

CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY  
COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES  
WESTERN RESERVE STUDIES SYMPOSIUM

## BUILDING A MEDICAL COMMUNITY IN THE WESTERN RESERVE

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Allen Memorial Medical Library  
Ford Auditorium

### Shaping a Future for Medicine and Health Care in Cleveland and Beyond

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The Program on Society and Health at Case Western Reserve University addresses the challenges and opportunities societies face in the realm of health, medicine and public policy as their populations age, information and molecular sciences advance, and the environment deteriorates. These changes and many others are creating a set of issues that are too complex to be grasped within the framework of a single academic discipline. The Program aims to create conversations on these issues that transcend the boundaries that divide science and medicine from the humanities and social sciences within the modern university, and these scholarly communities from the broader public. In so doing, it can solidify CWRU's position as a regional and national leader in developing innovative approaches to health, health care, medicine, and public policy.

The Program's major focus during the first year has been a series of seminars and public lectures by nationally recognized experts and CWRU faculty connected to this broad topic area. Speakers for the 2000-2001 academic year include:

- Philosopher Martha Nussbaum, a leader in the field of narrative ethics
- Historian David J. Rothman, who has been an important voice for bringing the perspective of history into biomedical ethics and medical education
- Psychologist Howard Gardner, best known for his influential model of multiple intelligences
- Bioethicist Warren Reich, editor of the second edition of the *Encyclopedia of Bioethics*
- Gerontologist Robert Butler, former director of the National Institute on Aging
- Environmental Scientist David Orr, developer of the Adam Lewis building at Oberlin
- Intellectual property rights expert Graham Dutfield from Oxford, sponsored by the International Law Center and others
- Local and regional speakers from Cleveland State, John Carroll and Case Western Reserve Universities

These events serve as a catalyst for forging a broad intellectual community around issues of society and health. To enhance this, the Program on Society and Health is organizing smaller, less formal events that provide opportunities for CWRU faculty and graduate students from many disciplines to interact with these distinguished scholars. Student seminars and electronic learning opportunities are also being planned to complement some of the public events.