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**East House presents: “American Psyche: Ethics, History, Race and Mental Health,” a discussion by Harriet Washington, award-winning author of “Medical Apartheid”**

Award-winning author Harriet Washington will present a discussion titled “American Psyche: Ethics, History, Race and Mental Health,” on Monday, April 14, 2008, at 2:00 p.m. at the Rochester Academy of Medicine. The discussion is presented by East House, a nonprofit agency serving those in recovery from mental illness and chemical dependency. In 2006, Harriet Washington published an award-winning and provocative book titled “Medical Apartheid,” 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. “In *Medical Apartheid*, Washington has unearthed an enormous amount of shocking information and shaped it into a riveting, carefully documented book,” stated *The New York Times*.

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Washington to Speak in Rochester

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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. As an award winning journalist and editor, Washington has also published in numerous popular and academic publications including the *New England Journal of Medicine*, *Harvard Journal of Minority Public Health*, *Harvard AIDS Review* and *American Journal of Public Health*.

Washington will discuss past and present ethical issues in the treatment of individuals suffering from mental illness and chemical dependency in America. The event will be held at the Academy of Medicine at East Avenue on April 14<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 p.m. Tickets to the event are \$10; discount tickets of \$5 are offered to students and consumers. A certificate of attendance will be provided to participants for documentation of professional development.

Tickets are available by calling **(585) 256-3800, ext 213**, or by emailing East House at [amckenna@easthouse.org](mailto:amckenna@easthouse.org). The event is co-sponsored by the Master of Science in Mental Health Counseling program at St. John Fisher College, the Monroe County Office of Mental Health and Human Services, and Coordinated Care Service, Inc.

*East House is a private, nonprofit agency that provides rehabilitation, residential and support services to individuals recovering from mental illness and chemical dependency. East House serves more than 1300 clients and their families each year, and is funded by New York State, Monroe County, United Way, client fees and donations. For more information, call (585) 256-3800, ext. 213.*

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