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Columbus Museum of Art Director to Give 2006 Warren Lecture



Nanette V. Maciejunes

Nanette V. Maciejunes, executive director of the Columbus Museum of Art, will give the annual James Warren Memorial Medical Humanities Lecture. The lecture will take place from 6:30-7:30pm at the Medical Heritage Center on Thursday March 16, 2006. The event is free

and open to the public

and light refreshments will be available preceding the lecture at 6pm.

The title of Maciejunes lecture is “Just What the Artist Ordered: Art and Medicine.” Her talk will have two parts. The first will explore how artists have addressed the subject of medicine in their work. Historically, artists like Michelangelo studied human anatomy at their own peril to enhance the realism of their work. The second part will be a brief look at current popular theories about how medical conditions may have influenced an artist’s work.

Nannette V. Maciejunes was named executive director of the Columbus Museum of Art in November 2003 after serving as the acting director for one year. Prior to that, she was the director of collections and exhibitions. In addition, she has been senior curator since 1994 with specific responsibility for the museum’s American collections. In 1997 she was the co-curator of “The Paintings of Charles Burchfield: North by Midwest,” which toured to the Smithsonian’s National Museum of American Art. Burchfield has been the focus of much of her research over the past 12 years, beginning with the 1987 exhibition “The Early Works

of Charles E. Burchfield 1915–1921.” Maciejunes has co-curated a number of exhibitions on American art including “Triumph of Color and Light: Ohio Impressionists and Post-Impressionists”, “Elijah Pierce Woodcarver,” and “Weaving a Legacy: The Don and Jean Stuck Coverlet Collection.” She has also organized three exhibitions to promote American art abroad: “A Nation’s Legacy: 150 Years of American Art from Ohio Collections,” which toured to five venues in Japan, “Visions of America: Urban Realism 1900–1945,” which traveled to the Museo de Arte Moderno in Mexico City, Mexico, and “Illusions of Eden: Visions of the American Heartland” which toured to Vienna, Austria, and Budapest, Hungary.

In early 1988 she directed and was a contributing writer for the Museum’s catalogue *The American Collections*, which was funded by the Luce Fund for Scholarship in American Art. She has lectured and written extensively on American art. Previously, she taught history of art at Denison University and served as curator of collections and exhibitions (1989-1990) at The Dixon Gallery and Gardens in Memphis, where she organized “Odilon Redon: The Ian Woodner Family Collection.” In 1997, she was awarded a major grant from the Charles E. Burchfield Foundation to write a biography of

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Scholar-in- Residence Burnham Explores New Topic



John Burnham, Ph.D.

MHC Scholar-in-Residence John Burnham, PhD has been offered an extension of his term to complete work on his newest book.

During his tenure as a MHC scholar from 2003-2005, Burnham finished and published the book, *What Is Medical History?* (Polity Press, 2005). He also has given advisory and research support to a project to produce a scholarly history of Grant Medical Center in Columbus and has offered courses in medical history through The Ohio State University Department of History and College of Medicine.

During 2006, Burnham will work towards the completion of a book on the history of the syndrome of accident proneness, which appeared simultaneously and independently in Britain and Germany in the World War I period. In each country, the syndrome received a definitive name, again independently and simultaneously, in 1926: accident proneness in English, *Unfallneigung* in German.

Medical Heritage Center Receives NEH Grant

The OSU Medical Heritage Center (MHC) has been awarded a preservation assessment grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH).

The grant will provide funding to support a professional, independent, and outside appraisal of the Center's collection areas by a conservator, preservation librarian, archivist, or other appropriate consultant. The MHC's collection assessment will take place later this year. Such an assessment is required to apply for future grants supporting preservation and stabilization of collections.

Arthur G. James (1912-2001) Personal Papers Donated to the MHC

The Medical Heritage Center is excited to announce that it will begin processing the personal papers of Arthur G. James, MD, in July 2006.

James was a world-renowned physician and surgeon who worked diligently towards the creation of a cancer center in central Ohio. In 1990, his dream was realized with the opening of the Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital at The Ohio State University.

The materials within the James papers span from the 1920s until 2001 although the bulk of the materials are from the 1970s to 2001. Contained within the collection are records of James's education, family materials, and early career. These areas are represented in a mix of documentary materials including albums, newspapers, photographs, scrapbooks, correspondence, and publications.

The collection was donated to the Medical Heritage Center by the James family and by Norma Fleisher, RN. Fleisher was James's nurse and secretary from 1959-2001.

2006 MHC Spring Speaker Series Calendar

All lectures in The MHC History of the Health Sciences lecture series are free and open to the public and are held at the Medical Heritage Center, Prior Health Sciences Library, 5th Floor, 376 West 10th Avenue, Columbus, Ohio.

Annual James V. Warren Memorial Endowed Lecture; March 16, 2006; 6:30-7:30 pm

Nanette Maciejunes, executive director of the Columbus Museum of Art, will explore the topic of medicine and art. An exhibit featuring artwork of local physicians and medical students will accompany the lecture.

Friends of Nursing History Panel Discussion; May 11, 2006; 4:30-6pm

The Friends of Nursing History will celebrate National Nurses Week with a program entitled "Oral Histories: Preserving Our Nursing Heritage." The discussion will include participation from the MHC curator and nurses who have participated in and conducted nursing oral histories.

William G. Myers Collection, MD, PhD, Opening Lecture; May 25, 2006; Time TBA

The highly anticipated opening of the nuclear medicine pioneer William G. Myers, MD, PhD, Collection will take place on May 25, 2006. The opening will feature exhibits and a lecture by Henry Wagner, MD, historian of the Society of Nuclear Medicine and author of *Atoms for Life: A Personal History of Nuclear Medicine* (publication date March 2006).

Wagner was a friend and colleague of Myers's for many years. Together, they published a number of articles and created exhibits on the history of nuclear medicine. More information about the Myers collection will follow in the next issue of *House Call*.

Recent Donations

The Medical Heritage Center thanks those listed for their recent support:

Dr. Drew Arnold: medical instruments • Bob and Leslie Buerki: medical instrumentation and books (given in the name of Lester Stein, MD) • Margaret Burns, RN: nursing books • Barry Epstein and Natalie Kern: medical bags with medical equipment and instrumentation and pharmaceutical and medical appointment book (given in the name of Raymond Paul Epstein, MD) • Richard Firman: books • Dr. Edwin and Nancy Hamilton: books • Estelle Osler Hess: medical instrumentation (given in the name of John F. Osler, MD) • David Postlewaite, MD: microsurgery and medical instrumentation and books • Mary Rinaldi: medical books, photographs, and scrapbooks (given in the name of Dr. Edward Rinaldi) • Dee Dee Shrum Wacksman: dental books, charts, reports, and manuals belonging to Gene Shrum • Nicholas Slabaugh: *The People's Common Sense Medical Adviser in Plain English; or, Medicine Simplified (1888)* • Joyce Whitaker, RN: nursing uniforms and memorabilia • Charles Wooley, MD: *Private Practice: In the Early Twentieth-Century Medical Office of Dr. Richard Cabot*

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Charles Burchfield.

Warren Lecture (Continued)

The lecture will be accompanied by a small art display featuring the artwork of community doctors and OSU medical students. This display will take place in the Medical Heritage Center from March 13-31, 2006, and is free and open to the public Monday-Friday 1-5pm and on the night of the lecture.

This program is made possible through support of the James Warren Memorial Endowment.

Please contact Judith Wiener with any questions concerning the event or art display at wiener.3@osu.edu or 614-292-9273.



Artwork such as this carving of a Hooded Merganser Drake by Charles V. Meckstroth, MD, will be on display at the MHC.

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