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The Joseph Leiter NLM/MLA Lecture at MLA '11

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The Joseph Leiter NLM/MLA Lectureship is jointly sponsored by MLA and the National Library of Medicine (NLM). The purpose of the Leiter lectureship is to foster an intellectual dialogue on subjects related to biomedical communications that will stimulate intellectual liaison between NLM and MLA. The lectureship is named in honor of Joseph Leiter, who was a leader at NLM, an informatics pioneer, and a champion of medical librarians.

The 2011 Leiter lecture will be held during MLA '11 in Minneapolis, MN, on May 18. Peter J. Hotez, Department of Microbiology, Immunology, and Tropical Medicine, George Washington University Medical Center, Washington, DC, will be the speaker. His research focuses on vaccine development for hookworm and other human helminth infections and on global policies and advocacy for controlling and eliminating neglected tropical diseases. Hotez is also editor-in-chief of *Public Library of Science (PLoS) Neglected Tropical Diseases* and president, Sabin Vaccine Institute, Washington, DC. He has been active in

advocating for the needs of those affected by neglected tropical diseases through the Global Network: Neglected Tropical Diseases (www.globalnetwork.org).

The 2010 Leiter lecture was delivered by John D. Halamka on May 26, 2010, at NLM, Bethesda, MD. The lecture was entitled: "Knowledge Services and the Role of Medical Libraries in Healthcare IT." The lecture is available on the web to MLA members and the National Institutes of Health community at www.videocast.nih.gov. Halamka is chief information officer, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, and chief information officer, Harvard Medical School, both in Boston, MA.