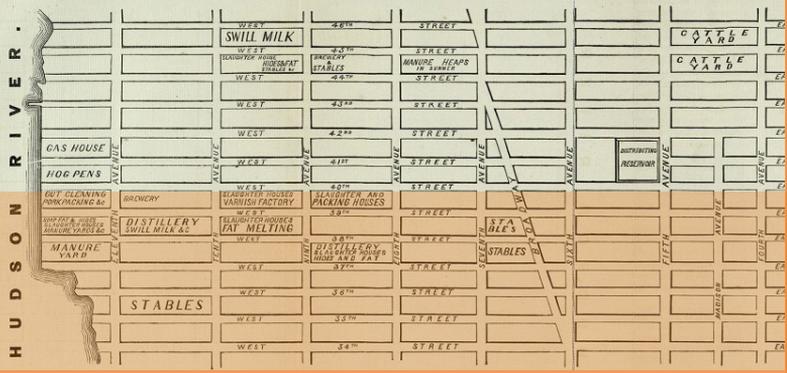


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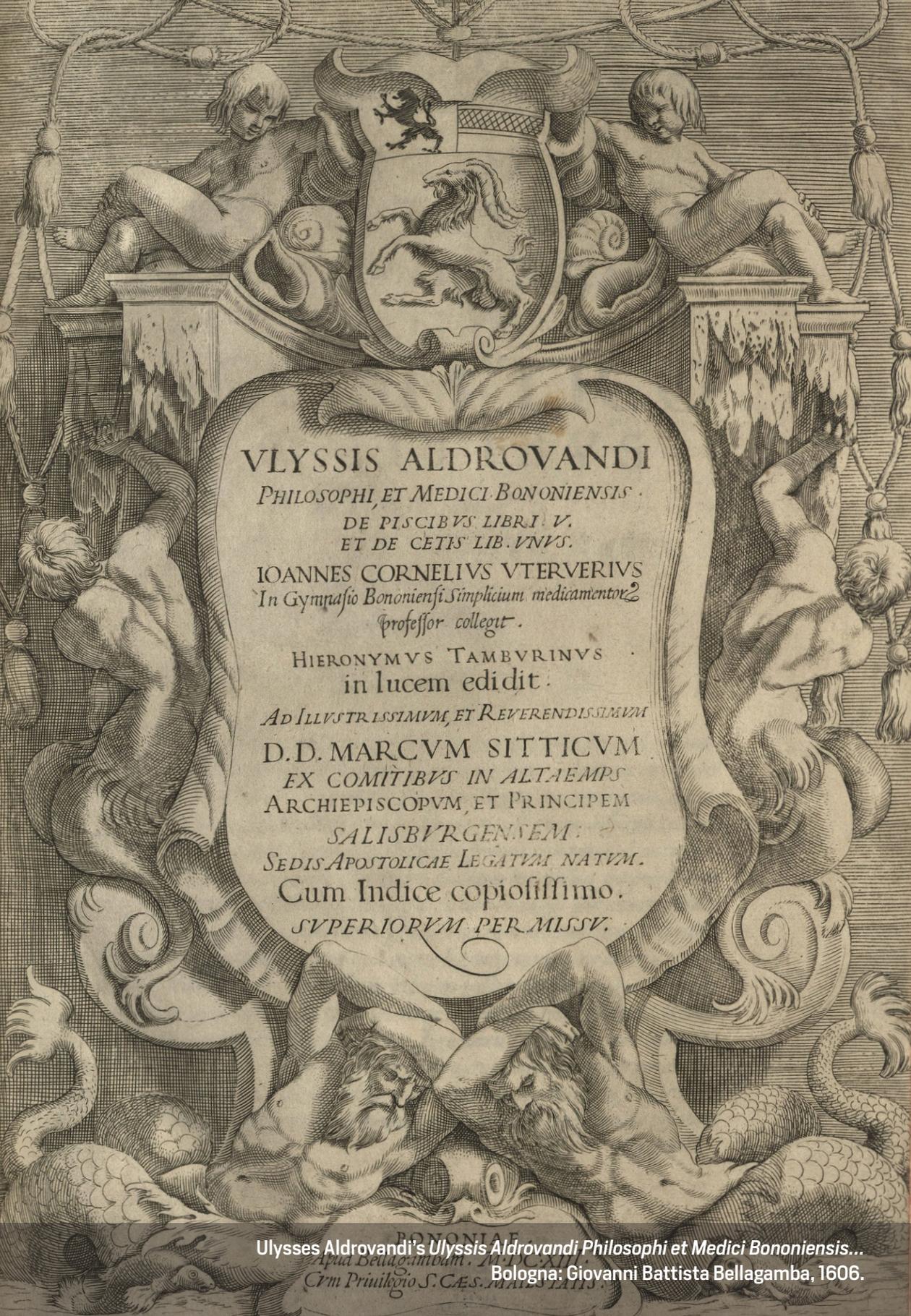


2016 Cultural Programming

Medicine, History, and the Humanities



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Dear Friends,

Welcome to The New York Academy of Medicine Library's 2016 season of programming, presented by its Center for the History of Medicine and Public Health. Our programming explores the rich intersections of health, medicine, history, and the humanities.

The Library, which is home to one of the world's most significant historical collections in medicine and public health, is pleased to offer an annual series of free public lectures in the history and culture of health and medicine. Please join us to discover more about subjects from the production of one of the great works of Renaissance natural history to the history of concern over antibiotic resistance and the history and future of emerging diseases that take on a pandemic form.

This year's programming includes a special series, "Changemakers: Activism and Advocacy for Health," with free public lectures on the history of activism and advocacy within medicine. Speakers throughout the year will examine how social, cultural, and political change is produced, especially through the activism of individuals and groups operating outside the legislative framework.

We work hard to produce engaging and informative programs for the public while remaining committed to the care of our collections and serving our readers. To help us in these efforts, please consider becoming a Friend of the Rare Book Room. Friends enjoy exclusive events and other benefits, while their contributions support the acquisition, conservation, cataloging and digitization of our collections' treasures and make our public programs and outreach activities possible.

Sign up at support.nyam.org/signup to receive information about additional talks, workshops, reading groups, and events coming through the year. We look forward to welcoming you to our events.

With all best wishes,



Lisa O'Sullivan, PhD
Director, Library

2016 EVENT SERIES

Look for the color next to each series description for associated events on the calendar. For up-to-date event information and registration, visit NYAM.org/events.

CHANGEMAKERS



Changemakers: Activism and Advocacy for Health

What does it take to produce change? Changemakers—those who have questioned the status quo, challenged the establishment, and turned pre-conceptions on their head—have profoundly shaped the landscape of health and medicine. From hospitals to the White House to the streets, they have produced fundamental societal and cultural change through their promotion of equity and access in health and health care—a story in which the work of the Academy is deeply intertwined.



History of Medicine and Health

Our annual History of Medicine series invites esteemed historians and authors to share their expertise on a wide range of engaging topics. These free public lectures offer historical perspectives on issues in medicine, health, and culture around the world.



Friends of the Rare Book Room

The Annual Friends of the Rare Book Room Lecture is free and open to the public, followed by a private reception for all Friends. Friends also enjoy access to private post-event receptions and additional exclusive events and benefits. Find out more about Friends events and join at NYAM.org/frbr.



"After Hours" with Atlas Obscura

"After Hours: Inside the Rare Book Collection of The New York Academy of Medicine" is a six-part series presented in collaboration with the Brooklyn-based Atlas Obscura. The series will offer evenings dedicated to exploring unique aspects of our rare book collections. For information, registration, and updates, visit atlasobscura.com/events.



Workshops and Reading Groups

Go deeper on select topics ranging from cookery and food, aging and literature, to art and anatomy, collaborating closely with our instructors in interactive readings groups, art demonstrations, and workshops.

Events marked with a white box are free.

Sign up at support.nyam.org/signup to be notified about our additional upcoming events.

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02/10

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Miriam Posner, PhD and Heidi Knoblauch, PhD

02/23

"Where Will the Next Pandemic Come From?"
Sonia Shah; Peter Daszak; Carl Gierstorfer; W. Ian Lipkin, MD; and Amy Maxmen, PhD

03/09

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03/24

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Ulisse Aldrovandi and the making of book
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04/07

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05/10

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01/21

Atlas Obscura Session 1: Anatomical Illustrations

6:30 PM to 7:45 PM

The first full-scale attempts to illustrate the human body beginning in the sixteenth century featured skeletons and partially dissected figures—many very beautiful—sometimes called “muscle men” and “flayed men.” Many of these depictions, innovative in their presentation of bones and muscle groups, were concerned not only with accuracy, but also with the nature of death. This session will examine the way changing attitudes toward the body and the development of new technologies, including printing techniques, photography, and X-ray, changed the way artists rendered the body over time.

01/30

“Credit, Thanks, and Blame in the Works of Conrad Gessner (1516–1565)”

11:00 AM to 12:30 PM

In this illustrated lecture, Ann Blair discusses the work of Zürich physician Conrad Gessner, who published prolifically in a wide range of areas and genres, from bibliography and philology to natural history and medicine. Blair analyzes Gessner’s many prefaces and dedications to show how he used the medium of print to distribute credit, thanks, and blame in unusually public ways.

Speaker: Ann Blair,

Carl H. Pforzheimer University
Professor at Harvard University

02/09

The John K. Lattimer Lecture: “Head-and-Shoulder- Hunting in the Americas: Walter Freeman and the Visual Culture of Lobotomy”

6:00 PM to 7:30 PM

Between 1936 and 1967, Walter Freeman, a prominent neurologist, lobotomized as many as 3,500 Americans. Freeman was also an obsessive photographer, taking patients’ photographs before their operations and tracking them down years—even decades—later. In this presentation, Posner details her efforts to understand why Freeman was so devoted to this practice, using computer-assisted image-mining and analysis techniques to show how these images fit into the larger visual culture of 20th-century psychiatry.

Speaker: Miriam Posner,

Digital Humanities program
coordinator at the University of
California, Los Angeles

02/10

**“Digital Humanities:
Visualizing Data” Workshop**

1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Speakers: Miriam Posner,
Digital Humanities, UCLA
Heidi Knoblauch,
Experimental Humanities, Bard
College

Participants will be exposed to an array of digital projects, technologies, and methods, and will learn some simple principles for figuring out the sources and technologies that constitute a “project.” The workshop will also address how to find and structure data, including the kinds of data scholars in the humanities tend to be interested in, and how to use Palladio, a kind of Swiss Army knife for visualizing humanities data. This workshop is geared toward those who are new to data visualization. Space is limited. For registration details: NYAM.org/events.

02/23

**“Where Will The Next
Pandemic Come From?”**

6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Moderator: Sonia Shah,
science journalist and
prize-winning author

Panelists: Peter Daszak, President of EcoHealth Alliance; **Carl Gierstorfer,** a journalist and filmmaker with a background in biology; **W. Ian Lipkin,** Director of the Center for Infection and Immunity at Columbia University; and **Amy Maxmen,** a journalist who covers disease, science policy, and evolution among other topics.

Did you know that 90 percent of epidemiologists believe an infectious disease will cause a deadly, disruptive pandemic sometime in the next two generations? But which one? And how? Panelists will discuss the history and future of emerging diseases, and the social, political, and scientific drivers that turn these new pathogens into pandemics.

03/09

**History of Medicine Night
Part I: Intersections of
Medicine, Health, and Ethnicity**

6:00 PM to 7:30 PM

Join us for Part I of our Sixth Annual History of Medicine Night presented by the Academy Section on the History of Medicine and Public Health. This special evening of short talks will address the intersections of health, medicine, and ethnicity. A second evening of presentations, History of Medicine Night Part II, will take place on May 4, 2016.

03/10

**Atlas Obscura Session 2:
East Meets West**

6:30 PM to 7:45 PM

The Academy Library contains many of the earliest texts written by European physicians to share information about Eastern medicine with their Western colleagues, as well as a number of books produced in Asia for both medical and popular audiences. Join us to discover the ways in which these books share surprising similarities while also demonstrating how Western medical practitioners were both interested in and confounded by Eastern medicine.

03/24

“The Social Life of DNA”

6:00 PM to 7:30 PM

Speaker: Alondra Nelson,
Dean of Social Science and
Professor of Sociology at
Columbia University

Tracing genealogy is now the second-most popular hobby among Americans. Interest in genetic ancestry tracing from the African American community has been especially overwhelming. Nelson shows that genetic genealogy is a new tool for addressing old and enduring issues—and takes us on an unprecedented journey into how the double helix has wound its way into the heart of the most urgent contemporary social issues around race.

04/06

**“They seem to be made
not of wood but of copper”:
Ulisse Aldrovandi and the
making of book illustration”**

**Speaker: Caroline
Duroselle-Melish,** Andrew W.
Mellon Curator of Early Modern
Books and Prints at the Folger
Shakespeare Library

This talk examines the participation of the naturalist Ulisse Aldrovandi in making book illustrations in late sixteenth-century Bologna and how his close involvement in the production of images contributed to the struggle he faced at the end of his life to publish the last great Renaissance encyclopedia of natural history. The Annual Friends of the Rare Book Room Lecture is free and open to the public. Friends are invited to a private reception with the speaker after the event. Learn more and join the Friends at NYAM.org/frbr.

04/07

**“The History of Illustration in
Scientific and Medical Books”
Workshop**

9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Instructor: Roger Gaskell,
Bookseller, Roger Gaskell Rare
Books

This one-day workshop will examine illustrated scientific and medical books from the 16th to the 18th centuries. The six hours of instruction will alternate between classroom seminars and close examination of books from the Library's rare book collections. Classroom sessions will explain the production of images and their role in scientific discovery and communication; the other sessions will provide attendees with the opportunity for direct study and engagement with the books themselves. Space is limited. For registration details: NYAM.org/events

05/10

**“The Discovery of Insulin: A
Miracle Drug, A Nobel Prize
Controversy, and the Story of
Elizabeth Hughes”**

Arthur Ainsberg, writer and
Wall Street executive

The discovery and development of insulin saw a young doctor, Frederick Banting, persuade a veteran Toronto researcher JJR MacLeod to explore his unique idea regarding diabetes. The lecture discusses the details of Banting's subsequent strife-filled collaboration with Charles Best, juxtaposed with the story of Elizabeth Hughes, one of the first patients treated with insulin in 1922. This Author's Night event is presented in conjunction with the Fellows Office of The New York Academy of Medicine.

05/12

Atlas Obscura Session 3: Medicinal Recipes

6:30 PM to 7:45 PM

What do cinnamon, eel livers, and white amber all have in common? They're all proposed as aids for easing childbirth in "Choise Receipts", a handwritten recipe book in the Academy's collections, dating to 1680. Our library holds 36 manuscript receipt books, dating from the late 17th through the 19th century, many containing medicinal recipes. Together with our extensive collections of herbals and print recipe books, these collections show how skilled professionals and lay people devised treatments for common ailments.

05/18

The Lilianna Sauter Lecture: "Twenty-Five Years Into the Intersex Patient Rights Movement, Why Aren't We Done?"

6:00 PM to 7:30 PM

Speaker: Alice Dreger,
historian of medicine and science,
sex researcher, mainstream writer,
and (im)patient advocate



"The Intersex Patient Rights Movement has been trying for over twenty-five years to stop pediatric genital surgeries that are motivated not by medical necessity but by

social norms around sex and gender," Alice Dreger says. "We have also more recently tried to stop prospective parents of intersex children from being deceived about the safety and efficacy of a prenatal drug intervention aimed at preventing intersex genital development. We've failed." This talk explores why Dreger reaches that conclusion, while trying to explain why some deeply problematic core practices have *not* changed.

05/24

"Have You Ever Heard of This Thing Called the Lincoln Collective?": The World of New York City Health Activism in the 1970s"

6:00 PM to 7:30 PM

Speaker: Merlin Chowkwanyun,
Assistant Professor of
Sociomedical Sciences at
Columbia University's Mailman
School of Public Health



What do you do if you're a physician with a sense of social justice? In 1970, about two dozen young physicians chose to do their internships and residencies at Lincoln

Hospital in the South Bronx and called themselves the Lincoln Collective. Over the next few years, they worked in one of the most dilapidated and difficult public hospitals in the United States. Chowkwanyun's talk examines the origins of the Collective; its successes and frustrations; and the often tense relationship between its members and revolutionary Third World groups that had taken an interest in health activism as well.

06/14
Museum Mile Festival

6:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Join us as we open our doors after hours for the 38th annual Museum Mile Festival, a block party on Fifth Avenue stretching from 82nd to 105th Street. Enjoy free arts and crafts exploring the amazing human body and health in the main lobby.

07/07
Atlas Obscura Session 4:
Medical Photography

6:30 PM to 7:45 PM

Dynamic guest-host Heidi Knoblauch will take visitors on a tour of our 19th- and 20th-century collections of medical photographs, including dermatological atlases, portraits of wounded Civil War veterans, 19th-century daguerrotypes kept by doctors of their patients, and many more photographic gems.

09/08
Atlas Obscura Session 5:
Women's Medicine

6:30 PM to 7:45 PM

Among the fallacies perpetuated in early modern midwifery texts are the suggestions that the vigor of male babies made them easier to deliver than female babies, and that eating fruit would delay labor. By the 1750s, early European illustrated anatomies 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. The Academy's books are full of secret treasures: join us to learn more about changing attitudes towards women's bodies over time.

09/21
Dr. Dorothy Boulding Ferebee:
Civil Rights Pioneer

6:00 PM to 7:30 PM

Speaker: The Honorable Diane Kiesel, Acting Justice of the New York State Supreme Court



An African American obstetrician and civil rights activist from Washington, D.C., Dorothy Ferebee, MD, (1898-1980) was descended from lawyers, journalists, politicians, and a

judge. At a time when African Americans faced Jim Crow segregation, desperate poverty, and lynch mobs, she advised presidents on civil rights and assisted foreign governments on public health issues. A household name in black America for forty years, Ferebee was also the media darling of the thriving black press. Ironically, her fame and relevance faded as African Americans achieved the political power for which she had fought. In this talk based on her biography, *She Can Bring Us Home* (2015), Diane Kiesel tells Ferebee's extraordinary story of struggle and personal sacrifice to a new generation.

09/27

**The Heberden Society
Lecture: “The Antibiotic Era:
Reform, Resistance, and the
Pursuit of a Rational
Therapeutics”**

6:00 PM to 7:30 PM

Speaker: Scott Podolsky,
Associate Professor of Global
Health and Social Medicine at
Harvard Medical School

Today, as we increasingly turn our attention to antibiotic resistance and the possibility of a “post-antibiotic” era, it is important to consider the historical evolution of forces that promote or impede a “rational” therapeutics. Podolsky analyzes the far-reaching history of antibiotics and their use, focusing particularly on seven decades of reformers who have attempted to change how antibiotics are developed and prescribed. Tensions between antibiotic marketing and conservation, and between the education versus regulation of physicians continue to play out today in medical offices, hospitals, and the halls of Congress alike. This event is presented in conjunction with the Heberden Society of Weill Cornell Medical College.

10/03-09
Archives Week Panel

Time and date to come.



Librarians and archivists shape the historical record with the selection and acquisition choices they make on behalf of their institutions. Join four

“activist” professionals who have broadened traditional notions of what is collected in a discussion focused on activism, collecting, and change. Panelists will address how their acquisitions have enhanced and ignited conversations about humanities and science in their communities.

10/20
Curator's Choice

6:00 PM to 7:30 PM

Please join the Curator of Rare Books and Manuscripts for an exclusive event with the Friends of the Rare Book Room. In an intimate setting, we'll explore highlights from the Academy's rich collections of women's medicine and midwifery. For more information or to join the Friends, visit NYAM.org/frbr.

11/03

**Atlas Obscura Session 6:
Alchemy**

6:30 PM to 7:45 PM

Why did the early modern authors of alchemical texts get such a bad rep? Alchemical “books of secrets” were commonplace throughout Europe by the beginning of the sixteenth century. These works, mostly written as how-to manuals or collections of recipes, evoked strong reactions from skeptics and believers alike. Even while eliciting derision from many, they were also embraced by readers, and were translated into several languages and reprinted until the 19th century. Join us as we mine our stacks for the texts of these pioneers in medical, chemical, and scientific knowledge.

11/17

**The Iago Galdston Lecture:
“When Mexican Physicians
Take to the Streets and to
Villages”**

6:00 PM to 7:30 PM

Speaker: Gabriela Soto Laveaga,
Associate Professor at the
University of California, Santa
Barbara



What does it mean to be a physician activist in a middle-income or poor country? Since 1917, the Mexican constitution has guaranteed universal health care for all workers.

Yet making this constitutional promise a reality has been a persistent challenge that remains unresolved today. This talk examines two distinct moments in Mexican history—1936, when all medical students were required to practice in the country’s socially marginal areas, and a mid-1960s medical movement that led some physicians to join an urban guerrilla group—to examine the changing role of Mexican physicians.

INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION

For up-to-date event information and to register, visit NYAM.org/events. Additional events will be added throughout the year. To receive updates, sign up at support.nyam.org/signup.

COST

Most events are free and open to the public. Advance registration may be required. For paid events, sales are non-refundable and non-exchangeable except in cases of cancellation.

LOCATION

Unless otherwise noted, all events will be held at The New York Academy of Medicine, located at 1216 Fifth Avenue at 103rd Street.

DIRECTIONS

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CONTACT

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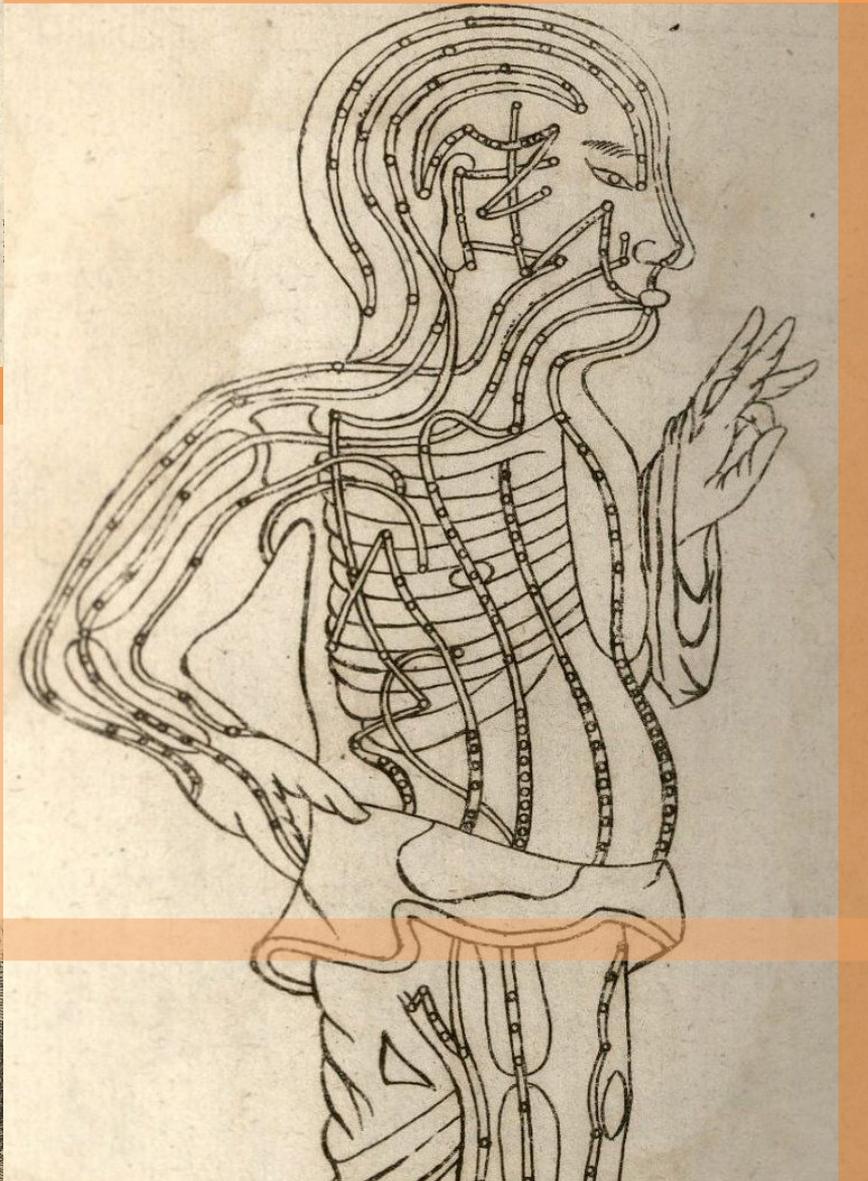
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