News

- Professor John Stewart, our Director for nearly five years, officially retired at the end of January but will retain a part-time position as Co-director of the Centre with his successor, Professor Peter Kirby, University of Oxford. Peter takes up his post with GCU at the beginning of April and until then, Dr Janet Greenlees and Dr Vicky Long have kindly agreed to step into the breach and act as Interim Directors until Peter arrives. John will be spending most of March in New Zealand as a Visiting Professor with the University of Auckland.

Sister Marie Hilda, Child Guidance Clinic, Glasgow ©University of Glasgow


- We had another new addition to our staff at the Centre when Dr Karly Kehoe joined GCU from UHI at the beginning of December. Karly’s research interests lie in the relationship between national identity, religion and gender in modern Britain, Ireland and Empire. Her current research on the McClement Project, focuses on Irish Catholic surgeons in the Royal Navy.

- Dr Vicky Long had an article published in, At Work in the World: Proceedings of the Fourth International Conference on the History of Occupational and Environmental Health (San Francisco: UC medical Humanities Press, 2012). The title of the article was, ‘The Trades Union Congress and the Politics of Industrial Health in Britain, 1920-1960.’ Vicky has also been busy with presentations, one at the Institute of Historical Research as part of their Disability History Seminar Series, on ‘Illness or disability? Conceptualising the long-stay patient in post-war mental health services’; and another at Northumbria University’s Stigma and Mental Illness workshop, by invitation.
• Following on from the successful conference on the life of Dr Lachlan Grant that Dr Annie Tindley organised in Ballachulish last September, she and her colleague Dr Karly Kehoe will publish the first article from this project in the Journal of Scottish Historical Studies later this year.

• With the same group of researchers and medical practitioners, Annie is pursuing a related project which examines the impact of the Dewar Commission on the Highlands one hundred years after its original findings were published in 1912. The report, commissioned by Sir John Dewar, provided the impetus for the establishment of a Highlands and Islands Medical Service. Annie’s group is currently bidding for Wellcome Trust Public Engagement funding to support the project which has already attracted interest from the Scottish Parliament and the Westminster Parliament where motions of support are presently being proposed. The project has also received publicity from an article published in the Daily Record at the end of January.

• Dr Ryan Johnson was awarded a Teaching Excellence Award in History for 2011. He is presently working on two publications: the first is an edited collection with Anna Greenwood, titled Beyond the State: The Colonial Medical Service in British Africa, which has been accepted for publication by Manchester University Press in their ‘Studies in Imperialism’ series. The second is a book, based on his thesis, titled, Rethinking Imperial Tropical Medicine: Health and Hygiene in Britain’s Tropical Colonies, 1895-1914.

• Ryan’s colleague at Strathclyde University, Dr Matt Smith, gave a seminar in Manchester on the history of ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder) at the beginning of the year and followed that up in February with a seminar in Cambridge on the History of Food Allergy. Recently, he’s been shortlisted from 470 applicants for the AHRC/BBC Radio 3 New Generation Thinkers initiative and in March he will compete against 50 others for a chance to become one of ten BBC Radio 3’s resident New Generation Thinkers!

• As well as juggling her new role as interim Director of the Centre with Dr Vicky Long, Dr Janet Greenlees is continuing to publish her research. Current publications are,
  o J. Greenlees, ‘The peculiar and complex female problem’: The Church of Scotland and Healthcare for unwed mothers, in Greenlees and Bryder, eds., Growing Expectations. Janet and Linda Bryder also wrote the introduction.
  o J. Greenlees, ‘For the convenience and comfort of the persons employed by them’: The Lowell Corporation Hospital, 1839-1930’, Medical History, accepted, forthcoming.

• Congratulations are due to Dr Karly Kehoe who, with Mike Vance (Saint Mary’s University) has won an award of $15,274 from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada. The funding will support an international conference to be held in Halifax Nova Scotia in June 2012, entitled, “Ireland and Empire: Seafaring, Slaving and Salvation in the Nineteenth-century Atlantic World.”
Events

- **Annual Lecture: 15 December 2011**

The Centre welcomed Professor Ludmilla Jordanova of King’s College, London, to Strathclyde University just before Christmas, to give this year’s Annual Lecture. She gave a fascinating presentation on the subject of, ‘Portraiture, Health and Medicine’, which was well received by her audience. Following the presentation, the audience were treated to a glass of wine and a mince pie!

![Prof. Ludmilla Jordanova at GCU in December.](image)

- **Spring Seminar Series:**

The Spring Seminar Series got off to a good start on 8 February 2012 with a presentation by Dr Neil MacGillivray, University of Edinburgh, jointly organised by the Centre and the Scottish History Group’s Civil and Uncivil Society Series. Dr MacGillivray’s subject was, ‘The medical and political impact of the 1848-49 cholera epidemic in Scotland’.

This was followed by Dr Carsten Timmerman, University of Manchester, (22 February), on, ‘Recalcitrant Disease: lung cancer, and how to write history of medicine without progress’, and Dr Gavin Miller, University of Glasgow, (29 February) on ‘Winifred Rushforth and the Davidson Clinic: a case study in the overlap of psychotherapy, Christianity and New Age spirituality’. The latter had been postponed from November due to industrial action.

- **Postgraduate Dinner:**

On 22 February, following Dr Timmerman’s presentation, the Centre staff and postgraduate students repaired to an Italian Restaurant, Dino’s in Sauchiehall Street for meal; an event which is fast becoming established in the Centre’s calendar. They were joined by GCU’s Executive Dean of the School for Business and Society, Professor John Wilson and the PVC (Research), Professor Sue Scott. By all accounts, a good time was had by everyone!

- **Postgraduate Seminar Series: From the Sources to the Discourses**

The Modern British History Network, the Economic History Society and, The Centre for the Social History of Health and Healthcare, collectively sponsored the postgraduate students to produce a seminar series, ‘Health and Society’. The first presentations took place on Thursday 2 February and the speakers were,

David Black, GCU, on, ‘The Development of Health Education in Scotland and early work on inequalities in health.’

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Susan Osbaldstone, Univ. of Strathclyde, on, ‘Pharmacists’ Entry into the National Health Service.’

Julianne Weis, Univ. of Oxford, on, ‘Haile Selassie, childbirth and the changing landscape of cultural care.’

**Dates for your Diary**

- **Remainder of Spring Seminar Series:**
  
  - **Wednesday 14 March 2012:** Dr Catherine Cox, University College Dublin & Professor Hilary Marland, University of Warwick on, ‘Eugenics before Eugenics: Mental Health, Public Health and the Irish Problem in Victorian Lancashire’.
  
  - **Wednesday 28 March 2012:** Ms Leanne Dunlop, University of Strathclyde on, ‘Unhealthy City? Glasgow during the interwar Depression.’

  **Time:** 4.30pm (refreshments) for a 5.00pm start.
  **Location:** CPD02 (Continuing Professional Development Building, room no. 2)

- **Paper:** Dr Janet Greenlees, ‘The peculiar and complex female problem’: The Church of Scotland and women’s healthcare, 1900-1948: **Wednesday, 7th March 2012, 12.45 pm - 2.00 pm, at London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, Keppel Street, London WC1E 7HT.**

- **Next seminar in Postgraduate Series:** **Thursday 22 March 2012:** Health and Society.

  **Speakers:**

  - Kirsten Tait, University of Dundee, on **Bloody Sunday, a case study in historical interpretation.**
  
  - Richard Lee Wilding, University of Cambridge, on, **Popular Capitalism: The Thatcherite revolution of economic enfranchisement in financial services and the 1986 reforms.**
  
  - Troy Vettese, University of St Andrews, on **Ecological Imperialism: East Germany’s Environmental Transformation 1980-2000.**

  **Time:** 5.00pm (refreshments) for a 5.15pm start.
  **Location:** W727 (Hamish Wood Building, 7th floor).

- **Conference:** **The Dewar Commission and Rural Healthcare:** Saturday 19 May 2012, in Inverness. Dr Tindley will also present papers on Dewar in Appin in mid-May and in Skye in October.

- **Workshop:** **Publishing and funding for early career health historians:** **Wednesday 27 June 2012,** at GCU, from 1.00pm, room TBC.

  Organised by the Centre in collaboration with the Society for the Social History of Medicine and History Lab+.

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Glasgow Science Festival: at the People’s Palace, Glasgow Green: Sunday 17 June 2012, ‘Public Health and the Family’, organised by the Centre in collaboration with Glasgow Museums and Glasgow City of Science.

Plus a Public Engagement event in collaboration with Notre Dame Child Guidance Clinic, Glasgow.

and should you be in London…drop into the Wellcome Trust, in Euston Road.


Wellcome Library, London
Boots Company PLC Board Game: ‘See How They Won’, The Game of Good Health; circa 1930

PhD Studentships

Fully-funded PhD studentship opportunities in the history of health and healthcare are available at Glasgow Caledonian University. The stipend offered is £14,600 pa and applications are invited for studentships on the following topics:-

• ‘Civilian asylum patients in Scotland during the First World War’ and,
• ‘Medical education: changing contexts, changing meanings?’

For details of these projects, please see:
http://www.gcu.ac.uk/media/gcalwebv2/research/History_of_Health_and_Healthcare.pdf

For details of the application process, and other funded PhD studentship opportunities at Glasgow Caledonian, please see:
http://www.gcu.ac.uk/research/phdstudentships/

The closing date for applications is Friday 13 April 2012.

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