History of Science and Medicine

As a field, HSHM prepares students for a better understanding of the world in which we live as well as for a wide variety of careers, including medicine, public health, academic life, museum work, journalism, law, industry, and public service. Students study under the guidance of a diverse and expanding faculty with expertise in many disciplines, periods, and societies. The links here invite you to explore the curriculum at the graduate and undergraduate levels; to examine the requirements for the BA, M.A, and PhD degrees; to view the research and teaching interests of the faculty; to get information about the conferences and colloquia sponsored by the Program; and to find the contact information of our faculty and staff.

Faculty Research Interests: http://medicine.yale.edu/histmed/people/

Paola Bertucci, Enlightenment; cultural history of technology in the early modern world; cultures of collecting and display; artisanal knowledge; the early modern body, scientific travel and material culture.

Henry Cowles, Human Sciences and scientific medicine since 1800; mind and brain; historical and scientific methodology; pragmatism and evolutionary theory; experimentation in science, medicine, and the arts.

Ivano Dal Prete, Earth sciences (ca. 1300-1800); generation in the long eighteenth century; material culture of astronomy; science, religion and society in early modern Europe

Joanna Radin, History of biology, medicine, and anthropology since 1945; scientific expeditions, biomedical ethics, human subjects research, collections, and laboratories; history of global health; biomedical technology.

Chitra Ramalingam, Cultural history of the physical sciences (18th-century to the present), science and visual culture, visual studies, material culture studies, history and theory of photography, modern British history.

William Rankin, Physical and earth sciences since the mid-nineteenth century; military, industrial, and governmental science; history of cartography; science and architecture; visual studies; environmental history.

Naomi Rogers, History of 20th century medicine and public health in North America including health policy, health activism, alternative medicine, and gender and medicine; women’s studies including science and feminism, and feminist health movements.

William Summers, History of modern biology; geopolitics of disease; Asian science and medicine.

Courtney Thompson, History of psychiatry and mental illness; criminal science; phrenology and anthropometry; medicine and the law; gender in science and medicine; history of the body; the visual and material culture of science.

John Warner, 19th and 20th century U.S. Medicine and health; comparative history of medicine (U.S., Britain, France); cultural history of science and medicine.