

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

Harold E. Williamson

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speaking on:

The History of the Department of Pharmacology at the University of Iowa

Thursday, September 27, 2012, 5:30-6:30

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



During the 1901 fire which destroyed the Medical Building the department's collection of drugs was lost.

Learn about the first 100 years of the Department of Pharmacology at the University of Iowa. The department traces its origins to 1870, when Dr. Philo Judson Farnsworth was appointed to the chair of materia medica, the name of the first offering on drugs. The first two heads of the department (Drs. Farnsworth and Chase) were

practicing physicians in Iowa. During their tenure the presentation of drugs moved from materia medica to pharmacology. Beginning with the third head of the department (Dr. Plant), appointments were made to those who had extensive experimental training and research became prominent.

Upcoming Event: October 25, 2012, 5:30-6:30. Judith Houck, University of Wisconsin-Madison, "The medicalization of menopause over the past 100 years."

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