

Southwestern University 2013 History Colloquium

"Riots, Schools, and Clinics: Writing the History of Medicine in Latin America"

Professor David Sowell of Juniata College Tuesday, November 19, 2013, 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm F.W. Olin Bldg., Room 110, Public Lecture



The introduction of scientific medicine in Latin America in the nineteenth century caused considerable discomfort, challenging the deeply held belief in the connection between the Catholic faith and healing. By the time of the Depression, scientific medicine had been granted exclusive healing authority by Latin American states. Using examples from Bogotá, Colombia, and Yucatán Mexico, this lecture in the history of Latin American medicine will illustrate the powerful relationship between scientific medicine and modern state structures.

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