

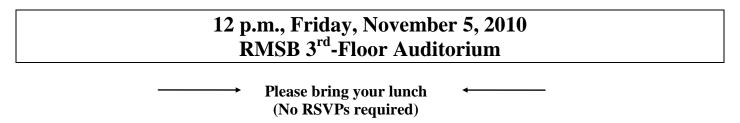
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Tuskegee Revisited – but Worse? U.S. Wrongdoing in Guatemala

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A historian doing research on the "Tuskegee Study of Untreated Syphilis" has discovered that a U.S.-government-supported project included intentionally infecting Guatemalans with gonorrhea, chancroid, and syphilis. The unpublished study, conducted in the 1940s, was funded by the NIH through the Pan American Sanitary Bureau (the predecessor to the Pan American Health Organization) and several Guatemalan government ministries.* Revelations about the research have reopened wounds about the biomedical research relationship between the United States and developing countries.

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