



More Than 40 Years of Caring

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**Two hundred guests attend East House presentation
with Harriet Washington**

More than two-hundred people attended a presentation by Award-winning author Harriet Washington on April 14th at the Rochester Academy of Medicine. The discussion, presented by East House, was entitled “American Psyche: Ethics, History, Race and Mental Health.” Washington discussed past and present ethical issues in the treatment of individuals suffering from mental illness and chemical dependency in America. She then joined guests for a reception and signed many copies of her book, “Medical Apartheid.”

In 2006, Harriet Washington published her award-winning and provocative book that describes the dark history of medical experimentation on African Americans from Colonial times to the present. This critically acclaimed publication earned Washington numerous awards, including the 2007 PEN Oakland Award, BCALA Award, the Gustavus Myers Award and most recently, the 2007 National Book Critics Circle Award for Nonfiction. Washington, originally from Rochester, is currently a medical ethicist and Visiting Scholar at DePaul University College of Law and has previously held teaching and research positions at Harvard, Stanford and Tuskegee Universities.

Sponsors of the April 14th event included the Master of Science in Mental Health Counseling Program at St. John Fisher College, the Monroe County Department of Human Services, Office of Mental Health, Coordinated Care Services, Inc., and Howe and Rusling. For more information, call (585) 256-3800, ext. 213.



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*Harriet Washington at her
book signing.*

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