



**THE ACADEMY OF MEDICINE OF WASHINGTON, DC**  
*Fall Meeting, 1 May 2019, Social Hour Starts at 6:00 PM, Salad served at 6:45 PM, Dinner served at 7:PM, Speaker introduced 7:30 PM*

RSVP by 26 April 2019 to the Academy Website. Guest fees (\$60) may also be paid on the Website. If you cannot log into the Website, you may RSVP to Carl H. Gunderson email [gollygiii@aol.com](mailto:gollygiii@aol.com).

***THE COSMOS CLUB, 2121 Massachusetts Ave, NW, Washington, DC 20006***

**THE TOPIC:**

**Medical Care and Civil Rights in Bogalusa, Louisiana, 1965**



**Dr. Stanley Rapoport**

Dr. Stanley Rapoport retired from a 53-year research career at the NIH in 2017. At the NIH, he conducted research that contributed to our basic understanding of the blood-brain barrier and brain lipid metabolism. From 1978 to 1998, he also directed a clinical imaging program on brain aging and Alzheimer disease.

Today, Dr. Rapoport recalls a brief moment in March 1965, when he volunteered to go down to Bogalusa Louisiana, sponsored by the Medical Committee of Human Rights, to investigate compliance of the Charity Hospital with Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act and the 1963 court abolition of “separate but equal.” His report provided a basis to force compliance and support equitable medical care in Louisiana and Mississippi. Dr. Rapoport also describes concurrent civil rights protests that he witnessed in Bogalusa, involving the armed Deacons for Defense and Justice, and compares health outcomes then and now.

**Next Meeting 25 September 2019**