

## **Barron H. Lerner, M.D., Ph.D.**

### Bio Sketch

Barron H. Lerner is the Angelica Berrie-Gold Foundation Associate Professor of Medicine and Public Health at the Columbia University College of Physicians & Surgeons and the Mailman School of Public Health. Dr. Lerner received his M.D. from Columbia in 1986 and his Ph.D. in history from the University of Washington in 1996. His book, The Breast Cancer Wars: Hope, Fear and the Pursuit of a Cure in Twentieth-Century America, published by Oxford University Press, received the William H. Welch Medal of the American Association for the History of Medicine, the Washington Irving Book Award from the Westchester Library Association and was named one of the 26 most notable books of 2001 by the American Library Association. Dr. Lerner's latest book, When Illness Goes Public: Celebrity Patients

## **Ronald Bayer, Ph.D.**

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Ronald Bayer, Ph.D., (Political Science, University of Chicago, 1976) is a Professor at the Center for the History and Ethics of Public Health, Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University, where he has taught for 14 years. Prior to coming to Columbia he was at the Hastings Center, a research institute devoted to the study of ethical issues in medicine and the life sciences. Bayer's research has examined ethical and policy issues in public health. His empirical work has focused especially on AIDS, tuberculosis, illicit drugs, and tobacco. His broader project is to develop an ethics of public health. He is an elected member of the IOM, on its Board on Health Promotion and Disease Prevention and has served on IOM committees dealing with the social impact of AIDS, tuberculosis elimination, vaccine safety, smallpox vaccination and the Ryan White Care Act.

His articles on AIDS have appeared in the *New England Journal of Medicine*, the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, *The Lancet*, the *American Journal of Public Health*, and *The Milbank Quarterly*. His books include Homosexuality and American Psychiatry: The Politics of Diagnosis (1981), Private Acts, Social Consequences: AIDS and the Politics of Public Health (1989); AIDS in the Industrialized Democracies: Passions, Politics and Policies (1991, edited with David Kirp); Confronting Drug Policy: Illicit Drugs in a Free Society (1993, edited with Gerald Oppenheimer); and Blood Feuds: Blood, AIDS and the Politics of Medical Disaster (1999, edited with Eric Feldman); AIDS Doctors: Voices from the Epidemic, (2000, written with Gerald Oppenheimer and Mortal Secrets: Truth and Lies in the Age of AIDS (2003, written with Robert Klitzman) and Unfiltered: Conflicts over Tobacco Policy and Public Health (2004 Harvard University Press) (edited with Eric Feldman).

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and How We Look at Medicine, will be published by the Johns Hopkins University Press in October 2006. In addition to his research, Dr. Lerner practices internal medicine and teaches medical ethics and the history of medicine at Columbia University Medical Center.