

The 16th Annual Frederic Alden Warren Lecture

Modern Medicine from Medieval Manuscripts

with Professor Nicholas Everett, University of Toronto



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Ancient and Medieval drugs are often dismissed by modern science as having been little more than placebos when they were not downright dangerous. Yet many of the most commonly used drugs today were handed down to us from the Middle Ages, and recent scientific research on medicinal plants suggests we should continue to listen to past traditions for insight and inspiration. Professor Nicholas Everett, Fellow of Trinity College, University of Toronto will briefly discuss some examples of drug recipes as recorded in medieval manuscripts and suggest new ways to consider forgotten pharmaceuticals in light of recent advances in both science and humanities research. Drug discovery is just one example of how medical research has become more interested in history than ever before.