

**WPSU LOBBY TALK FEB. 22 EXPLORES MEDICAL ETHICS**  
*Forum on 1946 Nazi Doctors' trial to be held in Outreach Building Lobby*

**UNIVERSITY PARK, PA (Feb. 17, 2006)** – The public is invited to attend "Do No Harm? Medicine and Ethics on the Anniversary of the Nazi Doctors' Trial," a panel discussion examining the Nazi Doctors' Trial of 1946–47 and its implications for medical ethics. The Lobby Talk, part of an ongoing series, will be held on Wednesday, February 22 at 7 p.m. in the lobby of the Outreach Building in Innovation Park. It is presented by Penn State Public Broadcasting (PSPB) in partnership with the Penn State College of Liberal Arts' Science, Medicine and Technology in Culture (SMTC) program.

The discussion will be moderated by Greg Eghigian, associate professor of history at Penn State's College of Liberal Arts, with panelists Janet Lyon, associate professor of English and women's studies at Penn State and Susan M. Reverby, professor of women's studies at Wellesley College.

This year will mark the 60th anniversary of the start of the famous 'Nazi Doctors' Trial' in Nuremberg, Germany in 1946. The trial is renowned not only for prosecuting 23 leading German physicians and administrators for their participation in war crimes and crimes against humanity, but also for establishing the so-called 'Nuremberg Code' of permissible medical experiments. In addition to considering the nature of the trial itself, speakers will address such general themes as the ethics of informed consent in medical treatment and human experimentation, the values placed on life, death, and disability and the role of race in medicine.

"Penn State Public Broadcasting's series of 'lobby talks' have been successful in bringing members of the local community together in thoughtful discussion with Penn State faculty and other guest experts," said Station Manager Tracy Vosburgh. "We are happy to open the doors of our new facility to the public as part of our community outreach."

The Outreach Building is located in Innovation Park in State College, across the street and down from the Penn State Conference Hotel, the Innovation Park exits 73 or 74 off the 322/220 by-pass.

The Science, Medicine and Technology in Culture (SMTC) examines ethical, cultural and technological issues facing public service media and produces forums to explore them. PSPB presented a lobby talk on issues of aging in January and on the Scopes monkey trial earlier this month. For additional information log on to <http://rocketethics.psu.edu/events/smtc0506.html> online.

Panelist Reverby was the first hire at Wellesley in women's studies in 1982 and has taught at the college for more than two decades. She is the co-editor of "America's Working Women: a Documentary History" (1976), "Health Care in America: Essays in Social History" (1979) and "Gendered Domains: Beyond the Public and Private in Women's History" (1992). She was the editor of "The History of American Nursing: a 32 Volume Reprint Series" (1982-83). Her prize-winning book, "Ordered to Care: The

Dilemma of American Nursing" (New York: Cambridge University Press, 1987) is considered one of the major overview histories of American nursing.

Panelist Lyon is an associate professor of English and women's studies at Penn State. Her research interests are modernism and modernity, gender and sexuality, aesthetic and sociological collectivity, literary and critical theory and disability studies. She has received the University of Illinois Campus Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching, 1999, was a Fellow at the University of Illinois Program for the Study of Cultural Values and Ethics and a University of Illinois vice chancellor's teaching scholar. She has published "Manifestoes: Provocations of the Modern" (Cornell 1999).

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