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Lloyd Library Connects with the Global Botanical Community

The Lloyd Library & Museum is proud to announce its involvement in the Society for Economic Botany (SEB) 60th Annual Meeting hosted by the University of Cincinnati on June 2-6. Established in 1959, the SEB strives to support education and research by exploring the relationship between plants and people, past and present. They make their findings available through publications and conferences. SEB membership spans the United States and more than 64 countries around the world. The Lloyd Library holds many of the resources used and generated by the SEB.

2019’s conference theme, The Future of Forests: Perspectives from Indigenous People, Traditional Practices and Conversation, focuses on forests and ethnobotany, a core focus of Lloyd Library collections and its mission. It is no surprise that two Lloyd Fellows will be speaking. 2019 Fellow, Kat Anderson, is a keynote speaker. Following the conference, Anderson begins her fellowship research at the Lloyd on Useful Plants of the American Indian and the Immigrant: Cross-Cultural Sharing of Ethnobotanical Legacies in Early Modern America. 2017 Fellow, Susan Leopold, will host a workshop, The Art of Media Storytelling. The Lloyd Library & Museum will also host a panel discussion, Looking to Nature for Cancer Treatments, host a field trip to the Lloyd, and present a public program with renowned Polynesian scholar Art Whistler.
The world of cancer research is nothing new to the Lloyd Library. As adherents of the eclectic medical viewpoint, the Lloyd brothers collected works that drew from six continents, representing Native American, Chinese, Ayurvedic, Pacific Island and western traditions. These resources often emphasized the natural healing properties of the human body and its interaction with plants. The Library’s botanical works show plant-based approaches to medicine dating back hundreds of years. Its archival collections include late nineteenth century papers documenting cancer and the works of leading twentieth century cancer researchers.

For more than one hundred years, the Lloyd has disseminated botanical and medical research. This presentation introduces the Lloyd Library and how definitions and understanding of cancer have changed over time, providing a context for cancer research panelists Drs. Susan Mooberry and Douglas Kinghorn’s discussion of their work.

Prof. A. Douglas Kinghorn, Professor and Jack L. Beal Chair, College of Pharmacy, The Ohio State University and editor of Journal of Natural Products. Kinghorn is Principal in the multi-disciplinary project, Discovery of Anti-Cancer Agents of Diverse Natural Origins. Funded by the U.S. Cancer Institute and the National Institutes of Health, and a collaboration between The Ohio State University, University of Illinois Chicago and the University of North Carolina-Greensboro, this project looks to tropical plants, lichens, aquatic and terrestrial bacteria, and fungi as potential sources of new anti-cancer agents.

Dr. Susan L. Mooberry, Greehey Distinguished Chair in Molecular Therapeutics, University of Texas, San Antonio and President of the American Society of Pharmacognosy. Her laboratory’s goal is to identify new drugs derived from natural products for the treatment of cancers, including those to fight triple negative breast cancer and pediatric sarcomas. Her team’s research has investigated plant extracts from Hawaii, South Texas and currently, the National Cancer Institute’s Natural Products Discovery extract collection.

Patricia Van Skaik, Executive Director of the Lloyd Library and Museum. Throughout her career she has focused on connecting historic and rare materials with contemporary topics of relevance. Since joining the Lloyd Library two years ago, her emphasis has been on plant-based and natural medicine, its history, and supporting research for current and future applications.
Field Trip to the Lloyd Library & Museum for SEB Registrants
June 6, 2019

The Lloyd Library and Museum will close on June 6 to host a field trip for SEB registrants. For more information, click here.

Art Whistler at the Lloyd Library-Public Program

Polynesian Herbal Medicine
June 7, 2019
7-8 p.m.
Lloyd Library & Museum
917 Plum Street
Cincinnati, OH 45202

On Friday, after the conference, the Lloyd Library & Museum hosts world-renowned scholar Art Whistler of the University of Hawaii botany department and Lyon Arboretum. Professor Whistler is known for his botanical research in the Pacific Islands. His Herbal Medicine in Samoa is considered an authoritative work in its field. His research was partly informed by Curtis Gates Lloyd's field work in Samoa over 100 years ago.

Free and open to the Public. Registration required. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Light refreshments.

The Lloyd Library and Museum is free and open to the public. Located at 917 Plum St. in Cincinnati, Ohio, the Lloyd is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. and the third Saturday of the month from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. For more information or to schedule a visit, contact the Library at (513) 721-3707 or email contact@lloydlibrary.org or visit LloydLibrary.org.