

PENNSYLVANIA MEDICAL HUMANITIES CONSORTIUM
NINTH ANNUAL MEETING
APRIL 15 – 16, 2011
CALL FOR PROPOSALS DEADLINE: JANUARY 31, 2011

The Ninth Annual Pennsylvania Medical Humanities Consortium meeting will be held at Temple University School of Medicine, 3500 N. Broad St, Philadelphia, PA 19130, on Friday evening April 15 through Saturday afternoon, April 16, 2011.

To explore this year's theme, **The Story of Health and Illness in Urban America**, we are seeking abstracts of papers as well as proposals for panels, workshops, readings and performances that examine topics relevant to medicine and health care, preferably in the context of an urban environment. The approach should represent the orientation of at least one of the medical humanities (e.g. history, literature, art, bioethics, philosophy, religious studies, disabilities studies, sociology, psychology, gender studies, and anthropology). Proposals should be of interest to a general audience (e.g. healthcare providers, humanities scholars, laypersons, students), and serve as a departure point for lively discussion.

All presenters must be registered conference participants. We particularly welcome submissions from students at all levels and from all relevant disciplines. The consortium focuses on collegial discussion and the sharing of ideas, so paper presentations should be brief--no more than 15 minutes--to allow for adequate discussion. Panels, workshops, readings and performances will be allotted more time, as the planning committee deems equitable, based on their content and number of participants.

Possible topics include but are not limited to the following:

- The challenges unique to the provision of healthcare in increasingly multi-cultural settings
- The implications of healthcare reform on access to care
- Representations of health and illness in literature, art, photography, film, music, dance or mass media
- Evolving relationships between members of the health care team
- Shifting paradigms in the provision of primary care
- "Disability" and disabilities studies in historical context
- Gender issues in medicine and health care
- Patterns of illness and disease unique to urban settings
- Evolving perceptions of aging and "the good death"
- The "new" economics of health care

We welcome interdisciplinary work as well as that of single disciplines. Please send abstracts and proposals (one page) electronically **as an attachment in Word, or as a PDF file by January 31, 2011** to the review committee at: cubh@temple.edu, with the subject line 'PMHC 2011 Proposal'.

Additional information regarding the meeting will be forthcoming, and registration will open in mid-January. For general inquiries about submissions or the meeting itself, or to be added to our mailing list, please contact the planning committee at cubh@temple.edu.

Regards,

Ian G. Sheffer
Chair, Planning Committee

The Pennsylvania Medical Humanities Consortium (PAMHC) is a diverse group of health practitioners, humanists, scholars, scientists, writers, and students who gather annually to discuss research and teaching in the medical humanities.