Cover Star: Marie Stopes at the time of the marriage with Mr. H.V. Roe. 1918. Credit: Wellcome Images.

Stopes is the subject of two events this summer – see ‘Upcoming Events’ for more details.

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Welcome to the Gazette.

Welcome to the May Gazette, which includes details of the SSHM biennial conference to be held in Kent on 7-10 July.

SSHM will hold its AGM at the Kent conference. If you are interested in finding out more about our work as a Society, or joining the great bunch of people who make up the Executive Committee, please do fill in the nomination form (which can be found on pp19-20 of this Gazette), or get in touch with any of the current members of the Committee to find out more about what we do. All of our contact details can be found here: https://sshmedicine.wordpress.com/contact-us/

We are particularly interested to hear from you if you are interested in the post of Career Development Officer or Gazette Editor.

After four thoroughly enjoyable years editing the Gazette for SSHM, I will be handing over to a fresh face this autumn. It’s been a brilliant way to keep up with all of the people and events happening in our field. If you are interested in taking on this role, please do get in touch!

Katherine.

NOTICE OF SSHM ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING FOR 2015

The Society for the Social History of Medicine is pleased to announce that it will be holding its AGM on Friday 8th July 2016 at 5-6pm (BST) at the University of Kent, Canterbury, UK, CT2 7NZ.

We will be discussing the activities we undertook in 2015 and the AGM is the opportunity for SSHM members to provide us with feedback and suggestions.

The AGM will be held in Canterbury during the SSHM, ‘Medicine in its Place: Situating Medicine in Historical Contexts’ Conference, 7-10 July 2016.

Details of the conference are available at:

http://www.kent.ac.uk/history/events/conferences/sshm2016.html

For the exact location of the AGM, please check our website, Facebook and Twitter feeds for an announcement.
SSHM CONFERENCE 2016: MEDICINE IN ITS PLACE: SITUATING MEDICINE IN HISTORICAL CONTEXTS

7 - 10 July 2016
Canterbury, England, United Kingdom

Hosted by the Centre for the History of Medicine, Ethics and Medical Humanities, University of Kent

The Society for the Social History of Medicine hosts a major, biennial, international, and interdisciplinary conference. In 2016 it will explore the theme of place. The committee conceives 'place' in its broadest sense – from political, spatial, and cultural spaces, to the narrow confines of a patient's hospital bed. The biennial conference is not exclusive in terms of its theme, and reflects the diversity of the discipline of the social history of medicine.

Conference registration is now open, and the provisional programme is available to download from the conference website: http://www.kent.ac.uk/history/events/conferences/sshm2016.html

For all enquiries please contact the conference team via: medicineinitsplace2016@kent.ac.uk

SSHM UNDERGRADUATE ESSAY PRIZE

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS FOR 2016 COMPETITION

The Society for the Social History of Medicine (SSHM) invites submissions to its 2016 SSHM Undergraduate Prize Competition.

Up to six prizes will be awarded for the best unpublished original research essays in the social history of medicine. We will consider two groups of undergraduate students, (1) humanities and social science students, and (2) medical, healthcare and allied science students. Up to THREE prizes will be awarded to each group. The winners will be awarded £100.00 each. The winning entries may also be published on the Society’s website. Winning entries from previous years are here: https://sshmedicine.wordpress.com/undergraduate-essay-prize-blogs/

Eligible candidates are undergraduate students, part-time or full-time, in the humanities and social sciences, or medicine, healthcare and allied sciences. All candidates must be SSHM members or submit an application to join the Society for the Social History of Medicine by the date of submission. The membership requirement may be waived for residents of developing countries, as listed on the OUP website.

The essay competition is open to those registered as undergraduate students as of the deadline for submission of entries and for those students who have been awarded their undergraduate degree in 2016.
Essays must be unpublished, written in English, 3,000-5,000 words in length (including footnotes), and in conformity with the basic bibliographic conventions of our journal, Social History of Medicine.

If you are interested, please consult the competition rules on the SSHM website, where you can also find a submission form: https://sshmedicine.wordpress.com/portfolio/prizes/

Candidates who are uncertain as to whether they are eligible to enter the competition may want to contact the Membership Secretary: Dr Catherine Cox, School of History and Archives, John Henry Newman Building, Belfield, Dublin 4, Ireland. Email: catherine.cox@ucd.ie.

### SSHM UNDERGRADUATE ESSAY PRIZE 2015: WINNER’S BLOG.

The winner of our undergraduate essay prize (2015) has written a blog based on their prize-winning essay.

**Emma Jacobs, ‘The Evolving Functions and Roles of the Bristol and Dudley Dispensaries, 1888-1914’**.

You can find the blog on the SSHM website: https://sshmedicine.wordpress.com/undergraduate-essay-prize-blogs/

### CALLS FOR PAPERS

**JOINT ATLANTIC SEMINAR FOR THE HISTORY OF MEDICINE**

**The New York Academy of Medicine**

**September 30-October 1, 2016**

Columbia University, Princeton University, and The New York Academy of Medicine, are pleased to host the 14th Joint Atlantic Seminar for the History of Medicine on September 30 - October 1, 2016 in New York City. This year’s conference will take place at the New York Academy of Medicine.

JASMed is convened annually for the presentation of research by young scholars working on the history of medicine and public health. The meeting was founded in 2002 to foster a collegial intellectual community that provides a forum for sharing and critiquing graduate research.

We welcome student presentations on any topic and time period and especially hope to receive submissions that speak to this year’s theme of *Organizing Medicine*. Broadly conceived, this theme directs our attention to the ways medical professionals, health care providers, patients, and broader publics have sought to organize and re-organize the training, practice, regulation, and delivery of medical care. Additionally, the theme highlights the intersections of health, health care, and social justice, including the place of gender, race, sexuality, and disability in health movements. A focus on health-related organizing invites us to consider new perspectives on public and community health, professionalism in medicine, ethics, patient care, conceptualizations of rights, and historical
experiences of who participates in medicine.

We encourage submissions from a wide range of scholarly disciplines and are eager to hear new voices in the history of medicine and allied fields. Abstracts should be no more than 300 words and clearly convey the argument, sources, and relationship to existing literature of the paper to be presented. Please submit an abstract no later than June 10, 2016 to: https://jashistofmed.wordpress.com/

Registration for the conference is free and is open until September 1, 2016. If you have any questions, please be in touch via email at jashistofmed@gmail.com. We look forward to welcoming you to New York this fall!

Caitlin McMahon and Wangui Muigai
On behalf of 2016 JAS Med Organizing Committee

MEDICINE AND MODERNITY IN ASIA:
THE EIGHTH MEETING OF THE ASIAN SOCIETY FOR THE HISTORY OF MEDICINE

Academia Sinica, Taiwan
September 30 - October 1, 2016.

Medicine has played a crucial role in constituting modernity. The history of the establishment of modern medicine and the emergence of modernity involved not only encounters with Western medicine that were often accompanied by imperialism and colonialism but also reformed traditional practice and the recovery of medical heritage in response to the challenge of modern biomedicine. It also raises the questions regarding whether there was an “alternative” modernity in the flourishing and innovative medical cultures of various Asian countries during the early modern period. The conference intends to explore this rich and complex history. We would particularly welcome papers that address the following issues: 1. The introduction of Western medicine to Asia and its relationship to trade, war, colonialism, Christian missions, and international health organizations. 2. The connection between the rise of modern medicine and the establishment of the modern state. 3. The invention of medical traditions that involves the recovery of forgotten medical heritages, reform of traditional practices, or the hybridization of Western and traditional medicine. 4. The ways in which medicine informed modern ideas and the novel experiences of gender, body, social norms, and life expectations. 5. The role of the historiography of medicine in shaping the ideas of modernity.

Guidelines for Submission:
Panels and individual papers are both welcomed. Proposals (title and an English abstract of no more than 400 words) and a copy of the author/organizer’s curriculum vitae should be sent by electronic mail to the ASHM Executive Secretary by May 15, 2016. ASHM reserves the right to bring review suggestion to panel organizers. Those whose proposals are accepted will be informed by June 10, 2016, and full papers (no more than 10 pages in English) should be sent to the Executive Secretary by August 31, 2016. The Society unfortunately cannot offer travel expense due to budget constraints, while subsidies for accommodation for participants could possibly be arranged based on need and available budget. Participants are encouraged to apply for support from
your home departments or institutions.
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ashm/ch_lectures.htm

INTERNATIONAL NETWORK FOR THE
HISTORY OF HOSPITALS: BEAUTY AND
THE HOSPITAL IN HISTORY

Malta, 6–8 April 2017

Hosted by the Mediterranean Institute at
the University of Malta, and the
University of Warwick

Beauty, and its perceived absence or loss,
has been a part of hospital experiences,
therapies, and planning throughout
history. This conference aims to shed new
light onto the history of beauty and health
by exploring the subjective concepts of
beauty, ‘normality’, and their opposites
within and around the hospital. This
eleventh INHH conference will consider
the relationship between beauty and the
hospital in history through an examination
of five key themes.
These themes and questions are by no
means exhaustive, however, and we
encourage the submission of abstracts that
discuss other aspects of beauty and the
hospital in history in innovative ways.

Key Themes and Questions to be
Explored:
1. The Arts and the Hospital:
2. Landscape and Environment:
3. Restoring Beauty:
4. Patient and Staff Experiences:
5. Beauty and the Senses:

More information about these themes is
available on the INHH website:
https://inhh1.wordpress.com/conferences/

The Advisory Board of the INHH, as
organisers of this conference, wish to
invite proposals for 20 minute papers
which address the conference theme.
Potential contributors are asked to bear in
mind that engagement with the theme of
beauty and the hospital will be a key
criterion in determining which papers are
accepted onto the programme.

Abstracts should be a maximum of 300
words in length, in English and
accompanied by a brief author biography
of no more than 200 words. Proposals
should be sent to beauty.inhh@gmail.com
by 15 May 2016.

As with previous INHH conferences, it is
intended that an edited volume of the
conference papers will be published.
Submissions are particularly encouraged
from researchers who have not previously
given a paper at an INHH conference.

Upon provision of full receipts, we hope to
be able to support attendance at this
conference, particularly for postgraduates
and early career researchers. Speakers will
be asked to make use of alternative
sources of funding where these are
available. Any queries may be directed to
beauty.inhh@gmail.com.
BRITISH SOCIETY FOR THE HISTORY OF PHARMACY LECTURE: “HENRY WELLCOME, PHARMACIST”

Monday 23 May 2016, 5:30pm with refreshments from 5:00pm

Venue: Royal Pharmaceutical Society, 66-68 East Smithfield, London E1W 1AW

Speaker: Ross MacFarlane, Research Engagement Officer, Wellcome Library

Arguably more recognised now for his collecting activities and his philanthropic interests, Henry Wellcome was first and foremost a pharmacist. This talk will aim to look at Wellcome’s life through the lens of his business career, yet show that untangling the differing strands of his life can be a complicated process. Drawing upon a range of primary material, I will seek to illustrate the development of his career and draw out some little-known details of his business life.

EVENTS AT THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF NURSING

RCN Library and Heritage Centre, 20 Cavendish Square, London, W1G 0RN

Joyous and deliberate motherhood: birth control nursing in the Marie Stopes Mothers Clinic, 1921-1931.
26th May 2016 17:30

The RCN wasn’t the only women’s campaign in the early twentieth century. In 1925, Marie Stopes’ Mothers’ Clinic, the first family planning clinic in Britain, moved from its original site in Holloway Road to Whitfield Street, close to Cavendish Square. Pauline Brand speaks about the unique work undertaken by the nurses in the clinic.
Cost: Free | Open to all. Refreshments provided.

The Northern Powerhouse: Cottontown Nurses who shaped the Profession
8th June 2016 17:30

Ethel Bedford Fenwick (née Manson) was a probationer at Manchester Royal Infirmary in 1878. In 1907, Margaret Sparshott was appointed Matron. Although not overlapping, the two met on the stage that shaped the nursing profession. Fenwick's outspoken views often set her in opposition to the College, while Sparshott was a committed supporter who became President in 1930. In this talk, former RCN President Dame Betty Kershaw will talk about their lives, along with those who came later, including Lucy Duff Grant, Jean McFarlane and Maude Storey.
Cost: Free | Open to all. Refreshments provided.
Prevention and Mental Illness
Much historical and contemporary thought about mental health and psychiatry has resolved around the concept of treatment. Both historians and the public have long been attracted to the myriad ways in which psychiatrists, employing everything from moral therapy and psychoanalysis to lobotomy and psychopharmacology, have attempted to treat the mentally ill. But this fascination overshadows another equally important and increasingly relevant theme in the history of mental health: prevention. Not only has the history of preventive psychiatry been an unappreciated aspect of the history of twentieth-century mental health history, but prevention has also attracted renewed attention in recent years, as rates of mental illness continue to escalate and as a host of parties have raised concerns about various forms of treatment.

Preventing Mental Illness: Past, Present and Future provides an opportunity for both historians and mental health practitioners to share both their insights about the history and current and state of preventive psychiatry, and their ambitions about how mental health policy and practice might be changed to become more preventive. The event will begin on the morning of the 2nd of June with a witness seminar featuring six psychiatrists who have engaged with the idea of preventive psychiatry from the 1960s onwards.

The participants in the witness seminar will include:
Dr H. Gordon Clark, SelectPsych
Dr Tom Harrison, University of Birmingham
Professor Sir Robin Murray, Kings College London
Dr Michael Smith, Associate Lead Director, Mental Health Services, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde
Professor Eliot Sorel, George Washington University
Professor John Talbott, University of Maryland

Following the witness seminar and lunch, we will proceed with a history conference lasting until late afternoon on the 3rd of June, and featuring many leading mental health history experts. The conference will explore themes ranging from eugenics and spirituality to socioeconomic inequality and Freudianism, considering mental health and psychiatry in regions including the UK, North America, Japan and the former Yugoslavia.

Confirmed speakers include:
Mr Fred Cooper, Professor Elizabeth Danto, Dr Dennis Doyle, Professor Erika Dyck, Dr David Freis, Dr Matthew Gambino, Dr Chris Harding, Ms Erin Lux, Dr Sarah Marks, Dr Ed Ramsden, Dr Lucas Richert, Dr Mat Saveli, Professor Matthew Smith and Professor Eli Zaretsky.
Preventing Mental Illness: Past, Present and Future has been made possible due to the generous funding of the AHRC (Early Career Fellowship) and the Wellcome Trust (Small Award).

For more information, contact Matthew Smith at m.smith@strath.ac.uk

DEATH, ART & ANATOMY CONFERENCE

University of Winchester
June 3-6, 2016

An interdisciplinary conference exploring the intersections between death, art and anatomy, by bringing together art historians, medical historians, and practising artists.

For more details, visit the conference website: http://carvedcadavers.wix.com/daaconference

SYMPOSIUM ON THE ENIGMA OF MARIE STOPE, PALAEONTOLOGIST AND BIRTH CONTROL PIONEER

University of Manchester, U.K.
23 June 2016

In 1904 Marie Carmichael Stopes, the youngest D.Sc in the country, was the first woman to be appointed to the Science Faculty at the University of Manchester. We view the specimens collected by her in the Manchester Museum. However, it was not her research in palaeontology that caused controversy but rather her position as a sexual revolutionary. After her first marriage was annulled she explored women's sexual relations in marriage and their right to control their fertility. Marie pioneered the formation of birth control clinics in working class areas. This was regarded by militant suffragettes, such as Lady Constance Lytton, as a continuation of their struggle.

Throughout her life Marie courted controversy and it is sometimes difficult to disentangle fact from the fiction that she created about herself. This international Symposium draws together leading experts from a variety of different disciplines to investigate 'the real Marie Stopes'. In the last decade there has been much original research. We are privileged to have as a speaker one of the few remaining people who knew Marie personally.

The Symposium will also explore controversial issues, such as Marie's membership of the Eugenics Society and why she wrote to Hitler.

Key note Speaker: Dr Stephanie Green, Griffith University

Distinguished speakers include:
- Dr Mary Stopes-Roe.
- Dr David Gelsthorpe, University of Manchester Museum.
- Dr Clare Debenham, University of Manchester.
- Dr Lesley Hall, Wellcome Library Research Fellow.

The Symposium is open to both academics and members of the general public. It is free but advance booking essential as places are limited.

To book a place please email: info@symposiummanchester.com
DIETARY INNOVATION AND DISEASE IN THE NINETEENTH AND TWENTIETH CENTURIES
San Servolo Island, Venice
8-10 June 2016

Gluten is seen as such a threat to health by some that foods that have never contained gluten are advertised as being ‘gluten-free’. In a range of popular health books and blogs, gluten has been linked to autism, depression, Alzheimer’s, multiple sclerosis, diabetes and some skin diseases.

The link between dietary innovation and disease, both perceived and real, is nothing new, of course. From deficiency diseases to food intolerances, the nineteenth and twentieth centuries witnessed numerous innovations in food production, preparation and consumption that impacted on health. What are the economics and politics of dietary change? What are the health risks?

This international conference on Dietary Innovation and Disease aims to unpack these current concerns by historicising and contextualising the relationship between dietary change and health in the past.

This conference is being organised as part of the research project ‘Rough Skin: Maize, Pellagra and Society in Italy, 1750-1930’, PI Professor David Gentilcore, and is funded by the Economic and Social Research Council.

Organisers: David Gentilcore (School of History and Centre for Medical Humanities, University of Leicester) and Matthew Smith (Department of History and Centre for the Social History of Health and Healthcare, University of Strathclyde)

Conference website: https://dietaryinnovation.com/

MAKING MICROBES COMPLEX
7 – 9 July 2016
School of History, Queen Mary University of London

The modern scientific notion of emerging infectious diseases rests on the notion that microbial pathogens reside in ecological niches in equilibrium states and that it is the disturbance of these harmonious natural environments that trigger epidemics. But where did this modern, bio-ecological understanding of infectious disease come from, and who were the medical researchers and scientific networks responsible for the integration of these perspectives into medical microbiology and public health?

Building on the work of J. Andrew Mendelsohn, Warwick Anderson and others, this three-day workshop and conference at Queen Mary University London will bring together historians of medicine and the allied sciences to explore the neglected contributions of medical researchers who advanced a more dynamic view of health and disease in the early and middle decades of the 20th century.
In the process we hope to shed light on the origins of modern ideas of disease ecology and illuminate current scientific debates around antibiotic resistance and the genesis of epidemics such as Ebola and Zika. Indeed, the workshop is predicated on the belief that an historical inquiry into the origins of modern ideas of disease ecology will illuminate the way that science and policy first interacted in this context and provide a more comprehensive understanding of why it is that the modern practices of disease control and global health are crafted in the way they are.

For full information including venue and booking details, visit: www.history.qmul.ac.uk/news-and-events/event/making-microbes-complex.

RELIGION AND MEDICINE: HEALING THE BODY AND SOUL FROM THE MIDDLE AGES TO THE MODERN DAY

Birkbeck, University of London, 15-16 July 2016

Convenors: Katherine Harvey, John Henderson and Carmen Mangion

In the contemporary Western world, religion and medicine are increasingly separated, but through much of history they have been closely interrelated. This relationship has been characterised by some conflict, but also by a great deal of cooperation. Religious perspectives have informed both the understanding of and approaches to health and sickness, whilst religious personnel have frequently been at the forefront of medical provision. Religious organisations were, moreover, often at the heart of the response to medical emergencies, and provided key healing environments, such as hospitals and pilgrimage sites.

This conference will explore the relationship between religion and medicine in the historic past, ranging over a long chronological framework and a wide geographical span.

For more information see the conference website: https://religionandmedicine.wordpress.com/ or follow on Twitter: @RelMedConf2016

VOICES OF MADNESS

Centre for Health Histories, University of Huddersfield
15th-16th Sept 2016

In the thirty years since Roy Porter called on historians to lower their gaze so that they might better understand patient-doctor roles in the past, historians have sought to place the voices of previously, silent, marginalised and disenfranchised individuals at the heart of their analyses.

Contemporaneously, the development of service user groups and patient consultations have become an important feature of the debates and planning related to current approaches to prevention, care and treatment. The aim of this conference is to further explore and reveal how the
voices of people with experience of mental illness have been recorded and expressed. We hope to consider recent developments in these areas with a view to facilitating an interdisciplinary discourse around historical perspectives of mental health and illness.

For more information contact Dr Rob Ellis (r.ellis@hud.ac.uk), Dr Sarah Kendal (s.kendal@hud.ac.uk) or Dr Steven Taylor (s.taylor@hud.ac.uk).

POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL HUMANITIES CONFERENCE 2016
University of Exeter
28-29 July 2016

Following on from the success of preceding Postgraduate Medical Humanities Conferences in 2014 and 2015, this interdisciplinary conference aims to reflect the broad and vibrant research of the medical humanities by bringing together postgraduate researchers from across the field.

The conference will enable postgraduates to exchange ideas and share their work in a welcoming and stimulating environment, providing the opportunity to discuss their research with scholars working from a range of perspectives.

More details will be available on the conference webpage: http://humanities.exeter.ac.uk/history/research/centres/medicalhistory/newsandevents/conferences/events/

Searching for a Solution: Digitising Chemist and Druggist

Consisting of 150 years of articles, editorials and advertisements related to the pharmaceutical trade, Chemist and Druggist recently became our first journal fully digitised through our digitisation programme. The run of the journal covers a diversity of approaches to health and treatment from the mid-19th to the 21st century.

We photographed nearly 7,000 issues containing 535,000 pages of OCR (Optical Character Recognition) data, now all freely available for anyone to view and download by issue or page. In addition, you can search within a particular issue, either through the Library catalogue, or on the Internet Archive website.

The biggest challenge of this project was to enable searching across the entire 150 year run of the journal. But the sheer quantity of the Chemist and Druggist OCR data, all linked to the standard single catalogue record for the journal title, exceeded the maximum file size that our Library catalogue’s Java 6 environment could handle. We’re still working on a solution that will allow searching across the whole journal run. Understandably we’re all frustrated at the delay.

In the meantime we’ve been looking for alternative ways to search the whole journal. I noticed that Google indexes all the OCR data for every work on the Internet Archive website. This means that by creating a custom search for the site – the equivalent of a local google search box – and limiting it to select only pages with a url containing our unique identifier for Chemist and Druggist we could have a word search across all the Chemist and Druggist pages on the Internet Archive.
site. By appending .txt to the search I was able to limit the search to just full text OCR.

From there it was just a case of finding the optimal layout to display as many results as possible – Google limits results to just 10 pages regardless of how many results are on each page.

The custom site is not pretty and the output is fairly crude, but at least you can identify instances of a keyword or phrase across the whole run of the journal. There are limitations:

- You can’t search within a date range
- The results don’t link to the digitised page where the text occurs, but to the OCR text for the page (hence the crude output)

What it does give you is the context of your search terms in the full text and details of the issues they were found in. Although you then have to go back to the Wellcome Library website and find the issue to see the original digitised page, the process works. (Colleagues who’ve tried it say it’s especially good at tracking down names of people, brands and businesses across the issues and years or for providing clues for where to start researching a topic).

Why not give it a go, and let us know what you think. Your comments and suggestions might just help us solve the catalogue search problem as well.

Damian Nicolau

Full Michael Ashburner Archive catalogued

Now available for research is the archive (Library ref: PP/MIA) of Michael Ashburner, one of the key figures in the development of genomics and bioinformatics in the late twentieth century.

The Ashburner archive is the most comprehensive genomics archive held by Wellcome Library. It documents an entire career, from Ashburner’s initial research after graduation from the University of Cambridge in 1964 to his later genome sequencing and bioinformatics work in the 1990s and 2000s.

The collection includes:

- 123 lab notebooks dating from 1963 to 1996
- extensive research files that show Ashburner’s interest in Drosophila, including species crossing, polytene chromosome puffing, the ADH (alcohol dehydrogenase) region.
- Files on the European Drosophila Genome Project (EDGP), along with subsequent work and publications produced after the sequence was published in March 2000.
- papers regarding the development of FlyBase, an online Drosophila melanogaster bioinformatics database launched in 1992 and co-founded by Ashburner
- an extraordinary number of conference and meeting papers giving an excellent illustration of the scientific networks in existence in the late twentieth century, particularly during the 1990s.

The full catalogue provides one of the most comprehensive examples of a scientist’s professional papers held by the Library, given that the records span Ashburner’s entire career and document all aspects of his work. It should prove to be a goldmine for all sorts of research.

Victoria Sloyan
Papers of Cary Baynes – now open and available for research

The recently catalogued papers of translator Cary Baynes (Library ref. PP/CBA) provide an insight into the growth of Jungian thought in the 20th century. The archive provides a record of Baynes’s personal and professional activities from her early pre-Zurich days at the beginning of the 20th century up to her administrative correspondence in the late 1960s.

It consists primarily of correspondence, both administrative and personal, with the latter frequently giving insight into the development of her own ideas and of Jungian theories more generally.

Peter Judge

Fish fingers and the coal face: launching the Tavistock Institute archive blog

How do you organise the workplace so that it better reflects the needs of its workers? What do housewives think of fish fingers? How can psychology be used and applied to recruitment processes, to help get away from wearing-the-right-colour-tie biases and nepotism? How does environmental design impact crime levels? How do you make sense of group dynamics and how organisations develop and change?

These are just some of the diverse and difficult questions asked by a team of maverick and left-field social scientists at the Tavistock Institute of Human Relations (TIHR) over the course of the latter half of the 20th century. These questions, answers, dilemmas, and workings-through are all documented in the extensive 70 year archive of the Tavistock, which is currently in the process of being catalogued and made accessible as part of a two year collaborative project between TIHR and the Wellcome Library.

In the run-up to the Institute’s anniversary in 2017, we will be releasing over 300 boxes of previously-inaccessible material into the public domain, dating back to the Institute’s formation in the 1940s to the current day. Field notebooks, letters, reports, and working notes will all be opened up for researchers to make sense of, engage with, analyse and (re)interpret at the Wellcome Library.

For more information about the phased release of material, and about the project in general, please see the project blog: http://tihr-archive.tavinstute.org/ (Elena Carter (Tavistock Institute of Human Relations Archivist))

For regular updates on the work of the Wellcome Library, see our Blog (http://blog.wellcomelibrary.org/) or follow us on Twitter @WellcomeLibrary

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NEWS FROM CENTRES

CSHHH, GLASGOW

The Centre for the Social History of Health and Healthcare has enjoyed some funding success of late. Professor Jim Mills was awarded an Investigator Award (£1,000,000) to research ‘The Asian Cocaine Crisis: Pharmaceuticals, Consumers and Control in South and East Asia, c.1900-1945’. Focussing on India, China, the Philippines and Korea, this
The history of HIV/AIDS in English and Irish prisons

As part of the five-year Wellcome-funded project ‘Prisoners, Medical Care and Entitlement to Health in England and Ireland, 1850-2000’, a new strand of research is beginning at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. It focuses on responses to HIV/AIDS in prisons in England and Ireland from the early 1980s onwards, and is led by Professor Virginia Berridge working with Dr Janet Weston.

This project will look at debates over harm reduction strategies, such as the provision of condoms and clean needles within prisons, the uses of isolation or segregation for people with HIV/AIDS, and concerns over confidentiality for prisoners and the safety of staff. It will consider whether HIV/AIDS was the catalyst for a greater acknowledgement of the rights of prisoner-patients, and for a more health-focused approach to prison medicine in both England and Ireland.

It joins existing strands of research within the project which examine mental illness in prisons, the role of prison doctors, juvenile and political prisoners, and more. For further details and updates please visit http://histprisonhealth.com or contact janet.weston@lshtm.ac.uk.
FORTHCOMING EVENTS AT CHIPH

Seminar: ‘The plague of modern society’: newspapers and popular understanding of stress in late twentieth-century Britain

Jill Kirby, University of Sussex
Wednesday, 11th May 2016, 12.45 – 2.00
Bennett Room, Keppel St Building

This paper will discuss the popular discourse of stress in the late twentieth century by examining representation of the concept in a selection of national newspapers and in personal accounts of stress from the Mass Observation Project. In doing so, it illustrates continuity and change in the ways stress was both gendered and associated with social status. The analysis also reveals how certain categories of worker became particularly associated with the condition and examines what the public and private discourses of stress can tell us about changing attitudes not just to work but to the rapidly evolving economic and social context of Britain at the end of the twentieth century.

Public Health History Walk: ‘Square Histories’ Wednesday, 25th May 2016, 5.15 pm. The walk starts from LSHTM, Keppel Street building.

Bloomsbury is famous for its pioneers – but what about their partners and friends? Explore the locations and stories of those who shaped public health history and their sometimes long suffering companions on this walk through the great architecture and squares of the area.

The walk will be led by Dr Ros Stanwell-Smith, a Public Health Consultant who is also a Blue Badge Guide. Each walk is free.

Booking is essential as numbers are limited (20 places). If you would like to participate, please book with Ingrid James: Tel: 020 7927 – 2434 or email ingrid.james@lshtm.ac.uk

EXHIBITION

VACCINATION: MEDICINE AND THE MASSES

19 April - 17 September 2016
Qvist Gallery, Hunterian Museum, London.
Open Tuesday-Saturday 10am-5pm. Free.

From our early days to our advancing years vaccination is a routine part of healthcare in Britain. Nationwide vaccination programmes for everything from whooping cough to the HPV virus help prevent us from getting sick and vaccination is being used to fight an increasing number of diseases. However there has also been a long history of resistance to state sponsored programmes of vaccination.

This exhibition charts the ever-changing relationship between the medical profession and the public through this controversial topic, highlighting the contributions of laypeople to the development of vaccination as well as the ways in which the public have resisted its use.

This exhibition and its supporting events are part of the Constructing Scientific Communities project and have been generously supported by the Arts and Humanities Research Council:

For more information, see: http://www.rcseng.ac.uk/museums/hunterian/exhibitions
Run by the research team of the Cultural History of the NHS project at the University of Warwick, The People’s History of the NHS (http://peopleshistorynhs.org/) website allows members of the public to help the team research what the NHS means and how it has shaped our lives since its creation.

The MyNHS members’ area is the main tool for collecting and sharing memories that members submit. The People’s Encyclopedia will contain short entries on ‘a variety of everyday, overlooked and eccentric subjects’. Entries draw on the team’s research, as well as responding to suggestions. The website also host a Virtual Museum of objects, images and artefacts, and again welcomes contributions from the public.

“The website will be the home for a truly collaborative history, a place for debate, and a venue for fresh thinking about what the NHS has meant.”
- Mathew Thomson

The website includes a blog reflecting on the project’s progress and the team’s findings.

You can also follow the project on Twitter: @NHSHistory

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ELECTIONS TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE SSHM

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Elections to the Executive Committee of the SSHM are held at the Annual General Meeting which, in 2016, will take place on 8 July, during the SSHM ‘Medicine in its Place’ conference, 7-10 July 2016. Any queries should be directed to the SSHM Secretary, Dr Rosemary Wall, r.wall@hull.ac.uk

Nomination forms must be received by Dr Wall by 24 June 2016. An editable version of the form is available at https://sshmedicine.wordpress.com/portfolio/the-society/
The 2-page forms can be signed and then scanned and emailed to r.wall@hull.ac.uk with hard copies to follow in the post to Dr Rosemary Wall, Department of History, Larkin Building, University of Hull, Cottingham Road, HULL, HU6 7RX, United Kingdom.

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I confirm that I am currently a member of the Society for the Social History of Medicine, and was also a member in 2015

Proposed by:
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I accept nomination for election to the Executive Committee

Candidate’s signature and date:
Please explain below why you are interested in becoming a member of the Executive Committee of the Society for the Social History of Medicine. The form must remain as two pages. Please use Calibri font size 11.

We are expecting two roles to be available from July 2016 – Gazette Editor and Career Development Officer. You may wish to discuss your suitability for one of these roles.