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CAMBRIDGE AT HOME

announces a

Lecture Series

National authorities in their fields – most of them local, some of them members – will offer their perspectives on some of the hot topics currently grabbing the headlines:

Relationships in the age of longevity
Global warming
Health care delivery
China and Russia as superpowers

Each event, free to CAH members, and open to nonmembers for a \$10.00 fee, will be followed by a wine and cheese reception, giving attendees a chance to meet the speakers as well as to socialize with other members. Reservations are required; call 617.864.1715.

We hope to see you at all of the talks described below! Bring your friends and neighbors to these stimulating discourses on topics of interest to all of us.

Sunday, October 18, 3 pm

**Piper Auditorium, Harvard Graduate School of Design,
48 Quincy Street, Cambridge**

Abigail Trafford, author and columnist for the *Washington Post*, will inaugurate our lecture series with a talk about the problems and opportunities of aging, about love and relationships in an age of longevity.

In her column, *My Time*, as well as in several books, Trafford has explored the social revolution brought about by the fact that people are living longer and healthier lives. She was a keynote speaker at the 2005 White House Conference on Aging. Her latest book is titled *As Time Goes By: Boomerang Marriages, Serial Spouses, Throwback Couples, and other Romantic Adventures in an Age of Longevity*.

An award-winning journalist, Trafford was for 14 years the Health Editor of the *Washington Post*. During that period, the section won 10 awards for excellence in feature journalism.

Sunday, November 8, 3 pm

**Piper Auditorium, Harvard Graduate School of Design,
48 Quincy Street, Cambridge**

Drs. Margaret Geller and Scott Kenyon will offer a very long-term perspective on the warming of solar-system planets from Venus to Pluto. They will describe the evolution of the sun over the next few billion years and its impact across the solar system to the melting of Pluto. They will also discuss climate change on Earth, driven by human activity.

Geller and Kenyon, both world-renowned astrophysicists at the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory, are committed to public education in astronomy. Through public

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lectures, interviews, films, and television appearances, they have taken audiences on journeys through the universe from the nascent solar system to the most distant young galaxies.

Dr. Geller made pioneering maps of the largest patterns in the universe and has received wide recognition, including a MacArthur Fellowship and election to the National Academy of Sciences. Dr. Kenyon wrote the world's leading code for modeling planet formation. He received the Copernicus Medal of the Nicolaus Copernicus University for his fundamental work on binary stars.

Thursday, January 7, 4 pm

**Piper Auditorium, Harvard Graduate School of Design,
48 Quincy Street, Cambridge**

Tough choices in health care will be the subject of a discussion between CAH charter member Dr. Howard Hiatt and Dr. Donald Berwick.

Dr. Hiatt, now Associate Chief of the Division of Global Health Equality at Brigham and Womens' Hospital, was Dean of the Harvard School of Public Health from 1972 to 1984. His book, *Medical Lifeboat*, written several years ago, offered a proposal for health system reform. Another, *A Measure of Malpractice*, examined the medical, legal and economic consequences of injuries suffered by hospitalized patients. He helped develop the Research Training in Clinical Effectiveness Program, which brings together faculty from the Harvard School of Public Health and Medical School, to train physicians who wish to do research on issues of quality and costs of medical care.

Dr. Berwick, President and CEO of the Institute for Healthcare Improvement, is one of the nation's leading authorities on the quality of medical care. A professor at both the Harvard Medical School and the Harvard School of Public Health, he has served as Vice Chair of the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force, Chair of the National Advisory Council of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, and a member of President Clinton's Advisory Commission on Consumer Protection and Quality in the Healthcare Industry. He is the author of over 140 articles in scientific journals, the co-author of several books and a frequent commentator in the popular press.

Sunday, February 7, 3 pm

**Piper Auditorium, Harvard Graduate School of Design,
48 Quincy Street, Cambridge**

Professors Merle and Marshall Goldman will give us their insights into China and Russia as world powers. Noted scholars and authors who specialize in China and Russia respectively, both are frequent media commentators on events in those countries. They are both members of the Council on Foreign Relations.

Merle Goldman is Emerita Professor of History at Boston University and an associate of the Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies at Harvard. A Board Member of Asia Watch, a division of Human Rights Watch, she is an Adjunct Professor at the Foreign Service Institute of the U.S. State Department. Her most recent book is *From Comrade to Citizen: The Struggle for Political Rights in China*.

Marshall Goldman, Emeritus Kathryn Wasserman Davis Professor of Russian Economics at Wellesley College, was Associate Director of the Davis Center for Russian Studies at Harvard University from 1975 to 2006. A Fellow of the American Academy Arts and Sciences, he has been a consultant to the State Department and the Ford Foundation. His latest book is *Petrostate: Putin, Power, and the New Russia*.