The University of Iowa History of Medicine Society invites you to hear:

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Black Bodies, Medical Science, and the Age of Emancipation

Thursday, October 24, 2019
5:30-6:30
Carver Biomedical Research Building (CBRB)
Room 1289 (Kelch Conference Room)

Why did the Civil War, which ultimately ended slavery, also see northern whites deeply invested in sustaining racial hierarchies? How and why do white medical practitioners in the Union army and in northern civilian relief efforts engage in efforts to advance the notion of race as a biological and hierarchical construct? White medical practitioners and military officers attempted to document what they believed to be the immutable, hierarchical characteristics of race. That contradiction—a war for emancipation generating greater belief in medical and scientific racism—challenges our ideas about the consequences of the war and the development of wartime medical science.

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