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Vanderbilt University

2003/2004 Visiting Fellowship “Medicine, Health, and Society”

Co-directors: Larry Churchill (medical ethics), Matthew Ramsey (history)

The study of medicine, health, and society is one of the most dynamic and rapidly growing areas of interdisciplinary research and teaching today. The year-long seminar at the Warren Center will explore how various societies—including our own—have understood, experienced, and responded to disease. Health-related beliefs and practices are deeply embedded in particular societies and cultures; this observation applies with as much force to modern Western biomedicine as to premodern and non-Western medical systems. Such an approach is inherently comparative; the humanities broadly conceived can elucidate the variety of experiences of health and illness, hygiene and medicine, across time and space. The work of the visiting fellow need not necessarily be comparative; the seminar as a whole will consist of scholars with a wide range of research interests.

The Warren Center invites applications from scholars in all disciplines whose lively presence will help to focus our work and stimulate discussions. Our seminars meet weekly and will allow the visiting fellow ample time to pursue a major research project. The visiting fellow and the Vanderbilt faculty fellows will shape the program. Fellows are provided with spacious offices within the Center's own building. The fellowship pays a stipend of up to \$38,000.

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Completed applications must be postmarked by January 15, 2003.

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