Summer/Fall 2017 Programming Medicine, History & the Humanities
The Soldier's Health Companion. 1861.
Dear Friends,

The New York Academy of Medicine’s Library offers programs that delve into the connections between medicine, health, history, and the humanities. In 2017, our yearlong series, “Legacies of War: Medical Innovations and Impacts,” uses the commemoration of the American entry into World War One as a starting point to explore the impact of conflict on the practice of medicine and the health of soldiers and civilians.

We continue to offer diverse events that explore the Library’s collections from multiple angles, and to invite esteemed historians, authors, and emerging scholars to share their perspectives on the historical background of important issues in medicine, health, and culture around the world.

This fall we will offer an Embroidering Medicine Workshop, a chance to explore connections among types of stitchery, whether sutures, ligatures or sewing. This workshop is the culmination of the Library’s first artist residency by Kriota Willberg, dedicated to the intersections between body sciences and artistic practices. Our continuing partnership with Altas Obscura offers yet another way for close encounters with our collections’ treasures.

We look forward to seeing you.

With all best wishes,

Lisa O’Sullivan, PhD
Vice President and Director, Library
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DIRECTIONS AND INFORMATION

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Register for all events at NYAM.org/events.

Additional events will be added throughout the year. To receive updates, sign up at NYAM.org/sign-up.

COST

Advance registration is required for most events, whether ticketed or free. For paid events, sales are non-refundable and non-exchangeable except in cases of cancellation. Discounts are available for Academy Fellows, Members, Friends of the Rare Book Room, seniors and students. Seniors and students must present an ID at event registration.

LOCATION

1216 Fifth Avenue at 103rd Street (unless otherwise noted).

DIRECTIONS

By subway: 6 to 103rd St., 2/3 to 110th St. By bus: M1, M2, M3, M4 to 103rd St.

CONTACT

For more information, call 212.822.7301 or email culturalevents@nyam.org.
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Events highlighted in orange are part of the Legacies of War series.
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

06/12
GRUNT: The Curious Science of Humans at War
6:00 PM-7:30 PM | Free, advance registration required
SPEAKER: Mary Roach, author
Books will be available for purchase at the event.

On a daily basis, soldiers fight battles against oft-forgotten adversaries: exhaustion, shock, disease, extreme heat, cataclysmic noise. In GRUNT: The Curious Science of Humans at War, America’s favorite science writer, Mary Roach, explores those aspects of war that no one makes movies about—not the killing but the keeping alive.

06/13
Museum Mile Festival
6:00 PM-9:00 PM | Free, no registration necessary

Join us at the Academy for the 40th annual Museum Mile Festival, a block party on Fifth Avenue stretching from 105th to 82nd street. Enjoy free arts and crafts exploring health and the amazing human body along our sidewalks.

07/21
Atlas Obscura Session: Anatomical Illustrations
2:00 PM-3:15 PM | $35

Attempts to illustrate the human body in the sixteenth century featured skeletons and partially dissected figures called "muscle men" and "flayed men." Many of these depictions, innovative in their presentation of anatomy, were concerned with accuracy and the nature of death. This session examines changing attitudes toward the body and how the development of new technologies, including printing techniques, photography, and x-ray, changed the way artists rendered the body over time.
08/16
Atlas Obscura Session: Astronomy and Astrology
6:30 PM-7:45 PM | $35

Seventeenth-century Protestant minister Nicholas Billingslye differentiated between astronomy and astrology poetically—and economically—when he wrote that astrology demonstrated “the wars effects and force / Astronomy, their measure, motions, course.” Join us for an observation of the Academy’s star books, where we’ll discuss planetary motion, Zodiac Man, horoscopes, and the mysteries of the cosmos.

THURSDAYS 09/14–10/5
Embroidering Medicine Workshop
6:00 PM-8:30 PM | $290 General Public | $250 Friends, Fellows, Members, Seniors and Students
INSTRUCTOR: Kriota Willberg, Academy Library Artist-in-Residence

This four-week workshop will offer participants the opportunity to learn hands-on embroidery skills and basic stitches while exploring the Library’s historical collections. The group will focus on areas of the collection invoking ideals of femininity and domesticity, as well as needlework in medicine and surgery (in the form of ligatures, sutures, and stitching of the body). Participants will select and transfer historical images to make embroidered pieces inspired by the collection. Materials will be provided.
09/14
Nursing with a Message: Public Health Demonstrations in New York City
6:00 PM-7:30 PM | Free, advance registration required
SPEAKER: Patricia D'Antonio, Director of the Barbara Bates Center for the Study of the History of Nursing at the University of Pennsylvania
Presented in collaboration with the Academy Fellows Nursing Section and Section for the History of Medicine and Public Health
Examine the key role that public health demonstration projects—and the nurses that ran them—from the 1920s to those recently mandated by the Affordable Care Act play in influencing how Americans perceive their personal health choices. Assessing successes and failures of these nurse-run local health programs, Patricia D'Antonio traces their legacy in shaping the best and the worst elements of today's primary care system.

09/15
Atlas Obscura Session: Cookery
11:00 AM-12:15 PM | $35
How did dinner change in America during wartime, or after the advent of the gas range? What Italian cookbook has the earliest known depiction of a fork? The Academy's marvelous cookery collection includes manuscripts, books, menus, pamphlets and other food ephemera. We'll show you highlights, including our 9th-century Roman cookery manuscript, Apicius' De Re Coquinaria, the oldest surviving cookbook in the West.
09/28
The Great War and Modern Veteran Care

6:00 PM-7:30 PM  |  $12 General Public
$8 Friends, Fellows, Members, Seniors
Free to Students with ID

SPEAKER: Beth Linker, Associate Professor of History and Sociology of Science, University of Pennsylvania

Determined to curtail the human and economic costs of war during and after World War One, the United States instituted programs of physical and vocational rehabilitation for the injured to support their integration back into civilian society. This talk will trace the practice and ethics of the rehabilitative model of veteran care from World War One to today.

10/10
The Heberden Society Lecture: “Psychiatry’s Most Misunderstood Founding Father: Adolf Meyer”

6:00 PM-7:30 PM  |  Free, advance registration required

SPEAKER: Susan Lamb, Jason A. Hannah Chair in History of Medicine at the University of Ottawa

Presented in collaboration with the Heberden Society of Weill Cornell Medicine

Adolf Meyer (1866-1950) exercised unparalleled influence over the development of American psychiatry during the twentieth century. The biological concepts and clinical methods he implemented and taught remain significant to psychiatric practice, neuroscientific research, and to public perceptions of mental health today. Yet, Meyer’s person-centered theories spark heated controversy within contemporary American psychiatry: should psychiatric disorders be considered diseases or non-normative character traits?

10/15
Open House New York Festival

10:00 AM-5:00 PM  |  Free, advance registration required

Go behind the scenes at the Academy’s home, a Neo-Romanesque building by the celebrated New York architectural firm York and Sawyer. The tour features the lobby, auditorium, main reading room, and the Drs. Barry and Bobbi Coller Rare Book Reading Room, which contains a portion of the Academy’s extensive rare book collection that dates to the Middle Ages.
10/17
A History of American War in Five Bodies
6:00 PM-7:30 PM | $12 General Public
$8 Friends, Fellows, Members, Seniors Free to Students with ID

SPEAKER: John Kinder, Associate Professor of History and American Studies at Oklahoma State University

Professor Kinder explores the history of American war through the bodies of five disabled veterans, moving injured bodies from the margins to the center of the American war story. What emerges is a portrait of nation struggling (and often failing) to mitigate the human cost of military conflict.

11/08
Atlas Obscura Session: Women’s Medicine
6:30 PM-7:45 PM | $35

In the 1750s, early European illustrated anatomies first began to depict the female skeleton as part of a broader discussion of gender and society. In an intimate setting, we’ll explore highlights from the Academy’s rich collections of women’s medicine and midwifery. Join us to learn more about changing attitudes towards women’s bodies over time.
11/14
The Lilianna Sauter Lecture:
“Unable to Breathe: Race, Asthma, and the Environment in Civil Rights Era New Orleans and New York”
6:00 PM-7:30 PM | 12 General Public | $8 Friends, Fellows, Members, Seniors | Free to Students with ID
SPEAKER: Ijeoma Kola, PhD candidate in Sociomedical Sciences at Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health
During the era of the Civil Rights Movement, asthma hospitalization rates skyrocketed at New Orleans’ Charity Hospital and New York’s Harlem and Metropolitan Hospitals. Researchers tried a new approach: a focus on the toxicity of black urban locales. Examining asthma hospitalization rates, public housing records, and the work of New York City’s first Commissioner of Air Pollution Control, Dr. Leonard Greenburg, Kola explores how emerging asthma research in the 1950s and 1960s bolstered broader African American struggles for equity.

11/29
The Sherlock Holmes of Non-Fiction Medical Writers
6:00 PM-7:30 PM | $15 General Public | $10 Friends, Fellows, Members, Seniors | Free to Students with ID
SPEAKERS: D.T. Max, writer; Lisa Sanders, physician
Academy Fellow Randi Epstein moderates a discussion with two award-winning writers, D.T. Max and Lisa Sanders, exploring the mysteries behind diagnosis and the process of turning medical sleuthing into riveting narratives. Max’s book, The Family Who Couldn’t Sleep, unfolds a mystery of a Venetian family suffering from fatal insomnia. New York Times columnist and physician Sanders takes readers on journeys of medical investigation in the Diagnosis series, which inspired the hit TV series House M.D.
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