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UNH 2013 Sidore Series Focuses on Public Health Policies and Individual Freedom

DURHAM, N.H. – The University of New Hampshire announces the 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,”* which will examine the intersection of public health policies and individual freedom.

“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.

Sept. 19

Thursday, 4 p.m. MUB Theater II
Managing Influenza Pandemics: Past and Future
Nancy Bristow, University of Puget Sound
Dora Mills, University of New England
Tim Soucy, Manchester Health Department

Oct. 16

Wednesday, 4 p.m. MUB Theater I
The Dilemma of Typhoid Mary: Personal Liberty v. the Public’s Health
Judith Walzer Leavitt, University of Wisconsin at Madison

Nov. 13

Wednesday, 4 p.m. MUB Theater II
Preparedness in Public Health: A Never Ending Need
Jose Montero, N.H. Department of Health and Human Services

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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