

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

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### “The History of the State Hygienic Laboratory at the University of Iowa”

Thursday, February 28, 2013 5:30-6:30

*Room 401, Univ. of Iowa Hardin Library for the Health Sciences*



In 1904, some of the most common health concerns for Iowans were also some of the most deadly. Typhoid fever, tuberculosis, rabies and diphtheria all were tested at the State Hygienic Laboratory during its first year in operation. Today, the state agency tests for a long list of reportable diseases; examines samples of air, water and soil; “fingerprints” and helps track foodborne illnesses; screens newborn babies for metabolic diseases; identifies influenza and other communicable diseases to the DNA level; and helps public health agencies at both the national and state level to keep people safe.

This presentation chronicles the Hygienic Laboratory’s evolution from diphtheria to *Salmonella*, and the stories behind the testing.

Upcoming Event: Thursday, March 28, 2013, 4:30--7:00, The Black Death — Open House at the John Martin Rare Book Room, Hardin Library, University of Iowa.

If you are a person with a disability requiring an accommodation in order to participate in this program, please contact Donna Hirst, Hardin Library for the Health Sciences ([donna-hirst@uiowa.edu](mailto:donna-hirst@uiowa.edu)), 335-9154. The UI History of Medicine Society website is located at: <http://hosted.lib.uiowa.edu/histmed/>