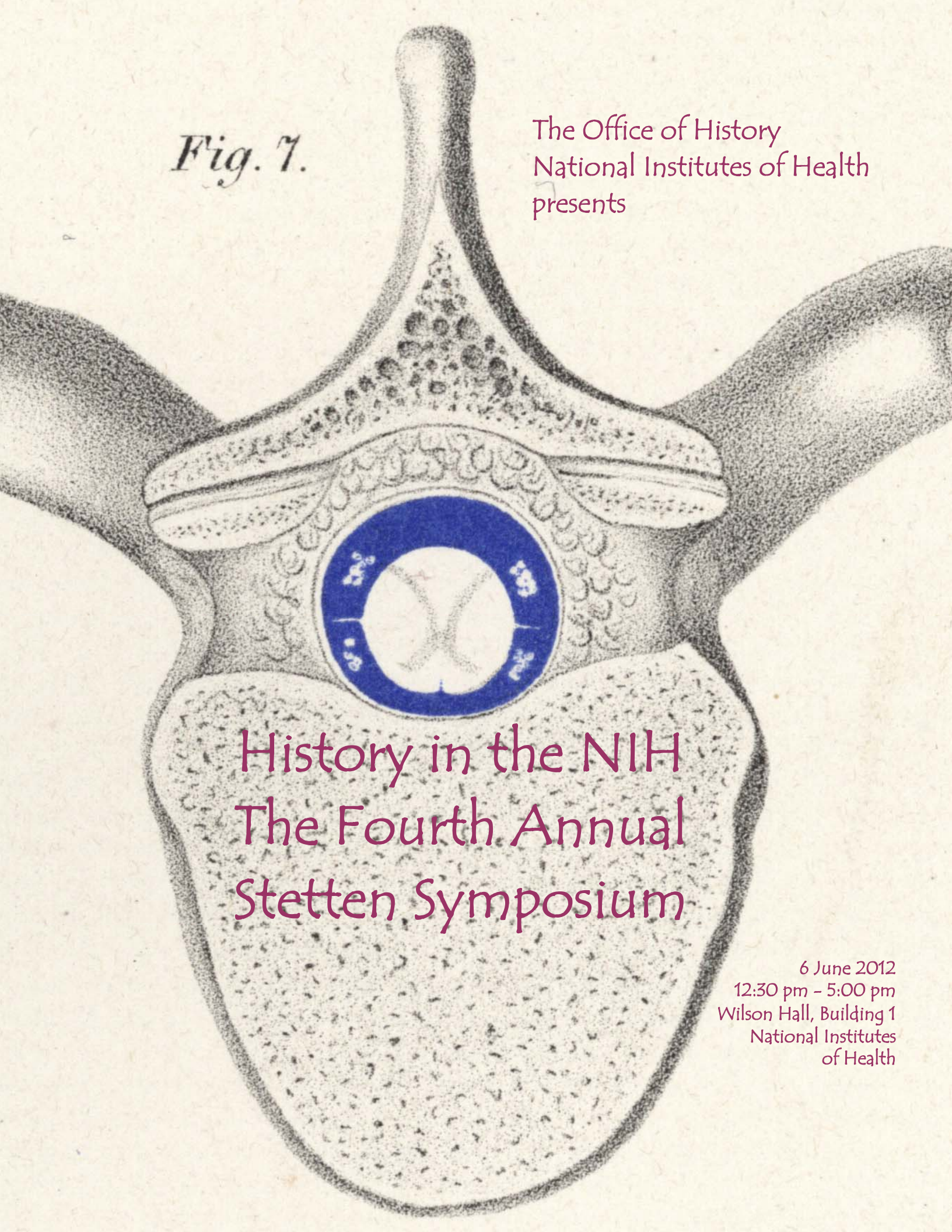


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The Office of History  
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History in the NIH  
The Fourth Annual  
Stetten Symposium

6 June 2012  
12:30 pm - 5:00 pm  
Wilson Hall, Building 1  
National Institutes  
of Health

# Introduction

The Office of History, National Institutes of Health (NIH) exists to advance historical understanding of the NIH and of biomedical research supported by the NIH. One of the ways in which it achieves this goal is through post-doctoral fellowships, including the prestigious the DeWitt Stetten Fellowship in the History of the Biomedical Sciences and Technology or Medicine. History Office fellowships bring post-doctoral scholars from leading universities across the globe to the NIH campus to study the history of research sponsored by NIH since 1945. The results are published in scholarly journals and books.

This meeting is a 'progress report' by the four current fellows: an opportunity for the fellows to present their work to colleagues at the NIH, and for scientists and physicians at the NIH to respond to and debate with these fellows. Their subjects include biostatistics and biometry at the NIH, the problem of Leber's Hereditary Optic Neuropathy, Joseph Kinyoun (the founder of the forerunner of NIH/NIAID), and the origins of NIAAA and NIDA in the 1970s.

The meeting is open to all.

## Cover image

A transverse section of the human spinal column in Axel Key and Gustaf Retzius, *Studien in der Anatomie des Nervensystems und des Bindegewebes*, Stockholm : Samson & Wallin, 1875-1876. Volume 1. Plate 2. Figure 7.

# PROGRAM

12:00-12:30 Coffee

## Introduction

12.30 -12:45 Robert Martensen  
Director, Office of History, National Institutes of Health

## Session 1

12:45-1:45 **Speaker**, Sejal Patel  
The Benevolent Tyranny of Biostatistics. Biomedical Research, Accountability, and the Political Economy of the NIH

**Commentator**: Carl A. Roth  
Acting Deputy Director and Associate Director for Scientific Program Operation, National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI)

1:45-2:45 **Speaker**, Grisha Metlay  
Federalizing Scientific and Medical Approaches to Substance Use Disorders

**Commentator**, Kenneth R. Warren  
Acting Director, National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA)

2:45-3:00 Coffee

## Session 2

3:00-4:00 **Speaker**, Eva Åhrén  
Fighting "The Great Disturbers of the Body Politic:" Joseph Kinyoun and the Origins of the NIH

**Commentator**, David M. Morens  
Senior Advisor to the Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID)

4:00-5:00 **Speaker**, Judith Friedman  
The NIH and the Enduring Puzzle of Leber's Hereditary Optic Neuropathy

**Commentator**: Kenneth H. Fischbeck  
NIH Distinguished Investigator, Neurogenetics Branch, National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS)

5.00 End

**How the sessions will work**

Each session will begin with the speaker's talk (25 minutes). The commentary (10-15 minutes) will follow, after which the chair will open the discussion to the floor. Speakers may respond to the commentary at this point.

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| Presentation       | 25 minutes    |
| Commentator        | 10-15 minutes |
| General Discussion | 15-20 minutes |

**Location**

The meeting will be held in Wilson Hall, Building 1, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Maryland.

**Visiting NIH (security, directions, maps, etc)**

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