

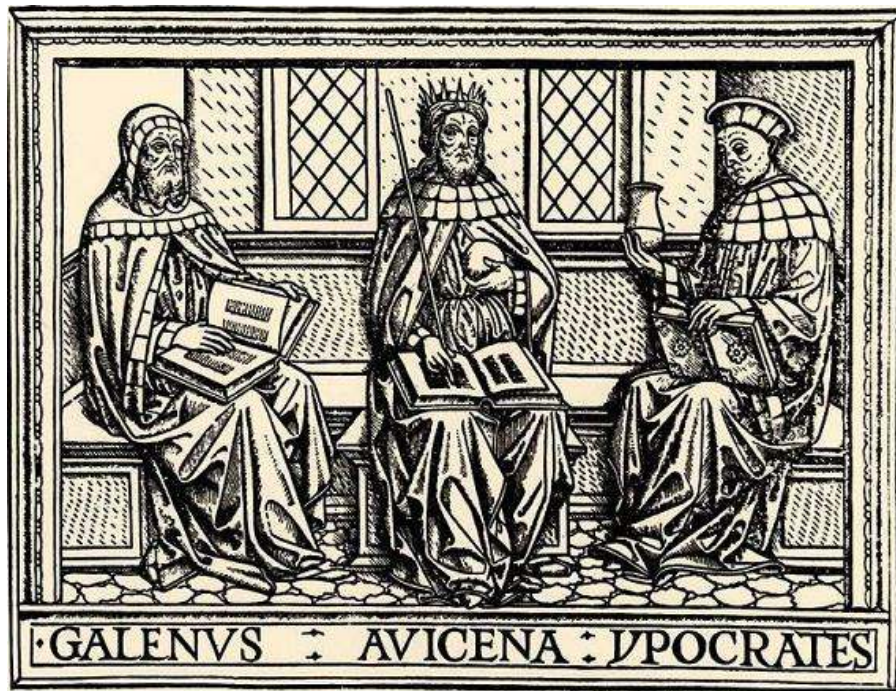
The VCU Department of History Presents a Public Lecture by

**Alain Touwaide, PhD**

**Smithsonian Institution**

**“Why Does the Medicine of the Past Matter?  
Ancient Remedies for 21<sup>st</sup>-Century Diseases”**

**March 9, 4:00-6:00 PM, Student Commons, Forum Room**



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