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UCLA Programs in Medical Classics, now in its 25th year, is a series of free presentations designed to enhance an appreciation of the links among famous medical writings, clinical practice, basic research, and humanistic scholarship. Several times a year these meetings bring together a convivial group of individuals of scholarly tastes—both from the community and from UCLA faculty, students, and staff—for a lecture and an opportunity to discuss and examine texts and topics that embody the history of medicine, as well as the relations of medicine to broader cultural settings.

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Research Institute (LA BioMed; formerly Harbor-UCLA Research & Education Institute)

Tuesday, **29 April 2008, 5:00 p.m.**

First Floor Conference Room

Gonda (Goldschmied) Neuroscience and Genetics Research Center

The Notorious Saenger Case: What Does It Tell Us about Post-World War II Medical Research Practices and Clinical Practice?

During the 1960s, the physician Eugene Saenger treated patients with advanced cancers while he also used them as proxy soldiers for military research. For some critics, the Saenger case is paradigmatic of unethical research. Yet, the case has remained controversial and without closure for almost forty years. In this paper, I will argue that the Saenger case has survived so long in part because his research shared so much with "normal" post-war investigations and therefore that the case can be used as a lens to reveal the research practices and clinical conduct of that period.

**The lecture is open, free of charge, and is followed by
an opportunity to converse over light refreshments**

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Save the date:

Thursday, 15 May 2008, 4:00 pm

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Ruth Schwartz Cowan, Ph.D.

Genetic Screening is not Eugenics and Never has Been