



# UCLA Programs in Medical Classics

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**UCLA Programs in Medical Classics**, now in its 26<sup>th</sup> year, is a series of free presentations designed to enhance an appreciation of the links among famous medical writings, clinical practice, basic research, and humanistic scholarship. Several 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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### **Emily K. Abel, Ph.D.**

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Introduction by **David C. Sloane, Ph.D.**

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**Tuesday, 14 April 2009, 6:00 p.m.**

**UCLA Faculty Center**

### ***Tuberculosis and the Politics of Public Health in Los Angeles, 1880-1940***

Although notorious for its polluted air today, Los Angeles once touted itself as a health resort. After the arrival of the transcontinental railroad in 1876, publicists launched a campaign to portray the metropolis as the promised land. But as more and more health seekers arrived, public health officials launched a series of exclusionary measures. Mexicans were the subject of special concern. Policies sought not only to restrict the entry of Mexicans during the 1920s but also expel them during the 1930s. This lecture will discuss the changing demographics and racial politics in Los Angeles in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century in relation to public health and the "health seeker" culture.

Emily K. Abel is an historian of medicine and public health. Her two books on the history of tuberculosis in Los Angeles are *Suffering in the Land of Sunshine: A Los Angeles Illness Narrative* (Rutgers University Press, 2006) and *Tuberculosis and the Politics of Exclusion: A History of Public Health and Migration to Los Angeles* (Rutgers University Press, 2007), which won the Viseltear Prize of the Medical Section of the American Public Health Association for an outstanding book in the history of public health. Dr. Abel's most recent book is *After the Cure: Untold Stories of Breast Cancer Survivors* (NYU Press, 2008), co-written with Saskia Subramanian.

This lecture is co-sponsored by the UCLA School of Public Health



The lecture is open, free of charge, and is followed by an opportunity to converse over light refreshments



An optional dinner with the speakers, at \$23.00 per person (please bring a check made payable to "UC Regents"), will take place in the UCLA Faculty Center (for directions, see: <http://facultycenter.ucla.edu/directions.htm>) about 7:30 pm. **AN ADVANCE RESERVATION IS REQUIRED FOR DINNER.** Please call History & Special Collections for the Sciences at **(310) 825-6940** or email [tgj@library.ucla.edu](mailto:tgj@library.ucla.edu) before 9:00 am on Friday, April 10, to make a dinner reservation; later reservations cannot be guaranteed.



May 21 (Thursday):

Jeremy Greene (Harvard University)  
*Keeping Modern in Medicine: Pharmaceutical Marketing and Physician Education in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century*