

Health in American History

Annual Meeting of the Historians in the DGfA
May 3-5, 2024, Erfurt, Augustinerkloster

Program

FRIDAY, MAY 3

- 2-2.20 PM welcome and introduction
Nina Mackert (Leipzig) and Juergen Martschukat (Erfurt)
- 2.20-3.40 PM panel 1: health, empires, and enslavement (Chair: Helen Gibson, Erfurt)
Hooked on Health: Rockefeller Philanthropy, Hookworm Parasitosis, and the Tropicalization of the American South
Julia Engelschalt (Darmstadt)
- Women's Reproductive Health in New World Slavery: History and 'Hysteria' in Toni Morrison's *A Mercy*
Diana Wagner (Stuttgart)
- 3.40-4 PM COFFEE
- 4-6 PM panel 2: health and science (Chair: Charlotte Lerg, Munich)
Scoring Health in Maine: Nutrition Extension and the Measuring of Health Between the Wars
Anja-Maria Bassimir (Mainz)
- From Health to Security: Breast Cancer, Genetic Testing, and the Previvor Narrative
Frederike Offizier (Potsdam)
- Conservative Religion and American Biomedicine: Vatican Endorsement of Adult Stem Cell Research, 2008-2013
Axel Jansen (Washington, DC)
- 6-8 PM DINNER
- 8-9.30 PM keynote (Chair: Nina Mackert, Leipzig)
Stigma, Shame, and Privilege: Disease and Citizenship in Antebellum America
Kathryn Olivarius (Stanford, CA)

SATURDAY, MAY 4

- 9-10.20 AM panel 3 pandemics (Chair: Anja-Maria Bassimir, Mainz)
Pandemic Laboratories: The Production of Medical Knowledge in US Military Camps during the Great Influenza, 1918-1920
Paul Skäbe (Leipzig)

Read Books or Groundhog Day: Pandemic Preparedness and Presidential Crisis Management from Clinton to Trump
Andreas Etges (Munich)

10.20-10.50 AM COFFEE

10.50-12.30 PM Young Scholars Forum 1 (Chair: N.N.)

From the Freedom Budget to Health Activism and Community Control: Discourses of (Public) Health in the Civil Rights and Black Power Eras
Constantin Berlin (Frankfurt/M.)

Well-Being For All: Isaac M. Rubinow and the Migrant Knowledge Origins of Early Twentieth Century American Health Insurance
Ylva Kreye (Mainz)

The Gospel of Health. Dr Hooker Dewey and the Rev. Pentecost's No Breakfast Plan
Layla Koch (Heidelberg)

Young Scholars Forum 2 (Chair: Felix Krämer, Erfurt)

Reconsidering the "Me Decade": 1970s Caring Masculinity as Cultural History
Peter Hintz (Leipzig)

Bringing the Hero Back: "Pro-Hero" Campaigns of the Reagan White House Television Office
Alexandra Schenke (Munich)

Fashion Foodnotes: Understanding the Sociocultural Implications of the Food-Fashion Nexus
Lara Rößig (Munich)

Young Scholars Forum 3 (Chair: N.N.)

„The Only Laboring Class We Have”: Planter Class and Freedmen's Bureau during Early Reconstruction in Louisiana, 1864-1868
Julian Windhövel (Erfurt)

Black American Soundtracks of the Vietnam War (1960s and 1970s)
Maren Lutz (Munich)

Rosie's Spark: Rosie the Riveter – Her Influence Beyond the World War II Homefront
Kira Hentschel (Munich)

12.30-2 PM LUNCH

2-3.20 PM panel 4: health and labor conditions (Chair: Silke Hackenesch, Cologne)

The Discontented Automation Worker: Social Scientists, the Auto Assembly Line, and the Rise of Workplace-Oriented Mental Health Research in the Postwar US

Richard Bachmann (Ann Arbor, MI)

Undocumented Illnesses: Migrant Health and Labor in the US

Debarhana Baruah (Tübingen)

3.20-3.50 PM COFFEE

3.50-6:30 PM panel 5: health and emancipation (Chair: Steve Estes, Sonoma)

The Legal Closet: Visibility and Invisibility in Legal Activism around HIV-AIDS Discrimination in the 1980s

Jonathan Bell (London)

“Gay Is Good” - Resistance to Homosexual Conversion Therapy at 50

Merle Ingenfeld (Cologne / Ottawa)

Nineteenth-Century African American Physicians and the Health of the Nation

Carmen Birkle (Marburg)

Black Americans at the Intersection of Health, Disability, and Diversity

Anja Werner (Erfurt)

6.30-8 PM DINNER

8-10 PM BUSINESS MEETING

SUN, MAY 5

9-10.20 AM panel 6: health and Civil War (Chair: Olaf Stieglitz, Leipzig)

The Soldier's Book as “Hygienic Appliance”

Madeline Zehnder (Berlin)

„The deathlike feeling...the disease known by the vulgar name of ‘bore’”:

Health Discourse in White Southern Women's Civil War Diaries

Julia Nitz (Halle)

10.20-10.50 AM COFFEE

10.50-12.10 PM panel 7: health and the environment (Chair: Jürgen Martschukat, Erfurt)

Diagnosed with "Environmental Degradation": Health, Pollution, and Environmental Sexism in *Safe*

Tatiana Konrad (Vienna)

Dirty Business, Dirty Air: East Houston through the Lens of Environmental Justice

Dorothee Schwieters (Cologne)