

# The Bernard Becker Medical Library

in collaboration with the **Center for History Of Medicine** presents the

## 44<sup>th</sup> *Historia Medica*

“Urban Health and the History of Public Hospitals in the US”



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Urban health status has been highly linked with the health of urban public hospitals in the US. Similarly, the persistence of health disparities has been intricately linked with the collapse of core public health services provided by public hospitals. This lecture will explore the history of US public hospitals and the association with urban ills, with a particular focus on the St. Louis region.

In the mid-1990s, Dr. Ross served as the Chief Medical Officer for St. Louis Regional Medical Center, the last public hospital in St. Louis. A national expert on urban health, health literacy and the social determinants of health, Dr. Ross is a founding member of the St. Louis Regional Health Commission and Chair of the City of St. Louis Board of Health. He is the creator of the Homer G. Phillips Public Health Lecture Series at Washington University School of Medicine.

**Thursday, March 12, 2015**

**4:30 p.m.**

**Becker Medical Library, 7th floor**

**King Center**



Free and open to the public - reception to follow