

John C. Burnham Lecture in the History of Medicine/Science

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“Medical controversy and the historian: A New Zealand case study”

Professor Bryder’s talk will examine her own experience of being drawn unexpectedly into the public arena when she wrote *A History of the “Unfortunate Experiment” at National Women’s Hospital* (Auckland University Press, 2009), a publication which detailed the treatment of carcinoma in situ patients at National Women’s Hospital in New Zealand since the 1950s. After her book’s publication, Bryder was praised by the scholarly community yet viciously attacked by others who questioned her professionalism and integrity, branding her as being on the side of the medical profession and against the ‘victims’. Bryder will place the events in their historical context and show how she came to be, in one critics words, on the side of ‘baddies’. She will also discuss the debates which followed and will conclude with some reflections about the responsibilities of historians and the value of history.

Thursday, November 2, 2017

4:00 p.m. Reception

4:30 p.m. Lecture

OSU Ross Heart Hospital Auditorium, 452 W 10th Ave
Free and Open to the Public

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