmingham, Alabama, 1950-1964" to the *Journal of Southern History*. But being a dean doesn't mean you forget where you came from—she has been responsible for getting a new, interdisciplinary major at Union College: "Science, Technology and Medicine Studies."

On the personal side: she lives in Niskayuna, New York (a suburb of Schenectady). She and Rick will celebrate their 29th wedding anniversary this June. Stefan is now 17, and looking at colleges; Zosia turned 15 in January. Sometimes she thinks being a parent of teenagers has prepared her well for being an academic dean!

**Ralph Drayton** - (Ph.D. 2001) is currently visiting assistant professor of history and humanities at Reed College, and will be there next academic year, as well. This year, he has taught Humanities 210: Early Modern Europe; History 347: Interpreting the Scientific Revolution; and History 314: Medicine and Society, 1300-1700. Next year, he will be switching into Humanities 110, which deals with the ancient Greece, Rome, Judaism, and early Christianity (in short, Homer to St. Augustine). He'll repeat his medicine course, and will offer a new course on the university in the Middle Ages and Renaissance. He has bought a rain jacket, so is enjoying Portland very much. Microbrews, seafood, the Cascades -- what's not to like?

**Diane Edwards** - (M.A. 1993) has left behind academia for the surprisingly complex, rewarding (and highly weather-influenced) world of dryland wheat farming in northcentral Montana, where she operates heavy equipment and appreciates the cultural and physical challenges of agriculture. She also continues to be a writer/editor for the American Society for Microbiology in Washington, DC, and has made two microbiology research trips to Antarctica with Montana State University faculty.

**Elizabeth Haigh** - (Ph.D. 1973) Professor of History, Saint Mary's University is completing a biography of Abraham Gesner (1797-1864), a Nova Scotian physician, geologist, inventor and entrepreneur. And she is studying the career of Vladimir Ivanovich Vernadsky who introduced the word "biosphere" into scientific parlance and pioneering the development of ecological study. The primary founder and first president of the Ukrainian Academy of Sciences in 1918, he fell foul of Russian nationalism - an interesting study of the role of scientific academies in nation building.

**Christopher Hamlin** - (Ph.D. 1982) Professor of History, University of Notre Dame, continues to work on a long book about natural theology and ecology. He has been appointed honorary professor in the Department of Public Health and Policy at the London School of Hygiene.

**Jon Harkness** - (Ph.D. 1996) is now an adjunct assistant professor in the Program in the History of Medicine at the University of Minnesota.

**Patricia Harris**, M.D. (M.A. 1985) has been in Washington DC for the past year, working as a physician who makes house calls to frail elderly in the more underserved areas of the city. Her oldest patient is a 104 year-old man, still conversational, who served for the United States Public Health Service in Liberia in the 1940s. Tapping his brain has been fun. Patricia has not thought much about the history of medicine other than these conversations, and misses it very much. Nevertheless, the experiences she has shared with this largely African American community have been invaluable to her, honing her political and philosophical opinions and making her search (inwardly) for the best forum in which to share what she has learned.

**Dianna Kalandros** - (M.A. 1996) completed a second Master's program in 1999 in counseling and is now a supervisor at a community mental health clinic that provides psychiatric and case management services to Seriously Mentally Ill adults. (Tell Ron Numbers that I am pretty sure that needs to be capitalized because it is a legal definition.) In the little spare time that is left she is training and showing her horse.

**Delila Ledwith**, J.D., (M.A. 1991) is living in Grapevine, Texas with her husband Gary, where she has her own law practice focusing on employee rights. She loves it there, except that an alarmingly large number of people seriously believe there is overwhelming evidence that man walked with the dinosaurs and that the Darwinian theory of evolution is just a bunch of hooey. And of course most everyone is a great GW Bush fan. It turns out that practicing law is pretty all-consuming, so she doesn't have much time for anything else. Every time she visits Madison to see her six (!) grandchildren, she thinks about stopping by the department to say hi (especially to Ron Numbers!) but never seems to get the chance. Sigh.

**Alison Li** - (postdoctoral fellow 1993-94) is author of *J.B. Collip and the Development of Medical Research in Canada: Extracts and Enterprise*, published this October by McGill-Queen's University Press. Alison is also co-editor and contributor to *Women, Health, and Nation: Canada and the United States since 1945*, edited by Georgina Feldberg, Molly Ladd-Taylor, Alison Li, and Kathryn McPherson (McGill-Queen's University Press, 2003). Alison and her husband, Ernie Hamm, are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter, Clara Ming Li Hamm, born in February.

**Elizabeth Lockwood** - (M.A. 1987) After a fifteen-year career at the National Archives and Records Administration as an access specialist, Elizabeth Lockwood (MA 1987) is working as a school Library Media Specialist at Alexandria Country Day School in Alexandria, VA. The job is fun and challenging and allows her to spend more time with her two sons, Alex (age 12) and Kieran (age 8,) who attend the school. She thoroughly enjoys sharing histories of medicine for children with her students and would like to encourage you all to write more.

**Robert Oliver** - (postdoc, 1996 -1998) published his history of the University of Wisconsin Medical School entitled *Making the Modern Medical School: The Wisconsin Stories* in the spring of 2002. In the summer of 2002 he moved from Houston, TX where he held a fellowship in the Rice University Center for the Study of Science and Technology to Dayton, OH. In Dayton he assumed a permanent civil service position as historian in the Air Force Research Laboratory (AFRL) at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. In the fall of 2003 he transferred to Langley Air Force Base in Hampton, VA, where he is now an historian for Air Combat Command (ACC). Presently he is conducting research on classified USAF research and development. His next book *Sex, Anger, and Confusion: Freudian Theory and American Views of History and Culture*, is with a publisher and he hopes it will appear in 2004. He has also recently signed a contract to produce a volume on the cultural history of the warrior's return for one of the Praeger imprint's military history series.

**Dr. Willie T. Ong**, is a cardiology consultant at the Makati Medical Center. He has a master in public health and is the author/editor of six medical books published in the Philippines. Through the guidance and inspiration of his teachers, Drs. Ron Numbers, Hal Cook, Judith Leavitt and Warwick Anderson, Dr. Ong and his wife **Dr. Anna Liza Ong** set out to promote medical history in the Philippines. Since 1998, they have started collecting all the important Philippine health-related items, such as photos, books, coins, stamps and antique items. Some of these photos have been researched and photocopied from the University of Wisconsin Library, National Archives in Maryland, the Harvard Medical Library and the U.S. National Library of Medicine. With a poster acknowledging the sources of these photos, they have finally put together a traveling exhibit to different health institutions. Dr. Ong has formed and chairs the Society of Philippine Health History. The Society has had three projects to date: (1) a medical museum and library, (2) a traveling exhibit and (3) the Society's website ([www.doh.gov.ph/sphh/](http://www.doh.gov.ph/sphh/)). Dr. Ong dreams of promoting Philippine health history not just locally but internationally to reach and interact with as many people as possible.

**Sarah Pfatteicher** - (Ph.D. 1996) is Assistant Dean for Engineering Academic Affairs in the College of Engineering at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Her duties in academic affairs include overseeing the college's curricular innovations and program accreditations as well as advising students. She also serves as lecturer in the Department of Engineering Professional Development, where she teaches courses in engineering ethics and engineering design. Dr. Pfatteicher is an honorary fellow of the Department of the History of Science and a member of the steering committee for the Science and Technology Studies Program at the UW-Madison, and will begin her duties as associate editor of IEEE's Technology and Society magazine in January 2004. She researches and publishes in the areas of engineering ethics, education, and disasters. Her current project analyzes engineering responses to the destruction of the World Trade Center and resulting implications for engineering education. Dr. Pfatteicher earned her bachelor's degree in physics and mathematics from Smith College (Northampton, Massachusetts) and master's and doctoral degrees in the history of science (specializing in the history of engineering) from the UW-Madison.

**Leslie Reagan** - (Ph.D. 1991), currently Associate Professor at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign in the Dept. of History and the Medical Humanities and Social Sciences Program in the College of Medicine has recently published "From Hazard to Blessing to Tragedy: Representations of Miscarriage in Twentieth-Century America," *Feminist Studies* 29:2 (Summer 2003): 356-377, which combines personal memory together with historical and contemporary analysis. Her "Crossing the Border for Abortions: California Activists, Mexican Clinics, and the Creation of a Feminist Health Agency in the 1960s," appears in *Women, Health and Nation: Canada and the United States Since 1945*, ed. by Georgina Feldberg et al (2003). She also tries her hand at watercolor painting occasionally.

**David Sandmire**, M.D., (M.A. 1994) is an associate professor in the Department of Biological Sciences at the University of New England (UNE) in Biddeford, Maine. He has been a member of the faculty there since 1994 and teaches Neuroscience, Anatomy and Physiology, Pathophysiology and Cardiovascular Physiology. His primary area of research is investigating the influence of individual learning styles on collaborative clinical problem-solving. At UNE Dave was the Teacher of the Year Recipient 1996-97 and 2001-2002, and has been nominated for Teacher of the Year three other times. He also received the Distinguished Academic Service Award, 1995-96. Dave is a 1989 graduate of the University of Wisconsin Medical School, and returned here for a graduate degree in the History of Science and Medicine, receiving an M.A. in 1994. He lives in Kennebunk, Maine with his wife.

**Emilie Savage-Smith** - (Ph.D. 1969) is currently Senior Research Associate, The Oriental Institute (Faculty of Oriental Studies), University of Oxford. From 1991-1999 she was Senior Research Associate at the Wellcome Unit for the History of Medicine, University of Oxford and member of Faculty of Oriental Studies, and from 1980-1991, Research Medical Historian in the History of Medicine Division, Department of Anatomy, University of California, Los Angeles.

She is Senior Project Researcher in a team of scholars translating and studying a newly-discovered Arabic cosmography *Gharaib al-funun wa-mulah al-'uyun* (The Book of Curiosities of the Sciences and Marvels for the Eyes); project funded by Heritage Lottery Fund). Her study of medieval Islamic scientific, medical, and magical artefacts in the Khalili Collection of Islamic Art was published recently in two volumes by the Oxford University Press. She is preparing a catalogue raisonné of the Arabic medical manuscripts in the Bodleian Library (funded by the Wellcome Trust) and is also currently preparing an edition and analysis of chapters from a 14th-century Egyptian treatise on ophthalmological surgery. She recently contracted with Edinburgh University Press to write a general book on *Medieval Islamic Medicine* (with co-author Peter E. Pormann). For the past ten years she has been Consultant to the (U.S.) National Library of Medicine, for analyzing their Islamic manuscript holdings.

Her other activities include being an Associate Editor of the *New Dictionary of National Biography* (with responsibility for entries on ophthalmologists and otolaryngologists), on the editorial board of *Social History of Medicine* and *Medizinhistorische Journal*, and was recently-elected President of the *Society for the History of Medieval Technology and Science*.

**Ronald C. Sawyer** - (Ph.D. 1986) left his teaching position at the State University of New York at Binghamton ten years ago and moved to Bellingham, Washington. There he has cultivated a tranquil outdoor life in and around the Cascades, coordinating and instructing in mountaineering programs. Of late he spends a good deal of time in Mexico as well, serving as a sometimes advisor to a popular vocalist. His children, who usually lived with him in Madison, work diligently in their respective careers: Dylan as a metallurgical engineer in Pittsburgh, and Melissa as a lawyer on Wall Street.

**Lisa Saywell** - (M.A. 1996) After the last few years of working as a bookstore manager, Lisa is back in graduate school. She will be finishing her MA in library and information studies at UW-Madison in the spring. When she grows up she hopes to become an archivist, so that has been the focus of her studies. She spent this past summer as the archival intern at the Lemelson Center for the Study of Invention and Innovation at the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of American History. She worked on a number of projects from sorting through the records of the Kryptonite Bike Lock Company to inventorying lunch box art. She is also currently working as a reference librarian at College Library, helping fresh-faced undergraduates conduct their research. On a more personal note, she lives in a pumpkin-colored house and is still amassing quite a collection of books (a few of which she hopes to some day have time enough to read).

**Jole Shackelford** - (Ph.D. 1989) is teaching part time at the University of Minnesota in History of Medicine. His book for the secondary market (High School and general readers) on William Harvey has come out: *William Harvey and the Mechanics of the Heart*, Oxford Portraits in Science series, ed. Owen Gingerich (Oxford University Press, 2003). The publication of his book, *A Philosophical Path for Paracelsian Medicine: The Ideas, Intellectual Context, and Influence of Petrus Severinus, 1540-1602* is expected momentarily. Other than that, it is just the usual articles, book reviews, etc.

**Hugh Slotten** - (Ph.D. 1991) has been appointed a Senior Lecturer in the Communication Studies Department at the University of Otago in Dunedin, New Zealand. He is finishing a book examining the history of educational radio broadcasting in the United States. He recently published an article in *Technology and Culture* entitled "Satellite Communications, Globalization, and the Cold War." Grants from the National Science Foundation supported both research projects.

**Rod Stiling** - (Ph.D. 1991) continues to teach history and philosophy at Seattle Pacific University. He is a participant in the Templeton Oxford Seminar for the summers of 2003, 2004 and 2005. He recently gave a presentation on nineteenth century American geology at the national meeting of the Geological Association of America in Seattle.

**Hsiu-yun Wang** - (Ph.D. 2003) is assistant professor of the Graduate Institute of Gender Studies at Kaohsiung Medical University, Taiwan. She completed her dissertation in the summer of 2003. One of the courses she is teaching currently is "Gender and Medical History," and she will be teaching "History of the Body" in the Spring of 2004.

**John Harley Warner** - (M.A. 1977), Professor of the History of Medicine, of American Studies, and of History, has recently been named to the newly-created position of Chair of the Yale University Program in the History of Medicine and Science. Earlier in summer 2002 he was appointed Chair of the Section of History of Medicine at the Yale University School of Medicine. A new paperback edition of his book *Against the Spirit of System: The French Impulse in Nineteenth-Century American Medicine* will be published in fall 2003 by the Johns Hopkins University Press, which in spring 2004 will also publish his new co-edited volume *Locating Medical History: The Stories and Their Meaning*. Talks during the past year include "Aesthetics, Identity, and the Grounding of Modern Medicine," an invited seminar for the Department of History and Philosophy of Science at the University of Cambridge; "Rethinking 'De-Humanization': Clinical Narrative and the Grounding of Modern Medicine," the Dean's Distinguished Lecture in History of Science and Medicine at Yale University; and "Posing with the Cadaver: Race, Violence, and Dissection Room Portraiture, 1880-1920," presented at a conference on Lynching and Racial Violence in America, held at Emory University. Naomi Rogers, his partner, teaches at Yale University in Women's and Gender Studies and in the History of Medicine; their son Nat (7) is in second grade, and daughter Dory (5) is in kindergarten.

**Sarah Webber** - (M.A. 1997) moved to Lincoln, Nebraska in 1997 and works as a graphic designer for the University of Nebraska Foundation. She is also a part-time student at the university of Nebraska Medical Center and is working on her dissertation on the history of female circumcision and clitoridectomy in the United States since roughly 1850.

**Steve Weldon** - (Ph.D. 1997) is the History of Science Society bibliographer and assistant professor in the History of Science Department at the University of Oklahoma. He is currently working on a general reference book on the history of science and religion as well as a study of secular and religious humanism in America.

**James C. Whorton** - (PhD 1969) professor in the Department of Medical History and Ethics at the University of Washington School of Medicine in Seattle, recently published *Nature Cures: The History of Alternative Medicine in America* (Oxford: 2002). He is currently doing research for a book on the history of arsenic in medicine, toxicology, and public health.

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## CURRENT GRADUATE STUDENTS

**Neil Andrews** is currently a fifth-year graduate student in the history of science department. He has a strong interest in the history of public health in the United States, and is now investigating potential links between public health and social Darwinism in late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century America.

**Paul Erickson** recently delivered a talk (spring 2004), "Models, Scenarios, and the Future of Nature: New Forms of Knowledge in Global Environmental Assessments" as part of the Science & Technology Studies brown bag series.

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### Medical History Colloquia, 2003 - 2004

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**Elizabeth Lunbeck**, Princeton University - "*The Americanization of Narcissism*," 29 October

**Monica Green**, Arizona State University - "*Muscio Redivivus: Textual Revival and Literate Midwives at the End of the Middle Ages*," 5 November

**Michael H. Shank**, UW-Madison - "*Galileo, Astrology and Italian Politics*," 28 January

**Marcos Cueto**, Universidad Peruana Cayetano - Chauncey D. and Elizabeth W. Leake Lecture, "*International Health, the Cold War and Malaria Eradication in Mexico*," 11 February

**Anne Fausto-Sterling**, Brown University - Sponsored by UW Science and Technology Studies, "*Bare Bones of Sex*," 23 February

**Peter Baldwin**, University of California, Los Angeles - Co-sponsored by the Center for European Studies "*Can There be a Democratic Public Health: Fighting AIDS in Europe*," 25 February

**Robert Richards**, University of Chicago - Coleman Lecture sponsored by the UW Institute for Research in the Humanities, "*The Erotic Foundations of Morphology: Goethe, Kant and the Metaphysics of the Female Form*," 3 March

**Nick D. Hopwood**, University of Cambridge - "*Scientific Illustrations in Public Debate and Disciplinary Struggle: Embryos and Evolution in Bismarckian Germany*," 31 March

**Keith Wailoo**, Rutgers University - William Snow Miller Lecture, "*How Cancer Crossed the Color Line: The Strange Career of Race and Disease in America*," 7 April

**Nancy Tomes**, SUNY Stony Brook - Sponsored by the Department of Consumer Science, "*Doctors, Patients, and Prescription Drug Advertising: Historical Perspectives on a Contemporary Controversy*," 28 April

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## Bioethics Colloquia Spring 2004

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**Robert "Skip" Nelson**, M.D., Ph. D, University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine - "*The Role of Affect in Informed Consent*," 6 February

**Walter M. Robinson**, M.D. M.P.H., Division of Pulmonary Medicine, Children's Hospital, Boston – "*The Ethics and Rhetoric of Diagnosis: The Case of Cystic Fibrosis*," 12 February

**Reidar Lie**, M.D., Ph.D., Department of Clinical Bioethics, National Institutes of Health – "*Fair Benefits and Collaborative Research with Developing Countries*," 24 February

**Benjamin Wilfond**, M.D., Head, Bioethics & Social Policy, Behavioral and Social Research Branch, National Institutes of Health – "*Involving Adolescents in Gene Transfer Research: Implications for Informed Consent*," 4 March

**Robert Pearlman**, M.D., M.P.H., Division of Gerontology and Geriatric Medicine, University of Washington School of Medicine – "*Insights into Hastened Death*," 11 March

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A new Medical History website has been launched and can be found at [www.medhist.wisc.edu](http://www.medhist.wisc.edu).

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## STAFF

**Lorraine Rondon** - (75%) joined the department in 2001. A former Nome, AK saloonkeeper, her duties now include departmental artwork and ISIS and website update. In her off hours she enjoys participating in roller derbies, stockcar racing and creating original artwork from beer bottle caps.

**Sharon Russ** - (50%) joined the department in August, 2003, and has worked at the University for 27 years, mostly part-time. She has been at Computer Science, UW Police, Institute on Aging and Engineering to name a few. She is married to Neil and shares her rural Mazomanie home with three daffy dogs and two crazy cats. She has one daughter, Martha, who is married and works in Cross Plains.

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## FORMER STAFF

**Jan Boelte** left the department in March 2004 for a position in the English department. We wish her well in her new job. She had been kept very busy since the last edition of this newsletter, dealing with the challenges and opportunities of expansion under new leadership. She felt that if "they" were to give MH&B more office space and storage space, we would be able to improve on our already notorious reputation! Her personal life had also taken on a new twist following the death of her husband of 32 years in September of 2001, due to a brain tumor that he had for 16 years. Thanks to a secured internet site, she now has a new companion who is a frequent visitor from Minnesota.

**Ruth Stiling** has just begun working as an activities director at a large residential retirement complex in Everett, WA where her mother has recently settled.



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