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What: **Women Healers in Europe During the Middle Ages**

During the summer of 1979, a San Jose State University graduate student painted a mural on the 1st floor south wall of the Student Health Center, as her graduate project. It is more important today because of its obvious relevance to diversity, inclusion, equality, socialization, and the national status to which the artist has earned. **It is more than art.**

The mural is a **colorful 7'10" x 24'7"** depiction of **women healers in Europe during the middle ages**. During that period, women were punished severely for practicing medicine. Even during the renaissance and enlightenment periods, many women were accused of witchcraft. The rising powers of academic medicine amidst the turbulent political climate made it difficult for a women healer, even a successful one to practice.

The mural consists of 5 parts:

1. A **representation of Salerno, Italy and a woman herbalist** with assistants preparing portions from plants.
2. **Herb garden with gardeners and medicinal plants**, including some that are used in contemporary pharmaceutical preparations.
3. A **surgical operation on a man's liver**, performed by **two women surgeons** and an herbalist.
4. **Herbalist** being burned as a witch.
5. A **woman doctor put on trial** for practicing medicine without a license.

The artist is Alice Dubiel. Her art can be viewed at <http://www.varoregistry.com/dubiel>.

When: **Wednesday, May 9, 2007 [10:00 am – 2:30 pm]**

10:00 am – 12:00 pm: Four 30 Minute Presentations About the Mural by Alice Dubiel,
Inside South Entrance of Health Building

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm: Lecture, "Relevance of Art to Diversity: An Artist's Approach to Rethinking History" by Alice Dubiel, Health Building, Room 208

1:00 pm – 2:30 pm: Reception, Health Building, Room 208

Co-Sponsors

- School of Art and Design, Linda Walsh
- History Department, Jonathan Roth
- Humanities Department, Jennifer Rycenga
- Mosaic Cross Cultural Center, Hyon Chu Yi-Baker

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The event is wheelchair accessible.

