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Image: a colour portrait of Howard Paul in character, brandishing a carrot in his right hand. A lithograph by 'T.H. Jones'. London : B. Williams, [1896]

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WELCOME TO THE GAZETTE

Dear readers,

Happy new year!

We have lots of exciting news to report in this January 2022 issue. We recently welcomed **Alexander Douglas** to the SSHM as our Anti-Racism Facilitator, and he provides an outline of his role in this issue.

Thanks to the generosity of the Wellcome Trust, we are offering a series of **Network Grants**. More details on p.3 and the application form will be available soon on our website. I'd also like to draw your attention to our new book prize competition (p.3).

Please feel free to send on any information for inclusion in the April edition of the *Gazette* to me at L.e.kelly@strath.ac.uk by **31 March**. As always, I am happy to receive notices about online events, new resources, and calls for papers related to the history of medicine and medical humanities.

All best wishes,
Laura Kelly, Editor

INTRODUCING OUR ANTI-RACISM FACILITATOR ALEXANDER DOUGLAS

As part of our [ongoing commitment to anti-racism](#), the SSHM recently recruited Alexander Douglas, as our anti-racism facilitator. We are delighted to have this introduction from Alexander about the role:

I am delighted to have this opportunity to work with the Society on this project. There are many areas in which the causes of (both) equity and equality, diversity and inclusivity need to be taken with ever-increasing

seriousness, but there is a sense in which the question of how we understand the scourge of racism needs to be connected to the question of how we understand race (and the cognate concept of ethnicity) in ways that have really not been understood. Indeed, humanities academia has 'historically' assumed that both race and racism are understood and that we have been living in a more enlightened age than our forebears. In the aftermath of the savage murder of George Perry Floyd, Jr. (1973-2020), a new global conversation has begun about not only 'Black Lives' but about racism more generally – not least including the fact that perhaps we are neither as enlightened nor as 'understanding' as we thought we were.

As the SSHM Executive Committee is aware, I have not accepted this fixed-term position to be a 'teacher' of anything. I see this role as a very rare opportunity to work with both the EC and the membership at large of a scholarly community in a constructive and generative way on an incredibly contested issue and I look forward to the next few months very much. Amongst other matters, we hope to try and learn more about our members than we do at present, and so we will be soon be reaching out to you in the hope that you will help our cause by responding back. More on that (and on our other plans) in due course; for now, please do not hesitate [to get in touch](#) with any questions, comments, suggestions and the like.

ONLINE-ONLY SOCIETY

MEMBERSHIP

The Society has been exploring an online-only membership option, for which access to the Social History of Medicine journal will be digital. Thanks to members who responded to a questionnaire overwhelmingly in support of this option. This is to confirm that we'll be introducing this for 2023.

FUNDING NEWS:

WELLCOME/SSH M NETWORK GRANTS

Through funding made available by Wellcome, the Society for the Social History of Medicine is able to award financial assistance for research community networks working on the history of medicine and health. This will enable networking activities which are more innovative in approach rather than focusing on a single conference event. The maximum award per network grant is £6,000. Applications should be submitted by the Network lead/organizer, who must be a member of SSHM at the time of application and employed by or affiliated to the UK institution that has agreed to administer the grant on the network's behalf.

The application form and more details about the grants will be available [by the end of January at this link](#).

Applications can be from existing and new networks. This grant cannot be used for a single conference-style event as it is expected that the network will hold at least two events which can be online, physical or blended in

format and should be sustained across two years. The events could be:

- to allow participants to meet, network, and share experiences
- to allow participants to disseminate the findings of research
- to encourage collaboration
- to discuss particular issues of research culture or research practice

A network (minimum of 10) should include students, early career/independent researchers and may include archive, museum and heritage practitioners. Due to funding constraints, in-person events must be held within the UK.

The application deadline is **22 April 2022** and successful applicants will be notified by **31 May 2022**.

NEW SSH M BOOK PRIZE COMPETITION

The Society for the Social History of Medicine (SSH M) is pleased to invite submissions to a new prize competition; its 2022 Book Development Prize Competition.

Two prizes of **£2000.00 each** will be awarded to **proposals contracted in 2022** in the book series, Social Histories of Medicine, published by Manchester University Press (MUP) for the SSHM. One prize will be awarded for an authored monograph, and the other for an edited collection. These prizes are intended to support applicants in turning their proposal into a book. For further information and the rules of the prize, [see here](#). On the series [see here](#).

SSHM ADDRESSING HEALTH DATA MAPPER

The Addressing Health team are pleased to announce [the launch of their Data Mapper](#). This tool currently allows users to examine the health records of over 19,000 postal workers in the United Kingdom between 1860 and 1902. The data mapper is part of the Addressing Health project, a collaboration between the University of Derby, King's College London, Kingston University, University College London and The Postal Museum. It is based on the Post Office's pension records, which records how many days off sick each worker took, and their cause of retirement, along with details about their occupation, period of service, age and location.



[The Data Mapper](#) allows people to create maps of these data, and also makes the whole underlying database available for download. The data are being continuously updated as new records are transcribed and will eventually cover the period up to 1908. The postal pension records offer a rare and detailed source for examining ill health in the past, and the Data Mapper will help users access and analyse these data. For further information please contact Dr Harry Smith at harry.j.smith@kcl.ac.uk.

SSHM ONLINE EVENTS

GENDER, HEALTH & SOCIAL JUSTICE SPEAKER SERIES, JANUARY TO APRIL 2022

We welcome you all to attend the upcoming talks from the Gender, Health & Social Justice Speaker Series! All talks will be given by fabulous early career scholars from across the globe who will explore histories of birth control, vasectomy, health technologies, and public health.

Participation in the series is free, [but please register here](#). Please reach out to Karissa Patton if you have any questions: karissa.patton@viu.ca.

CENTRE FOR THE SOCIAL HISTORY OF HEALTH AND HEALTHCARE (CSHHH) SEMINAR SERIES

The Centre 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 cshhh-admin@strath.ac.uk

Details of seminars can be found below.

Please sign up for our mailing list if you want to receive updates about seminars and other CSHHH events by emailing cshhh-admin@strath.ac.uk, or follow us on Twitter: @CSHHH_Glasgow

To book a place at the seminars, please email cshhh-admin@strath.ac.uk

All talks will be held on Tuesdays from 4-5.30pm, via Zoom.

1 February 2022

Peder Clark, CSHHH

The "Love Thugs": Ecstasy, homosociability and the decline of hooliganism in 1990s Britain

15 February 2022

Nikolaos Papadogiannis, St Andrews/CSHHH

Transnational AIDS activism in Western Europe, 1980s-1990s

8 March 2022

Seçil Yılmaz, Franklin and Marshall College,
Pennsylvania

Syphilis in the Ottoman Empire (exact title tbc)

22 March 2022

Caroline Rusterholz, University of Cambridge

Youth sexuality in postwar Britain (exact title tbc)

CENTRE FOR HISTORY AND PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND MEDICINE (CHPSTM) SEMINAR SERIES

The Centre for History and Philosophy of Science, Technology and Medicine (CHPSTM) at the University of Aberdeen is continuing its online seminar series this term.

Our next seminar is: Wednesday 26 January, 11am via Teams: 'Robert Stevenson, Thomas Smith and the Parabolic Reflector – Setting the Story Straight' by Julia Elton (University College London)

Although Scotland lagged behind Trinity House in the ongoing development of an effective lighthouse illumination system, the Stevenson family, notably Robert Stevenson, consistently down-graded or ignored the achievements of earlier designers. Stevenson sought to establish the primacy in this field of Thomas Smith, both his step-father and his father-in-law, and his version of events has been followed ever since. This paper will attempt to put the record straight.

Our seminars consist of a 25-minute presentation with

30 minutes or so for discussion afterwards. All are welcome— [please register \(for free\) via Eventbrite at this address](#) and you'll receive the Teams link and a reminder ahead of the seminar.

Any questions, or problems registering, please do get in touch: e.packham@abdn.ac.uk

PHD STUDENTSHIP

GEOFFREY WILKINSON STUDENTSHIP, 2022-23

The London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM) is pleased to invite applications for a three-year full-time PhD studentship, starting in September 2022, funded by a donation from the [Wilkinson Charitable Trust](#). The Sir Geoffrey Wilkinson Studentship is available to applicants interested in pursuing a PhD project in the **history of public health**.

The research project will be supervised by one of the following [Centre for History in Public Health \(CHiPH\)](#) staff:

- [Janet Weston](#)
- [Martin Gorsky](#)
- [Alex Mold](#)

The exact focus of the project will be developed by the successful candidate in discussion with their proposed supervisor. For more information see the full [advertisement](#) on our website.

Financial support

The studentship award covers:

- tuition fees (at the LSHTM Home fee rate);

- a tax-free stipend at the UKRI Studentship rate (2021-22 rate, with London weighting, is GBP 17,609.00); and
- up to GBP 2,000.00 per annum research training support grant (RTSG) for relevant research study costs determined by the supervisory team

Eligibility criteria

All applicants must meet [minimum LSHTM entry requirements](#).

Applicant must hold relevant undergraduate and Master's degrees in history, or a cognate social science discipline, both awarded at a high grade. Applicants with a very strong undergraduate degree in these disciplines and relevant experience will be exceptionally considered. This PhD Studentship award is only available to candidates who meet the [eligibility requirements for the Home fee rate](#). Please see the [LSHTM fee assessment policy](#), in particular the 'criteria' section, for further details. Further information about fee status assessment can be found on the [UKCISA website](#).

How to apply

Applicants are strongly encouraged to contact their proposed primary supervisor for an informal discussion before applying.

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.

You can find out about the series, about submitting proposals, or to purchase books [here](#).

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

JENNIFER CRANE AND JENNIFER HAND (EDS.), *POSTERS, PROTESTS, AND PRESCRIPTIONS: CULTURAL HISTORIES OF THE NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE IN BRITAIN*, (FORTHCOMING MAY 2022).

The National Health Service has provided Britain's healthcare since 1948. This institution has been the subject of terse political debate since its inception and has had a number of complex reforms and restructures. Yet, the meanings of the NHS are not only - or even primarily - lived out in politics. Nearly every Briton comes into contact with the NHS - from cradle to grave - and this system of healthcare shapes society, culture and everyday life. This book charts these multiple meanings, looking at the NHS as a site of work, activism and consumerism, as a space and in cultural representations. Looking in these ways, the book shows how and why the

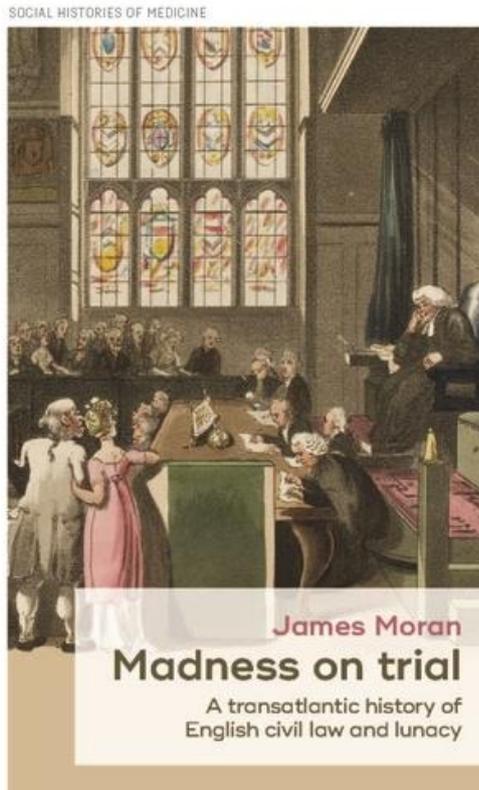
NHS has become a symbol of Britishness and object of fierce protectiveness, even love, today.



JAMES MORAN, *MADNESS ON TRIAL: A TRANSATLANTIC HISTORY OF ENGLISH CIVIL LAW AND LUNACY*, (FORTHCOMING MAY 2022).

This book examines the powerful influence of civil law on understandings and responses to madness in England and in New Jersey. The influence of civil law on the history of madness has not hitherto been of major academic investigation. This body of law, established and developed over a five hundred year period, greatly influenced how those from England's propertied classes understood and responded to madness. Moreover, the civil law governing the response to madness in England was successfully exported into several of its colonies, including New Jersey. Drawing on a well-preserved and

rare collection of trials in lunacy in New Jersey, this book reveals the important ties of civil law, local custom and perceptions of madness in transatlantic perspectives. This book will be highly relevant to scholars interested in law, medicine, psychiatry and madness studies, as well as contemporary issues in mental capacity and guardianship.



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