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The Department of History at the University of Texas at Austin announces an upcoming conference, "Making Race, Making Health: Historical Approaches to Race, Medicine, and Public Health," to be held November 13-15, 2008. Paper topics are not limited to national field or geographic area and proposals that explore a particular topic within a diasporic, imperial, or transnational framework are welcome. We are interested in generating a dynamic conversation among scholars around the following themes: the interconnectedness between medical knowledge, medical practice, and processes of racialization; race, difference, and power within public health discourse and policy; inequality, activism, and health; and diagnostic and therapeutic regimes as sites of contestation. We invite proposals for individual papers on topics including, but not limited to:

- Health and medical care in slave and/or post-emancipation societies
- Medicine and public health in colonial settings
- Racial politics of the production of medical knowledge
- Racial disparities in health care
- Encounters between professional and popular medicine
- Race and mental health
- Medicalization of racial difference
- Medicine, health and European-indigenous contact
- Medicine and American expansion/conquest/empire
- Racial politics of medical and public health responses to epidemics and disasters
- Diasporic dimensions of healing practices
- Race and reproductive freedom/control

Please send an abstract (of no more than 250 words) and a CV, by January 15, 2008, to: University of Texas at Austin, Department of History - Making Race, Making Health Conference, 1 University Station, B7000, Austin, TX 78712-0220. For more information, e-mail msummers@mail.utexas.edu. Martin Summers, Department of History, University of Texas at Austin, 1 University Station, B7000, Austin, TX 78712-0220.