

What is Public Health?

Galen, Filth, Disease, Revolution, Sanitarians, Statistics, and Sex.

The Master of Public Health (MPH) and Graduate Diploma in Community and Public Health (GDCPH) Programs at McMaster University are pleased to introduce our
2025 Public Health Speaker Series

When: Wednesday September 3rd, 12:00pm-1:00pm ET

Where: In-Person: DSB B105 (bring your own lunch)

Zoom: <https://mcmaster.zoom.us/j/94012645475> | Meeting ID: 940 1264 5475

Description

This lecture examines the history of public health from its early inceptions to modern day political and public health controversies.

Speaker Biography

Dr. Ellen Amster's research engages histories of medicine and public health, especially global health, traditional healing, women's histories, and imperialism. From her 2013 book, *Medicine and the Saints: Science, Islam, and the Colonial Encounter in Morocco, 1877-1956* (Arabic Translation UIR 2024), she developed a global health study abroad program and a CIHR-funded Morocco-Canada network in maternal and infant health. She is currently working on a project tentatively entitled "Colonial Drag: Transvestism, Hybridity, and Cosmopolitan Identities in Colonial and Post-Colonial French Empire."



Dr. Ellen Amster

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For everyone to enjoy, she developed the ***Hannah History of Medicine and Medical Humanities Research Portal***, with hundreds of libraries, archives, museums, digital collections, and grants, to browse for research and fun. It includes public health records for Hamilton, which are conserved at HPL.