

Public Health Consequences of Refusing Vaccinations and Immunizations Explored in UNH 2014 Spring Sidore Series

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DURHAM, N.H. – The University of New Hampshire 2013-2014 Saul O Sidore Memorial Lecture Series *“Health and Freedom in the Balance: Exploring the Tensions among Public Health, Individual Liberty, and Governmental Authority”* continues this spring with lectures about the public implications of vaccinations, immunizations, medical ethics, and refugee health.

“Quarantines, vaccinations, and municipal hygiene are respected tools in the public health arsenal. Invasions of bodily integrity, privacy, and freedom of movement are resultant consequences to these protective efforts,” according to Sidore series organizers Marion Girard Dorsey, associate professor of history, and Rosemary Caron, associate professor of health management and policy.

“The clash of the needs of public health and the boundaries of personal freedom has occurred throughout history and will continue to occur based on the public health threats anticipated in the 21st century. The intersections between the past and present and the authoritative issues raised by these events warrant further exploration,” Dorsey and Caron said.

Feb. 13

Thursday, 4 p.m. MUB Theater II

The Crime of Refusing Vaccination: Balancing Police Power and Personal Liberty During the Last Great American Smallpox Epidemic
Michael Willrich, Brandeis University.

March 19

Wednesday, 4 p.m. MUB Theater I

Immunization: Rights, Responsibilities, and Regulations
Alan Hinman, Center for Vaccine Equity, Task Force for Global Health

April 10

Thursday, 4 p.m. MUB Theater II

The Struggles of the Self-Starving Prisoner: The Crisis of Medical Ethics in South Africa, Guantanamo, and Pelican Bay
Nayan Shaw, University of Southern California

April 16

Wednesday, 4 p.m. MUB Theater I

Refugee Health in the U.S.: From International Policies to the Affordable Care Act
Paul Geltman, Cambridge Health Alliance, Harvard Medical School, Boston University Goldman School of Dental Medicine, and CHA Department of Pediatrics.

The Saul O Sidore Memorial Lecture Series was established in 1965 in memory of Saul O Sidore of Manchester. The purpose of the series is to offer the university community and the state of New Hampshire programs that raise critical and sometimes controversial issues facing our society. For more information go to www.unh.edu/humanities-center or call 603-862-4356.

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