The Program in Modern Greek Studies

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More than Pulling teeth: OSS Medical Officers with the Guerillas in World War II in Greece

During the World War II, the Medical Services officers of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS, predecessor of the CIA, provided medical care for Army, Navy, Marine, and OSS personnel. In the Mediterranean Theatre of Operations, OSS medical personnel obtained medical and political intelligence while performing their assigned tasks. Using his “war diary” and unedited reports and correspondence, I examine an officer who graduated from Dental School and was called to active service in the spring of 1943. He set up a “clandestine hospital” in Nazi-occupied Greece, where he treated allied officers, members of the Greek resistance, and Greek civilians with the help of Greek medical students. One of his assistants later taught at the Brown University Medical School.

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Rhode Island Hall, Room 108
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Reception to follow

Susan Heuck Allen earned her PhD in Classical Archaeology and is currently a Visiting Scholar in the Department of Classics at Brown. She has taught at various institutions, including Smith, Yale, Tufts University, and RISD and has received fellowships from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the American Philosophical Society, Princeton University’s Program in Hellenic Studies, the Fulbright Foundation (Cyprus), the Archaeological Institute of America (Greece and Turkey), and the American Schools of Oriental Research (Israel). Her latest book Classical Spies: American Archaeologists with the OSS in World War II Greece, is the first insiders' account of the operations of the American (pre-CIA) intelligence service.