

2007 History & Innovation Awards honors:

William A. Hinton, MD for Innovation in Healthcare

The son of slaves and the first African American to hold the rank of Professor at Harvard University and Harvard Medical School, Dr. Hinton was a pioneer in studying sexually transmitted diseases. In 1927, as director of a Harvard lab and chief of the Boston Dispensary's lab (now NEMC), Hinton developed a test for diagnosing syphilis, at the time among the planet's most feared scourges. The Hinton Test changed the world. Dr. Hinton contributed to a number of Boston institutions, working as a volunteer assistant in the Department of Pathology at MGH when he first graduated medical school, and later teaching at area colleges such as Simmons College and Tufts College School of Medicine and Dentistry. He also created a program to train women as lab technicians at the Dispensary.



Hinton's accomplishments are being honored and supported by the Boston History and Innovation Collaborative and a committee drawn from different teaching hospitals across the city. The Committee is working to promote this particular award- and more importantly to help build awareness both within Greater Boston's physician community and outside of it of Hinton's role, to make him more of a folk hero. Members include:

Dr. Peter Slavin (President, Mass General Hospital)
Dr. Steven Hyman (Provost, Harvard University)
Dr. Alvin Poussaint (Professor of Psychiatry, HMS)
Dr. Phillip Clay (Chancellor, MIT)
Suffolk County Sheriff Andrea Cabral
Dr. Beverly Edgehill (President & CEO, The Partnership)
Dr. Gary Gottlieb (President, Brigham & Women's Hospital)
Carol Fulp (VP, Community Relations, John Hancock)
Mayor Kenneth E. Reeves (City of Cambridge)
Rev. Ray Hammond, MD (Bethel AME Church)

Dr. Win Williams (Director, Multicultural Affairs Office, MGH)
Dr. Joan Reede (Dean for Diversity & Community Partnership, HMS)
Ellen Zane (President & CEO, Tufts-New England Medical Center)
Dyan Madrey (Manager Organizational Development, Tufts-NEMC)
Dr. James Mandel (President & CEO, Children's Hospital Boston)
Ruth Ellen Fitch (President & CEO, Dimock Community Health Center)
Ranch Kimball (President & CEO, Joslin Diabetes Center)
Dr. Peggy Johnson (Department of Psychiatry, Boston Medical Center)
Colette Phillips (President & CEO, Colette Phillips Communications)

The effort to build awareness of individuals like Hinton is part of the overall work of the Collaborative's 5th Century Trustees Task Force on Diversity & Innovation, which is focusing attention on the need to build our knowledge about the role that diversity plays in driving an innovation economy like Greater Boston's. In a new project funded by the Boston Foundation and in collaboration with The Partnership, Inc., the Collaborative will work with the Task Force and others to use this knowledge to promote more effective talent management strategies among the region's companies and non-profit organizations in order to help increase the number of professionals and young people of color choosing to stay and work in the area. Dr. JudyAnn Bigby, Massachusetts Secretary of Health and Human Services, will present the Innovation in Healthcare award honoring Dr. William A. Hinton's achievements. Some of the proceeds of the awards dinner will support the Task Force's work.

About the Awards:

The History & Innovation Awards is put on annually by the Boston History & Innovation Collaborative. This fall, we are celebrating some of the standout cases of innovation—the firms, individuals and unsung heroes who are responsible for making this region synonymous with world-changing breakthroughs in life sciences, technology, social innovation, and the arts. Other 2007 awardees include:

- **Information Technology: Akamai Technologies/ Paul Sagan/Tom Leighton/Jonathan Seelig/George Conrades:** For enabling on-line streaming and ending the "World Wide Wait."
- **Social Innovation: New Profit, Inc./Vanessa Kirsch & Board:** For venture philanthropy to pursue large-scale social change.
- **Technology: Gururaj "Desh" Deshpande/Sycamore Networks:** For transforming the underlying infrastructure of today's high-speed Internet & embodying the power of immigrants to drive Boston's innovation economy.

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