

Community health and vernacular health systems

Monday, July 21, 2008

3:30 – 4:30pm

Room 165 Davis Heart & Lung Research Institute
473 W. 12th Ave

Join us for this opportunity to explore the perspectives that folklorist-ethnographers bring to translational projects in health care and education, community health, and health policy.

Panel members

David J. Hufford, PhD, is professor emeritus in the Department of Humanities at the Penn State College of Medicine with joint appointments in Behavioral Science and Family & Community Medicine. His research interests include culture and health, complementary and alternative healing, spirituality and health, and belief systems. His publications include: "Barriers to the Entry of Spiritual Healing into 'Mainstream' Science" in *The Science and Spirituality of Healing*.

Diane Goldstein, PhD, is Professor of Folklore at Memorial University with a joint appointment in the School of Medicine's Division of Community Health. She is the author of *Once Upon A Virus: AIDS Legends and Vernacular Risk Perception*.

Erika Brady, PhD, of Western Kentucky University, received her academic training at Harvard, UCLA, and Indiana University, and worked for many years for the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress. She edited the collection *Healing Logics: Culture and Medicine in Modern Health Belief Systems*.

Michael Owen Jones, PhD, recently retired from UCLA, has taught courses on folk medicine, art, food customs and symbolism, vernacular religion, narrative analysis, fieldwork, folklore theories and methods, and tradition and the individual. Among his publications are *Why Faith Healing?* and *People Studying People: The Human Element in Fieldwork*.

Bonnie O'Connor, PhD, is Associate Professor of Pediatrics at Brown Medical School. Her areas of interest include ethnographic and other qualitative research on health belief and behavior; laypersons' expectations and experiences of health, illness, and care; use of complementary/alternative medicine; cultural and cross cultural issues and interactions in health care; and bioethics.

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