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WELCOME TO THE GAZETTE

Dear readers,

We hope you are doing well. There is a lot to report in this issue. First of all, it was decided during our last AGM that the *Gazette* will remain in its digital format going forward.

We would like to remind members to sign up for our **Mailchimp mailing list** – this is especially important for new members. You can sign up [here](#).

As you know, our back issues of the *Gazette* are online on our [website](#). We are also in the process of digitising old issues of the *SHM Bulletin*. Please contact the Society if you have specific requests.

We are also currently looking for an Executive Secretary to join our team. Please see the advert on page 4. The deadline is **11 November**.

Our Roy Porter Prize competition is also now open with a deadline of February 2021.

In exciting news, as part of our 50th anniversary celebrations, we have set up our own YouTube [channel](#) where we have uploaded our [50th anniversary video](#) and [first COVID-19 webinar](#). More details on page 6.

Please feel free to send on any information for inclusion in the January edition of the *Gazette* to me at L.e.kelly@strath.ac.uk by the end of December.

Laura Kelly, Editor

strong turnout of 30 people for our first ever online AGM. We thank those who came along and encourage members to continue to attend our AGMs to give us feedback and to ask questions.

Our Chair, Rosemary Cresswell, welcomed everybody to the AGM and thanked them for giving their time in such a busy year. The meeting started with a chair's report that explained the purpose of the AGM and its trustees' report: as a charity SSHM is required to present our accounts and a trustees' report to members each year, and these form the basis of our annual submission to the Charity Commission. Although this was the AGM for 2019, the chair's report also drew attention to the fact that 2020 is SSHM's 50th year. SSHM was planning a birthday party in Swansea at the biennial conference, and we hope very much to be in Swansea next year in some form.

Rosemary then summarised some of the main challenges for SSHM in 2019, particularly around Plan S. In 2019 SSHM submitted a reply to the Plan S consultation, summarising the results of a survey of members and other respondents. Society representatives met with organisations to discuss our members' views, including our journal publisher, Oxford University Press, the Wellcome Trust and the Royal Historical Society. With Plan S creating an uncertain future for our income, it is essential that we maintain a healthy financial reserve in order to ensure the continuation of funding of charitable activities. Rosemary also thanked Patricia Skinner for her work as editor of the journal over the last six and a half years, and Vanessa Heggie for her editorship of the book reviews for five years, both of whom stood down in 2020: we welcome Ian Miller as our new book reviews editor, and Elma Brenner and Flurin Condrau as editors, expanding the size of our editorial team.

THE SSHM IN 2019

The Annual General Meeting for the Social History of Medicine was held online owing to continued Covid-19 restrictions, at 4pm on 1 September 2020. We had a

We then shared, discussed and signed off the trustees' report of the society's activities in 2019. Full details are available on the Charity Commission website, available at: <https://bit.ly/2HHIFwC>. These reports showed SSHM to be in good health, in terms of numbers of members, engagement with members and finances. 2020 has been an exceptional year due to COVID-19, with a number of conferences put on hold including SSHM 2020, but in 2019 the society funded a significant number of conferences and bursaries. It is anticipated that 2020 will show a lower spend but higher liabilities as bursaries awarded for the 2020 conference are used in 2021 instead.

Other matters of note from the trustees' report included the Roy Porter Prize announcement for 2019. This prize was first announced in July 2020 (the initial AGM date): Elizabeth Evens (UCL) is the 2019 Roy Porter Prize winner, with her essay 'Playboy Yearbooks and the backlash to women's increased presence in the U.S. medical schools'. Three others to receive recognition were: Helen Esfandiary (KCL), 'Nurture prevails more than nature': the role of preventative medicine in early modern child-rearing'; Sarah Murphy-Young (University of Leeds), 'The 'modern' chemist's window: material practice and professional advocacy in British retail pharmacy, 1920s-1930s'; and Kristin Brig (Johns Hopkins), 'The economics of sick cows: the use of cows for smallpox vaccine lymph production, 1870s-1900s'. Rebecca Wynter (Chair of the Roy Porter Prize Committee) expressed congratulations to Elizabeth, Helen, Kristin and Sarah: the SSHM team has offered to work with them to shape their essays for submission to be considered for the journal. Thanks were extended to those who served on the judging panel.

The trustees' annual report was approved without opposition by those at the meeting, and the Chair and Treasurer signed it for submission to the Charity Commission. EC members then gave further reports on and details of activities from the year, speaking to the pre-circulated reports. For details of EC members and their areas of responsibility see: <https://sshm.org/contact-us/>.

These reports showed the society to be very active over the course of 2019. Reports of note include those of the editorial teams for the journal and the book series: the journal had 190 submitted papers in 2019. In addition to the changes to the journal's editorial team, noted in the chair's report for 2020, the book series editors had formally welcomed Elaine Leong to the team in the 2019, a significant strength to reach out to early modern and medieval scholars. The book series also had a successful year in terms of publications in 2019, and the editors remind members that they welcome proposals from scholars at all career stages. A decision was approved at the AGM for *The Gazette* to remain digital, a decision that was made necessary by COVID-19 in 2020. Other reports were pre-circulated and noted, with questions welcomed from AGM attendees, including the Policy Officer's Report, the Postgraduate and Early Career Officer's Report and the EDI Officer's Report.

The SSHM Secretary then chaired nominations for Membership of the EC and Re-Elections:

- No members stepped down
- New EC members: Vanessa Heggie (served *ex Officio* until January 2020)
- Existing EC members for re-election: Claire Jones.

Both nominations passed by a majority, and the candidates were thanked for continuing their work for the Society. They are both elected for a three-year term.

There was an opportunity for SSHM members to ask questions or give feedback, before the meeting closed with a 50th anniversary badge competition. Rosemary Cresswell drew the winner of a year's membership for wearing their anniversary badge to the AGM: Carsten Timmermann. She also highlighted the 50th anniversary video, *SSH@50*, thanking Ben Brooks of Roehampton University for creating it. The video is live on SSHM's new YouTube channel: <https://sshm.org/portfolio/50th-video-and-youtube-channel/>.

Our next Annual General Meeting is scheduled for Friday 25 June 2021 during the SSHM conference in Swansea (rescheduled from 2020, TBC). During the AGM, we will be talking about our activities in 2020. The AGM is also the opportunity for SSHM members to provide us with feedback and suggestions.

Victoria Bates
SSHM Secretary



The Society for the Social History of Medicine invites applications for an Executive Secretary. Please note this role is on a self-employed basis, with no tax or NI liability to the Society.

The Executive Secretary provides administrative support to the Chair, Officers and Executive Committee members on an *ad hoc* basis equating to roughly half a day a week and invoiced on a quarterly basis at a flat rate

of £625 (£2,500 per annum). During the first three months, this will be paid monthly to allow for a flexible probation period for both SSHM and the successful applicant. The workload fluctuates during the year, and candidates must be able to manage their time and to work flexibly at peak times such as AGM preparation. In order to apply for the post, please submit a CV (no more than two pages) and maximum one-page (A4) cover letter to the SSHM Secretary Victoria Bates (victoria.bates@bristol.ac.uk) by **Wednesday 11 November**. Shortlisted candidates will be invited to a short online interview in mid-November, with the role starting 1st December. Informal enquiries about the role can be made to the current Executive Secretary, Patricia Skinner, at sshmexecsec@gmail.com.

Criteria for the role:

Essential

- High level of demonstrable experience using MS Office apps, especially Excel
- Excellent administration skills including taking of minutes, answering of email enquiries, compilation of committee papers.
- Ability to prioritise own work to specific deadlines with minimal supervision
- Ability to deal with enquiries and support committee members in an approachable and professional manner

Desirable

- Knowledge of the regulatory environment in which a charity operates
- Familiarity with/degree-level qualification in social history of medicine as a discipline / sympathies with the aims of the Society.
- Evidence of training in GDPR
- Elementary experience of financial accounting and report writing in a non-academic context

The candidate will need to be able to undertake the following core duties:

COMMITTEE SERVICING (supporting CHAIR and HONORARY SECRETARY)

- collating reports, producing agendas, routine minute-taking for up to 3 Executive Committee meetings p.a. plus AGM. Assisting Honorary Secretary to produce the Annual Report for the AGM by liaising with EC members.

EMAIL COMMUNICATIONS (supporting CHAIR and HONORARY SECRETARY)

- managing Society administrative email box 'sshmexecsec@gmail.com' for front-end enquiries to the Society
- directing emails to specific Officers or to OUP Membership support team if they cannot be dealt with routinely

DOCUMENTATION AND ARCHIVES (supporting CHAIR and HONORARY SECRETARY)

- maintaining the online sharing platform for Society business, sharing folders with Officers as necessary, archiving past Society business, ensuring security and compliance with GDPR
- creating and populating archive folders for each year as necessary

TREASURER SUPPORT

- receiving and collating ongoing applications to the Bursary fund, checking eligibility and making awards subject to the protocols agreed with the Treasurer; notifying applicants of outcome
- receiving and checking all claims and invoices to the Society and adding them to a spreadsheet for Treasurer to pay
- supporting the Treasurer in the preparation of annual accounts for the AGM as required
- supporting the Treasurer and Society Accountant in reclaiming Gift Aid on donations

CONFERENCE OFFICER SUPPORT

- receiving and collating applications to three rounds of the Conference Support fund each year, notifying applicants of outcome and maintaining a full list of applications and outcomes for reporting purposes

In addition, the following periodic activity will be required:

SSHM WEBPAGE (supporting Web Officer)

- routine monthly check of information and modest updating of factual info – Web Officer to direct larger-scale revamps/re-designs

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY SUPPORT

- maintaining the Society's GDPR-compliant account for member notifications and regularly publicising it on Society social media for members to subscribe
- circulating notifications drafted by Officers as required, including AGM and invitations for nomination to the Executive Committee

GAZETTE EDITOR SUPPORT

- forwarding contributions from award-holders and circulating calls for content as required by *Gazette* editor

ROY PORTER PRIZE SUPPORT

- supporting the Chair of the Prize Committee in updating annual advertisement of the Prize and circulating it
- receiving and checking eligibility of entries, notifying ineligible entrants
- anonymising entries and collating them into a Dropbox with associated entry list for the Prize Committee notifying unsuccessful entrants once winner and shortlisted entrants have been notified.

SSH M 50TH ANNIVERSARY ACTIVITIES

As part of our 50th anniversary activities, we have set up a new YouTube channel which can be accessed [here](#).

We have uploaded our [special 50th anniversary video](#) as well as our first [COVID-19 webinar](#) which features contributions from Michael Bresalier, Pratik Chakrabarti, Flurin Condrau, Rosemary Cresswell and Samiksha Sehrawat. It should be a useful teaching resource for many of you.

In addition, our new co-editors and chairs' choices 50th anniversary virtual issue of *SHM* is available online [here](#). In this 50th Anniversary Virtual Issue, the Co-Editors invited previous Chairs of the Society to select articles, and reviews of books, from the archives of *SHM*, that they considered to have been pivotal in the development of the discipline of social history of medicine. The articles in this celebratory Virtual Issue reflect some of those early aims and professional intersections, but also chart the dramatic changes in historical practice between the 1980s and now.

We also have a limited supply left of these lovely, limited-edition 3cm commemorative badges which 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.

 **ROY PORTER PRIZE**

2020 ROY PORTER STUDENT ESSAY PRIZE COMPETITION

The Society invites submissions to its 2020 Roy Porter Student Essay Prize Competition. One prize will be awarded for the best original, **unpublished** essay in the social history of medicine. The winner will be awarded **£500**. The winner and any shortlisted entrants may also be invited to submit to the journal, *Social History of Medicine*, subject to the usual reviewing procedures; the invitation comes with the benefit of mentoring. Enhancements to these existing awards are currently under consideration.

The deadline for receiving entries is 17:00 GMT on 1 February 2021.

Further information and the submission process can be found on our website: <https://sshm.org/portfolio/prizes/>.

 **EAHMH 2021 CONFERENCE**

The European Association for the History of Medicine and Health looks forward to welcoming you at its biennial meeting, in an online format this time, organized in cooperation with the Research Group Cultural History since 1750 at KU Leuven. Between September 7 and 10, scholars working in different fields will explore and discuss the theme of 'Faith, Medicine and Religion' in a historical perspective. The call for

papers can be found on the conference's website <https://kuleuvencongres.be/eahmh2021>.

Individual and panel submissions are due **30 January 2021**.

 **CFP: OLD AGE CARE IN TIMES OF CRISIS**

OLD AGE CARE IN TIMES OF CRISIS, PAST & PRESENT SYMPOSIUM 8-9 APRIL 2021, BIRKBECK & LSHTM, UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

Rarely in recent history has a global event such as the current pandemic brought care for older people into sharper focus. Now, as in the past, many struggle physically and/or mentally, due to a range of bio-psychosocial factors. The provision of care for older people has involved a host of actors from international agencies and NGOs, national and local governments, charities, campaigners, medical and care professionals, and, of course, families and community networks. What has happened to these endeavours, and to old age care as a whole, in times of crisis? Does crisis bring change – for better or worse – in the practices, ideas, cultures, laws, and structures surrounding care for older people?

In a two-day, cross-disciplinary symposium, we will consider how social care, medical treatment, and the rights of older people have been affected by major events such as war, pandemic, plague, famine, economic depression and austerity, industrialisation, political extremism, enslavement, colonialism, or environmental damage/collapse.

Reflections on old age care in times of crisis are welcome from any discipline across the humanities and social sciences at the symposium, which will be held over two afternoons BST on **8 and 9 April 2021**. For more information, please go to

Oldagecareintimesofcrisis.blogspot.com



The Menstruation Research Network has been awarded a grant from the Royal Society of Edinburgh to support research into the historical factors contributing to Scotland's watershed commitment to "end period poverty." The network is administratively based at the University of St Andrews.

The MRN was founded in 2019 to bring together experts from the sciences and humanities, NGOs, the arts, activists and campaigners, industry and the NHS in order to unify knowledge about medical, political, economic, psychological and cultural issues related to menstruation.

Our first year was funded by the Wellcome Trust, allowing us to host three conferences at Scottish universities on different topics related to menstruation (critical approaches, workplace issues, sports and girls). This year we are focusing on the history of menstruation.

Our main research question is: How did Ending Period Poverty become a policy in Scotland, and what historical factors are helping or hindering this campaign?

The ten scholars in the history research project are located at universities in Scotland, England, Russia and the USA.

To find out more, please visit our website: menstruationresearchnetwork.co.uk, and follow us on Twitter: @menstruationRN.



CSHHH SEMINAR SERIES

The Centre for the Social History of Health and Healthcare (CSHHH) runs a series of lectures throughout term time. This year, they will take place on Tuesdays from 4pm to 5.30pm via Zoom. The seminars are open to anyone who is interested: students, fellow academics and the wider public - all welcome. Further information is available from [Hannah Proctor](#). Places can be booked by emailing [Caroline Marley](#)

Tues 17 November, 4pm

'I am English': Loneliness and Melancholia in Elizabeth Taylor's Novels'

Dr Akshi Singh, Queen Mary, University of London (postdoctoral fellow working on British psychoanalytic theories of solitude and depression, as part of the Wellcome Trust project [Pathologies of Solitude](#)).

Tues 1 December, 4pm

'The history of trauma and refugee mental health in the Global South'

[Dr Yolana Pringle](#) (University of Roehampton) and [Dr Baher Ibrahim](#) (University of Glasgow)

Tues 8 December, 4pm

A discussion with members of the Wellcome Trust's interdisciplinary [Waiting Times](#) project, which explores what it means to wait in and for healthcare.

Prof Laura Salisbury (Exeter) Dr Martin Moore (Exeter),
Dr Jordan Osseman (Birkbeck) and Stephanie Davies (Birkbeck)

SSHM BOOK SERIES

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.

Monographs: Professor Keir Waddington

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Edited Volumes: Dr David Cantor

Email: cantord@mail.nih.gov

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 books in the series.

WOMEN'S MEDICINE: SEX, FAMILY PLANNING AND BRITISH FEMALE DOCTORS IN TRANSNATIONAL PERSPECTIVE, 1920-70 BY CAROLINE RUSTERHOLZ (DECEMBER 2020)



Women's medicine highlights British female doctors' key contribution to the production and circulation of scientific knowledge around contraception, family planning and

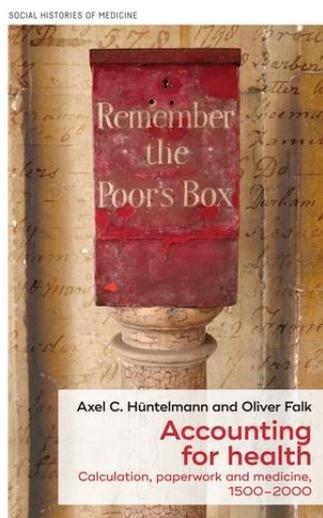
sexual disorders between 1920-70. It argues that women doctors were pivotal in developing a holistic approach to family planning and transmitting this knowledge across borders, playing a more prominent role in shaping scientific and medical knowledge than previously acknowledged.

The book locates women doctors' involvement within the changing landscape of national and international reproductive politics. Illuminating women doctors' agency in the male-dominated field of medicine, this book reveals their practical engagement with birth control and later family planning clinics in Britain, their participation in the development of the international movement of birth control and family planning and their influence on French doctors. Drawing on a wide range of

archived and published medical materials, Rusterholz sheds light on the strategies British female doctors used and the alliances they made to put forward their medical agenda and position themselves as experts and leaders in birth control and family planning research and practice. More info on this publication [here](#).

ACCOUNTING FOR HEALTH: CALCULATION, PAPERWORK AND MEDICINE, 1500-2000, EDITED BY AXEL C HUNTELMANN AND OLIVER FALK (JANUARY 2021)

Whether in the Swiss countryside or in a doctor's office in Boston, in German, English or French hospitals or within multinational organizations, with early vaccinations or with new pharmaceuticals from Big Pharma today, or in early modern Saxon mining towns or in Prussian military healthcare - for at least 500 years, accounting has been an essential part of medical practice with significant moral, social and epistemological implications. Covering the period between 1500-2000, the book examines in short case studies the importance of calculative practices for medicine in very different contexts. Thus, *Accounting for Health* offers a synopsis of the extent to which accounting not only influenced medical practices over centuries, but shaped modern medicine as a whole. More information on this publication [here](#).



EMERGENCY RESEARCH BURSARY SCHEME (ROUND 2)

We are offering **10 bursaries of up to £100** to assist those without a permanent paid role to continue researching. These funds are to enable applicants to purchase items required to carry out their research in the field of the social history of medicine, which they are currently unable to do, due to a loss of funds/work contracts, or lack of access to libraries. This may be, but not limited to, purchasing books, accessing vital online resources, attending online training, and obtaining vital technology and equipment.

To be eligible, you **must be a current member of SSHM, without a permanent paid role**. This includes scholars at all stages of their careers, but preference will be given to members with limited funds or time left for their PhD or contract, and whose contracts may have been impacted by the current pandemic.

Applications should be submitted by 5pm on **Friday 20 November 2020** and applicants will be notified with a decision within 2 weeks of this deadline. **For our records we will ask for scanned receipts to indicate how the money was spent in order to be able to claim expenses.** We also ask that successful candidates supply a short entry for the SSHM Gazette, detailing how the bursary assisted with research.

You can download the application form from the SSHM website [here](#). Completed application forms should be sent electronically to the SSHM Office: sshmexecsec@gmail.com.

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