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FACULTY OF THE HISTORY AND PHILOSOPHY OF MEDICINE AND PHARMACY

Programme for the Medical History Course

October 2024 - June 2025

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Autumn Term

Foundations of Medical History

Day 1 – In-Person at Apothecaries’ Hall - 5 October 2024 – Introductory Day

1000-1100	Welcome from the Master followed by Introduction to the Course	
	Dr Anna Simmons (Course Director), Matthew Scudder (Academic Training Officer)	
1115-1215	Starting out in History	Dr Caitjan Gainty (Kings College London)
1315-1415	The Kinds of Medicine: An Introduction to the History of Medicine	Professor William Bynum (UCL)
1430-1515	Tour of the Hall	John Ford
1530-1630	Drinks nearby	TBC

Day 2 – Online on Zoom only - 19 October 2024 – Exploring Ancient Medicine

1000-1100	Ancient Egyptian medicine	Professor Rosalie David (Manchester University)
1115-1215	Paleopathology	Professor Rosalie David (Manchester University)
1215-1245	Online Meet the Course Director and Academic Training Officer	
1315-1415	Greek and Roman Medicine	Dr Caroline Petit (Warwick University)
1430-1530	Women in Medicine in the Graeco-Roman Period	Prof Laurence Totelin (Cardiff University)

Day 3 – In-Person at Apothecaries Hall - 2 November 2024 – Exploring Medical History I

945-1045	Medicine in the Islamic World	Professor Vivian Nutton (UCL)
1100-1200	Medieval Medicine and the Church	Professor Carole Rawcliffe (UEA)
1200-1300	Lunch Break	
1300-1400	At the Cutting Edge? Becoming a Late Medieval Surgeon	Professor Carole Rawcliffe (UEA)
1415-1515	Becoming an Historian	Professor Tim Hitchcock (Sussex)
1515-1545	Exploring the Society of Apothecaries’ Archive I - Practical Session	Dr Anna Simmons (UCL)

Day 4 – Online on Zoom only - 23 November 2024 – Exploring Medicine History II

1000-1100	Early Modern Medicine	Dr Holly Fletcher (Manchester University)
1115-1215	Medicine in the Eighteenth Century	Dr Alun Withey (Exeter University)
1315-1415	Women in Healthcare and Medicine, 1700 – 1950	Dr Sarah Chaney (Queen Mary University)
1430-1530	Hospitals in History	Dr Helen Bynum (Independent Medical Historian)

Day 5 – Online on Zoom only - 7 December 2024 – Exploring Medical History III

1000-1100	Material and Visual Culture of Medicine	Dr Anna Maerker (Kings College London)
1115-1215	Using Images in Medical History Discussion based session, with images circulated in advance	Dr David Wright (Edinburgh)
1315-1415	Apothecaries and General Practice	Dr Martin Edwards (London)
1430-1500	Locating Medical History Resources	Dr Tina Matthews
1500-1530	Session to Introduce DHMSA	Dr Tina Matthews

**Winter Term
Themes and Developments in Medical History**

Day 6 – Online on Zoom Only – 11 January 2025 – Plagues and Infectious Diseases

1000-1100	Plagues and Sepsis	Dr Marina Morgan (Exeter University)
1115-1215	Infectious Diseases and the Birth of Microbiology	Dr Edward Wawrzynczak (London)
1315- 1415	Tuberculosis and other respiratory disorders	Dr Noel Snell (London)
1430-1530	Public Health Ancient and Modern	Dr Rosalind Stanwell-Smith (London)

Day 7 – Online on Zoom only -25 January 2025 – The Evolution of Clinical Practice

1000-1100	The History of Anaesthesia	Dr Alistair McKenzie (Edinburgh)
1115-1215	The Heart in Medicine	Dr Caroline Coats (Glasgow University)
1315-1415	Some Scottish Contributions to the History of Medicine	Dr David Wright (Edinburgh)
1430-1530	The History of Neuroscience	Professor Martin Rossor (UCL)

Day 8 – In-Person at Apothecaries’ Hall - 8 February 2025 - Renaissance Medicine and Sharing Historical Research

1000-1100	Renaissance Learned Medicine, 1492-1600	Professor Vivian Nutton (UCL)
1115-1215	‘How to’ Session – Archives to Outputs	Briony Hudson (Independent Pharmacy Historian)
1315-1415	‘How to’ Session - Writing Medical History	Dr Caitjan Gainty (Kings)
1430-1530	Sharing History Research – Round Table Discussion	

Day 9 – Online on Zoom only - 22 February 2025 – Psychiatry, Patient Voices and Military Medicine

1000-1100	Psychiatry from the Asylum to the Second World War	Dr Kate McAllister (Sheffield University)
1115-1215	Psychiatry: The NHS and beyond	Dr Kate McAllister (Sheffield University)
1315-1415	Patient Voices	Prof Jessica Meyer (Leeds University)
1430-1530	Healing under Fire: The Development of British Military Medicine	Dr Jack Davies (Imperial War Museum)

Day 10 – In Person at London Metropolitan Archives and Apothecaries’ Hall - 8 March 2025 – Archives, Drugs and Empire

1030-1200	Visit to London Metropolitan Archives	TBC
1200-1230	Walk to Apothecaries’ Hall	
1315-1415	Western Medicine and the British Empire	Professor Anna Greenwood (Nottingham University)
1415 -1515	Drugs in the Long 20 th Century, c. 1860-c. 2010	Professor Tilli Tansey (Queen Mary University)
1515-1545	Exploring the Society of Apothecaries’ Archive – Drugs, Empire and Trade	Dr Anna Simmons (UCL)

**Spring Term
Medical Traditions, Specialties and Collections**

Day 11 – Online on Zoom Only – 22 March 2025 – Exploring Medical Traditions and Medical Ethics

1000-1100	Chinese Medicine	Dr Nancy Holroyde-Downing (London)
1115-1215	Eat This Root: A Botanical History of some key Medicinals Dr Kim Walker (Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew and Royal Holloway)	
1315-1415	An Overview of the History of Medical Ethics	Professor David Misselbrook (Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland of Bahrain)
1430-1500	‘How to’ Session – Skills for the DHMSA Essay	Dr Tina Matthews
1500-1600	Introduction to Ayurveda	Professor Dagmar Wujastyk (University of Alberta)

Day 12 -In-Person at Apothecaries' Hall – 26 April 2025 – History of Radiology and Surgery

1000-1045 University)	The Development of Radiology Part I	Professor Adrian Thomas (Canterbury Christ Church University)
1050-1130 University)	The Development of Radiology Part II	Professor Adrian Thomas (Canterbury Christ Church University)
1145-1230	'How To' Session - Speaking Skills and Test Lecture	Maria Ferran and Dr Tina Matthews
1315-1415	The Evolution of Surgery	Dr Chris George (St George's, Epsom and St Helier Hospitals, London)
1430-1530	The History of Orthopaedics and Trauma (and Wounds)	Mr Bryan Rhodes (Lancaster)

Day 13 - In Person at Guy's Hospital and the Gordon Museum -17 May 2025 - Visits and Lectures

1000-1030	Meet at Guy's in the colonnade: History of Guy's Hospital	Dr Claire Elliott (UCL)
1030-1100	Visit to the Gordon Museum	
1100-1200	Lecture on the History of Obstetrics and Gynaecology	Dr Claire Elliott (UCL)
1215 -1300	Visit to Old Operating Theatre and Herb Garret	TBC
1300-1400	Lunch	
1400-1500	History of Anatomy	TBC
1500-1545	Microscopes and Museums Tour	Dr Tina Matthews (London)

Day 14 – In-person at Apothecaries' Hall – 7 June 2025 - Medical Collections

1000-1100	“A great rage for mahogany, varnish and expensive floor cloth”: a history of the pharmacy shop.	Briony Hudson (Independent Pharmacy Historian)
1115-1200	Medicine collections in Museums	Dr Katie Dabin (Science Museum)
1200- 1230	Historical Perspectives on Medical Collections	Dr Subhadra Das (UCL)
1230-1300	Discussion Session with speakers on Ethics of Museum Collecting	
1400-1445	Walking Tour of Blackfriars	Ross MacFarlane (QMUL)
1500-1530	Review of Course	Dr Anna Simmons (UCL)
1530-1630	Closing Drinks Nearby	Venue tbc

DHMSA Examination Information

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