

The University of Iowa History of Medicine Society
invites you to hear:

Paul Greenough

Professor of History at the University of Iowa
Speaking on:

**When CDC Epidemiologists Took a 'Wild and Wondrous Ride':
Fighting Smallpox in Pakistan on the Eve of the
Global Eradication Campaign**

Thursday, October 27, 2011, 5:30-6:30

Room 401, University of Iowa Hardin Library for the Health Sciences

Light refreshments will be served



In April 1958 the Pakistan Government invited an American team from the Centers for Disease Control to assist public health authorities in East Pakistan with their immunization programs in the middle of a grave smallpox epidemic. While the US government hoped for a Cold War advantage, CDC officials saw an opportunity for their Epidemic Intelligence Service to practice "field epidemiology" in a developing country. When the epidemic ended in July 1958, 30 million Bengalis had been vaccinated for smallpox, but 20,000 had succumbed to the disease. This episode was CDC's first sustained foreign intervention, but the experience was marked by problems adjusting to the Pakistani context and has been quietly buried in CDC's annals.

Upcoming Presentation:

Thursday, December 1, 2011, 5:30-6:30 Matthew Gambino, "These Strangers within our Gates"

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