Imaging and Imagining the BODY

A Spirit and Place Festival Event

Presented by the Indiana Medical History Museum and the IUPUI Medical Humanities Program

Tuesday, November 8, 2011 6:00-8:30pm
at the Indiana Medical History Museum

This interactive program explores two closely related themes: the ways that medicine’s view of the body has changed over time and how we need to view the body today if we are to achieve optimal health. Radiologist and humanist Richard Gunderman, MD and PhD will introduce participants to the fascinating story of medical imaging. Thanks to imaging technologies such as x-ray, ultrasound, and MRI, physicians can peer into the living human body without cutting it open, diagnosing disease and delivering therapy. He will discuss how such innovations have changed the way we see the body and how have they transformed the practice of medicine.

Anthropologist Heather Wood Ion will discuss how the rest of us tend to think about the body and its diseases today and how these views sometimes undercut the level of health we achieve. She will outline a new way of thinking about the body, one with the potential to produce an epidemic of health in our community.

Also visit the Indiana Medical History Museums’ exhibit on historical perceptions of death and the body from medical, economic, and social perspectives.

This event is free and open to the public but does require an RSVP. For more information or to reserve your spot, please contact the Indiana Medical History Museum at (317) 635-7329 or at education@imhm.org.