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Frontispiece to Maurice de Toulon, 'Trait de la peste', Geneva 1721, vol I.
Wellcome Library no. 10075iTHE
Dear readers,

We hope you are keeping well during this strange and anxious time.

As a society the SSHM has been working on initiatives in response to the COVID-19 pandemic of which you will find details in this issue. We are also sad to announce that our planned biennial conference has now been postponed until 24-26 June 2021. Our SSHM AGM will take place in London on 1 September 2020 and you may attend virtually via Zoom.

Please feel free to send on any information for inclusion in the July edition of the Gazette to me at L.e.kelly@strath.ac.uk by the end of June. If you have any suggestions for how the SSHM can work to help historians of medicine during this period or wish to alert us to resources/notices of new event dates for inclusion in the next issue, please do get in touch.

Laura Kelly, Editor
Nomination forms must be received by Friday 21st August. An editable version of the form is available at https://sshm.org/portfolio/the-society/

Any queries should be directed to the SSHM Secretary, Dr Victoria Bates, victoria.bates@bristol.ac.uk. The 2-page forms can be signed and then scanned and emailed to sshmexecsec@gmail.com.

COVID-19 & SSHM

We have been working on and discussing a few initiatives in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, conscious of the importance of looking at past epidemics and pandemics, and how to preserve records of the pandemic for historians and others to use for reflections and research in the future.

HISTORY OF EPIDEMICS RESOURCES

We have established a reading list on our website - https://sshm.org/portfolio/history-of-epidemics-resources and if you would like us to add another relevant item, please get in touch with our Webmaster, Anne Hanley, a.hanley@bbk.ac.uk

HISTORIANS’ REACTIONS TO COVID-19

We are collating a list of historians’ contributions to the debates about COVID-19 as a further resource. Look out for this on our website, and contact Anne Hanley if you have any ideas for additions - https://sshm.org/portfolio/history-of-epidemics-public-engagement/

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The Wellcome Collection are focusing their efforts on ethical, collaborative and considered collecting. In the spirit of this, they have set up a slack channel to facilitate communication between those who have expressed an interest in ethical COVID-19 collecting.

The space is intended to be friendly, non-hierarchical and inclusive to all. While many in this group may represent heritage institutions, such as libraries, archives and museums, the forum is opened up to all who are interested in engaging with issues relating to collecting during a global pandemic. As such, participants acknowledge we are more than a sum of our parts, acknowledging the distributed network of collections in the UK and worldwide, to ensure a joined-up, sensitive, and responsible approach to contemporary collecting.

To join the slack channel, please follow this link: https://join.slack.com/t/documentingcovid19/shared_invite/zt-df27wfias-dNjLNgncT2Ee7pW9Ea4HvNQ

Please add channels for particular topics you’d like to discuss, share documents, arrange virtual meetings ... hope we can all use this as an opportunity to learn from each other and work collaboratively and sensitively.

In addition, a survey has been created to collate institutional and individual collecting efforts. The results of the survey are open and can be viewed instantly,
allowing individuals to find people with shared interests and concerns to contact directly. To participate and view the growing directory, please follow this link: https://forms.gle/t6QCQyiTTPlqncq6

**SHM VIRTUAL ISSUE**

**SOCIAL HISTORY OF MEDICINE VIRTUAL ISSUE FOR 50TH ANNIVERSARY**

The Co-Editors of *SHM*, Christoph Gradmann, Trish Skinner and Dora Vargha, are currently planning a very special Virtual Issue for the Society’s 50th birthday. We have invited 12 of our previous Chairs to pick their favourite article and book review, with a brief note as to the reasons for their choices, and already the submissions are coming in. We hope to have the VI live this summer, so keep visiting the journal’s web pages.

Now we’d be interested to hear from YOU, the members. What has been YOUR standout article since subscribing to *SHM*? What book reviewed in the journal has been influential in your own work? Vote by sending your choice/s in an email, headed ‘People’s Choice’, to sshmexecsec@gmail.com

We look forward to hearing from you!

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Social Histories of Medicine is concerned with all aspects of health, illness and medicine, from prehistory to the present, in every part of the world. The series covers the circumstances that promote health or illness, the ways in which people experience and explain such conditions, and what, practically, they do about them. Practitioners of all approaches to health and healing come within its scope, as do their ideas, beliefs, and practices, and the social, economic and cultural contexts in which they operate. Methodologically, the series welcomes relevant studies in social, economic, cultural, and intellectual history, as well as approaches derived from other disciplines in the arts, sciences, social sciences and humanities. The series is a collaboration between Manchester University Press and the Society for the Social History of Medicine.

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You can find out about the series, about submitting proposals, or to purchase books at www.manchesteruniversitypress.co.uk/series/social-histories-of-medicine

Below are details of the next forthcoming book in the series.

**GLOBAL HEALTH AND THE NEW WORLD ORDER: HISTORICAL AND ANTHROPOLOGICAL APPROACHES TO**
This book proposes an encompassing view of the transition from international public health to global health, bringing together historians and anthropologists exploring the relationship between knowledge, practices and policies. Historical and anthropological studies of the governance of health outside Europe and North America leave us with two gaps. The first is a temporal gap between the historiography of international public health through the 1970s and the numerous current anthropological studies of global health. The second gap originates in problems of scale. Macro-inquiries of institutions and politics abound, as do micro-investigations of local configurations. The book interrogates these gaps through an engagement between the disciplines, the harnessing of concepts (circulation, scale, transnationalism) that cross both domains, and the selection of four domains of interventions and globalisation: tuberculosis, mental health, medical genetics and traditional (Asian) medicines.

IT’S OUR BIRTHDAY! – GIVE US A PRESENT! HELP US RAISE £500!

These lovely, limited-edition 3cm commemorative badges were ordered for sale at the SSHM 2020 conference, which has of course been postponed to 2021. So we’re operating a mail-order service so that you can wear yours with pride this year!

Simply place an order by sending an email to sshmexecsec@gmail.com headed 'Badge' stating how many you’d like and where you’d like it/them sent to.
Please do not quote any card details or other payment information in your order.

If you are a UK taxpayer we'd like to give you a badge free of charge and invite you to make a donation (minimum £5) and Gift Aid it using the form that we’ll send you. (If you want more than one, increase your donation accordingly!)

If you are not a UK taxpayer, or prefer not to sign a Gift Aid form, the cost will be £5 per badge including P&P to anywhere.

Please note that due to the Covid-19 lockdown, all orders will be fulfilled later this year, but you are encouraged to order this unique commemorative piece early as they are sure to run out!

All proceeds will go towards supporting the Society’s bursary and conference funds, helping PGRs, ECRs and those dealing with precarity in the most practical fashion.

The Knowledge Exchange Partnership between De Partu (History of Childbirth Research Group) and The Oxford Research Centre in the Humanities is (re)organising a study day on the theme of 'The Senses and Sensitivity: Caring for Women in Pregnancy and Childbirth (1500-2020)’. It is designed to bring together practitioners (midwives, doctors and all other care providers), historians, curators and archivists to discuss the importance of the senses and sensitivity. Speakers include Professor Karen Hearn (UCL), curator of the prematurely-closed exhibition ‘Portraying Pregnancy’, who will be revisiting the exhibition through PowerPoint, while other presentations will focus on the senses, in particular on therapeutic use of the hands in midwifery (Dr Janette Allotey, University of Manchester), the sense of smell in early modern midwifery (Professor Valerie Worth-Stylianou, University of Oxford), and on findings from oral history (Professor Billie Hunter, Cardiff University). The day will also include a presentation reflecting the raison d’être for the establishment of our venue, the Foundling Hospital, London’s first home for babies whose mothers were unable to care for them: "Anxiously throwing a veil over their circumstances ...": unmarried mothers at the Edinburgh Royal Maternity Hospital, 1844-1914’ (Dr Alison Nuttall, Edinburgh University). An opportunity to see the Foundling Museum’s summer exhibition on early childhood will be included if possible. For further details, please contact Dr Janette Allotey (alloteyjanette@gmail.com), or Professor Valerie Worth-Stylianou (valerie.worth@trinity.ox.ac.uk).

THE SENSES AND SENSITIVITY CONFERENCE

THE SENSES AND SENSITIVITY: CARING FOR WOMEN IN PREGNANCY AND CHILDBIRTH (1500-2020)

Date: Saturday 25 July 2020 (postponed from 14 March 2020)

Venue: The Foundling Museum, 40 Brunswick Square London WC1N 1AZ
The deadline for the consultation has been extended to noon, 29 May 2020, and SSHM will be submitting a response in advance of that time. We will be using the information collated in the survey which was compiled last year for the cOAlition S consultation. Please get in touch with Rosemary Cresswell - r.b.cresswell@hull.ac.uk if you have any more thoughts which are relevant. The consultation information is located here –
https://www.ukri.org/funding/information-for-award-holders/open-access/open-access-review/
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