

The Center for the History of the New America presents:

Health Across Borders

Migration, Disease, Medicine, & Public Health in a Global Age

September 18-19, 2014

Health Across Borders: Migration, Disease, Medicine and Public Health in a Global Age will bring together leading scholars, practitioners, public officials, labor leaders and immigrants themselves to explore public health in the age of mass migration. Among other matters, the conference will address the economics of migration, patterns of prejudice in medical practices and access to health insurance.

Thursday, September 18, 2014

4:30 - 6:00 p.m.

Atrium in the Stamp Student Union

4:30 Reception

5:00 Introductory Remarks

5:30 Keynote Address: "Public Health in the Age of Globalism"

David Satcher, 16th Surgeon General of the United States

11:15 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.

Room 1100, Cambridge Community Center

Speaker: "Picturing Medicine in LIFE Magazine: Message and Medium in Popular Science, 1936-1972"

Bert Hansen, Department of History, Baruch College

Session II

1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Session 2A: Patterns of Prejudice: the Medicalization of Nativism

Room 1100, Cambridge Community Center

Panelist:

Natalia Molina, Department of History, University of California San Diego

Thurka Sangaramoorthy, Department of Sociology, University of Maryland

Keith Wailoo, Department of History/Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University

Chair: Alan Kraut, Department of History, American University

Immigrants have long been the targets of medicalized prejudice, stigmatized for such diseases as cholera, polio, and TB. More recently Haitians have been blamed for the AIDS epidemic and Asian immigrants for SARS.

Session 2B: Migration, Health Insurance, and Health

Room 1205, Cambridge Community Center

Panelists:

Beatrix Hoffman, Department of History, Northern Illinois University

Barbra Mann Wall, Center for History of Nursing, University of Pennsylvania

Jennifer Lynne Van Hook, Department of Sociology, Pennsylvania State University

Chair: Mary A. Garza, Department of Behavioral and Community Health in the School of Public Health and Associate Director of the University of Maryland Center for Health Equity

The current debate over healthcare includes discussion of the role of immigrants, documented and undocumented. This panel will put that contemporary debate into historical perspective. In the late nineteenth and early twentieth century immigrants often had better access to healthcare than the native-born poor.

Session III

3:45 - 4:30 p.m.

Plenary and Presentation of Health Festival Results

Room 1100, Cambridge Community Center

Friday, September 19, 2014

Session I

9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Session 1A: Migration and Infectious Disease

Room 1100, Cambridge Community Center

Panelists:

Emmanuel d'Harcourt, Senior Director, International Rescue Committee

Nayan Shah, Department of History, University of Southern California

Xóchitl Castañeda, Director, Health Initiatives of the Americas, UC Berkeley

Chair: Stephen B. Thomas, Department of Health Services Administration in the School of Public Health and Founding Director of the University of Maryland Center for Health Equity

Infectious diseases represent continuing public health challenges as they travel the globe, spread by individuals on the move. The recent threat of an influenza pandemic aroused nativist reaction to immigrants not unlike the reaction to the foreign-born in 1918.

Session 1B: Dangers and Disability in the Workplace

Room 1205, Cambridge Community Center

Panelists:

David Rosner, Department of History, Columbia University

Chantel Rodriguez, Department of History, University of Maryland

David Gerber, Department of History, SUNY Buffalo and Director Emeritus, Center for Disability Studies

Chair: Sandra C. Quinn, Department of Family Science, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs in the School of Public Health and Senior Associate Director of the University of Maryland Center for Health Equity

Immigrant workers in factory, mine and field have long played a significant role in American economic well-being. However, foreign-born workers have long been vulnerable to the diseases and injuries of their jobs.

Lunch Keynote Presentation

The conference is free and open to the public, with no registration required.

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