

# YOU'RE INVITED...

to the next public meeting of the  
Calgary History of Medicine Society (CHOMS)

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Presenting to the

**Calgary History of Medicine Society**

**"Out of the Ashes (2003)" Director: Joseph Sargent**

The Calgary History of Medicine Society will be hosting a screening of the award-winning film *Out of the Ashes* by Joseph Sargent. This powerful movie was based on the memoirs of Hungarian gynecologist and Holocaust survivor Gisella Perl. Having spent over a year in charge of the woman's infirmary at Auschwitz, Perl (played by Christine Lahti) hopes to leave her living nightmare behind when the Allies liberate Europe. But when she applies for American citizenship in 1946, she is hauled into military court to explain the extent to which she "collaborated" with the Nazis during the war. The U.S. officials are especially disturbed by the number of illegal abortions Perl performed at Auschwitz without her superiors' knowledge. But as Perl struggles to explain to her relentless interrogators (the explanation taking the form of extended flashbacks), she terminated the lives of the unborn to save thousands of pregnant women from the Nazi gas chambers.



**Monday, October 26, 2015 from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm**

**Department of Community Health Sciences  
Rose and Nightingale Rooms TRW – 3rd Floor**



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Parking is available in the parking lot underneath the TRW Building near the front entrance. Cost \$15 per person. Pizza will be at 6:00 PM and the talk begins ~6:15 PM. All are invited and you are encouraged to bring a guest! The proceeds from this CHOMS Lecture/Film Session cover the venue expenditures and subsidize the dinner costs. **RSVP: Please make reservations ASAP to: Beth Cusitar, [bcusitar@ucalgary.ca](mailto:bcusitar@ucalgary.ca) 403 210-9640**

The Calgary History of Medicine Society (CHOMS) is meant to be an intergenerational and interdisciplinary forum for everyone interested in the History of Medicine and Health Care. It is run by its members and all sessions are open to the public. If you are interested in joining this Society and participating in its future activities, please contact one of the following: Dr. Herb Emery ([hemery@ucalgary.ca](mailto:hemery@ucalgary.ca)); Dr. Jim Wright ([jim.wright@cls.ab.ca](mailto:jim.wright@cls.ab.ca)); Dr. Frank Stahnisch ([fwstahni@ucalgary.ca](mailto:fwstahni@ucalgary.ca)). For any further activities, please see the homepage of the History of Medicine and Health Care Program ([www.homhcp.ucalgary.ca](http://www.homhcp.ucalgary.ca)) – CHOMS Tab.