



UCLA Programs in Medical Classics

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UCLA Programs in Medical Classics is a series of presentations designed to enhance an appreciation of the links among famous medical writings, clinical practice, basic research, and humanistic scholarship. Six times a year these meetings bring together a convivial group of individuals of scholarly tastes—both from the community and from UCLA faculty, students, and staff—for a lecture and an opportunity to discuss and examine texts and topics that embody the history of medicine, as well as the relations of medicine to broader cultural settings.

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Tuesday, 7 December 2004, 6:00 p.m.

Patterns of Human Illness: A Continually Changing Landscape

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From medical students to mature physicians, human disease is generally looked upon as a relatively constant, unchanging body of information. The tables of contents of textbooks seemingly bear this out, but only in the short term. A comparison between William Osler's *Principles and Practice of Medicine* (1892) and the 20th edition of Russell L. Cecil's *Textbook of Medicine* (1996)—the span of a century—reveals a startling contrast that Dr. Perloff will explore in his lecture.

An optional dinner with the speakers, at \$22.00 per person, will take place in the Faculty Center about 7:30 pm. An advance reservation is required for dinner; please call the History & Special Collections Division of the Louise Darling Biomedical Library at (310) 825-6940 by Thursday, December 2, to make a reservation.

An abridged form of a classic text related to the evening's lecture will be distributed by snailmail to those persons who request it in advance. To request this *related* text (*the lecture itself is not recorded or transcribed*) or more information, please send Teresa Johnson <tgj@library.ucla.edu> an e-mail, including your name and address, with the words "**Medical Classics Program: December 2004 Reading**" in the subject line; or call the History & Special Collections Division at (310) 825-6940.



Join us on Tuesday, 8 February 2005, for the next Medical Classics program—the first of four in a series on **History of Recent Advances in Therapeutics**:

*Can a Eugenic Program Be Morally Right and Politically Correct? –
Thalassemia Screening in the Island of Cyprus*

Ruth Schwartz Cowan, Ph.D.