The Program in Medical Ethics and Humanities of the Department of Internal Medicine at the University of Utah School of Medicine

EVENING ETHICS

“Asperger, Autism, and Nazi Medicine: Perspectives from a Historian”

with Dr. Edith Sheffer

January 27th is International Holocaust Remembrance Day. The Red Army liberated Auschwitz on that day in 1945, so 2020 marks the 75th anniversary. Each year URemembers brings speakers and events to honor that history. The PMEH is happy to collaborate and welcome Dr. Edith Sheffer, historian, author and senior fellow at the Institute of European Studies at UC Berkeley, to discuss her historical research on Dr. Hans Asperger and his work with autistic and disabled children in Vienna during the Nazi regime. We invite you to join us and consider the ethical questions raised by the fraught histories of Asperger’s ideas and actions. What do we do with medical research connected to Nazi ideology? How and when does the origin of medical research matter? The suggested reading for this session is the Introduction and Chapters 6 and 7 of Sheffer’s book, Asperger’s Children: The Origins of Autism in Nazi Vienna. Contact linda.carrlee@hsc.utah.edu for a pdf of this material.

Tuesday
February 4, 2020
5:30pm-7pm

Eccles Health Sciences Library, Lower Level

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CME offered

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