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“Early Blood Transfusion: Science, Society, and Lessons from the Past for the Medical Future”

by Holly Tucker, Ph.D.

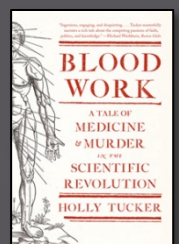
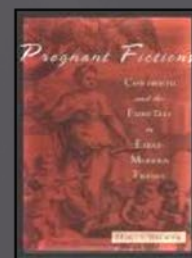


Thursday, March 27, 2014
4:30 p.m.
Becker Medical Library
7th floor, King Center

The first human blood transfusions were performed in the late seventeenth century: the initial blood donors were animals. Within three years after the transfusion trials began, the practice was banned in France and abandoned in other European countries. Dr. Tucker will focus on the complex history of these early transfusions and explore what insights they may offer for the reception of biomedical innovation—and the tensions between science and society—in our own day.

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Reception to follow; free and open to the public.