News

• Dr Annie Tindley, a Highland Historian associated with the Centre at GCU, has recently been accepted onto the Scottish Crucible Programme, which will give her the opportunity to work with academics from various other disciplines across Scotland. This success follows swiftly on from her election as a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society in December last year. Further information on the Scottish Crucible Programme can be found at, http://www.hw.ac.uk/scottishcrucible.

• Dr Matt Smith joined the Centre from the University of Exeter at the beginning of this year and is based at the University of Strathclyde. He is a historian of health and medicine in the twentieth century and is currently working on a project which examines food allergy in North America and Britain. The project is funded by a Wellcome Trust Fellowship.

• Professor John Stewart received funding from the Royal Society of Edinburgh to complete his research on ‘The Dangerous Age of Childhood: Child Guidance in Britain, 1920-1955’.

• Dr Chris Nottingham officially retired from the School of Law and Social Sciences at Christmas but has taken up the position of Emeritus Reader attached to the Centre and will continue to work with colleagues here to further his research in contemporary history.

• Dr Janet Greenlees has kindly agreed to take over Chris’ role as Deputy Director of the Centre. Janet is currently working on a project entitled, ‘Marginal maternity?: The Church of Scotland and unmarried mothers, 1900-1948’, for which she recently received funding from the Wellcome Trust. Janet presented a paper to the American Association for Historians of Medicine on this subject earlier this year.

• Professor Arthur McIvor has been on externally-funded (AHRC) sabbatical since September 2010. During this period he has been engaged in several interrelated research and writing activities including:

  o Researching the oral history of the workplace in Glasgow (working with Dr David Walker), linked to an AHRC-funded (£189,000) Knowledge Transfer Fellowship in collaboration with Glasgow Museums. This incorporates investigation of the occupational and environmental health impacts of work and industry in the city in the twentieth century. Planned outputs include digitisation of oral history collections held at Glasgow Museums, a new phase of work life interviews with Glaswegians, a project...
website, the collation of oral interview based resources (on the history of work) for use in the school curriculum, two articles and a final symposium on ‘oral history, the museums and public history’.


- Continuing work on other aspects of occupational health history – including investigation of tuberculosis as an occupational disease (article recently completed and submitted to *International Review of Social History*) and the oral history of respiratory disease in mining (paper recently submitted to CFP for the ‘health’ network strand of the European Social Science History Conference, Glasgow, April 2012).

- Participation in two Wellcome Trust grant applications as co-applicant: a) Disability and Industrialisation in British Coal Mining Communities, 1750-1948 (Anne Borsay PI); b) 1914: Health and the Nation on the Eve of the War (Jim Mills PI).

- Professor Jennifer Gunn, University of Minnesota, Department of Surgery, Program in the History of Medicine, visited the university during the month of February 2011 to undertake a period of research with the Centre, at the invitation of Dr Janet Greenlees. She kindly agreed to contribute to the Centre’s Spring Seminar Series on ‘Perspectives on Modern Medicine’, and gave a presentation on, ‘*Rural Variations: Economic activity and Medical provision in the early 20th century United States*’, on 16th February.

- Dr Iain Smith, a Consultant in Addiction Psychiatry at Gartnavel Royal Hospital in Glasgow and Honorary Clinic Lecturer at the University of Glasgow, kindly agreed to become a Research Associate of the Centre as he is currently collaborating with John Stewart, Dr Laura Williamson, Professor Richard Hammersley, Professor Catriona MacDonald, Professor Sheila McLean (Glasgow University), Dr Susan Kerr and Dr Alasdair Forsyth on a project entitled, ‘A Symposium – Alcohol Interventions and Recovery: Generating and Sustaining Interdisciplinary Policy’.

- David Bradley, one of our third year postgraduate students, has presented papers at three conferences this year. The first was at the Annual Conference of the Economic History Society, which was held at Robinson College, University of Cambridge from 1st-3rd April. His paper was entitled, ‘The Steel Unions and Occupational Health and Safety: A Developing Collectivist Ethos’. It explored three facets of health and safety activities in the steel industry: convalescent care, Safety Representatives and Safety Committees and research into respiratory ailments. The second conference was the Annual Conference of the Social History Society, held at the University of Manchester from 12th-14th April. This paper was called ‘Occupational Health and Safety in the Scottish Steel Industry: Oral Testimonies’ and provided an overview of health and safety from the 1930s to the 1980s. Lastly, he attended the ‘Scotland in Motion’ conference of the Economic and Social History Society of Scotland, held in Glasgow on 6th and 7th May where he presented a paper called, ‘Make Way for Steel: Representations of the Scottish Steel Industry in Film’ which examined different films produced in Scotland from 1917 to 1975.

- Emily Rootham, a second year PhD student with the Centre, also presented a paper at the Social History Society conference in Manchester on April 12-14th 2011. She is the Secretary of the Historical Perspectives Committee which is presently organising a conference for postgraduate students across the UK called ‘Real and Imagined Communities’ on June 2-3rd 2011. Later on in the year, Emily is due to attend the European Educational Research Association conference on ‘Urban Education’ in Berlin. Emily will present papers at both of these conferences.
Events

Gender and the History of Nursing: 1 April 2011

The Centre hosted two workshops at GCU in April which were both well attended. The first was on the History of Nursing and was a collaborative venture between the Royal College of Nursing Archives, the Centre and the UK Centre for the History of Nursing and Midwifery at the University of Manchester. It was a one-day event which attracted scholars and practitioners from all over the country including three PhD students who each presented a paper. Following the workshop, a dinner was held at the Red Onion Restaurant in Glasgow. The event was funded by the Wellcome Trust and details of the programme can be found on our website under, Events Archive.


The second workshop was held over two days at GCU, this time in collaboration with Oxford Brookes University through George Gosling. It was entitled, ‘Social Work, Health and the Home: new Directions in Historical Research’ and attracted historians, sociologists and social work practitioners. Subject areas spanned the Victorian era right up to community care and social work in modern Scotland. Again, the full programme can be seen on our website.

Exhibitions

Both of the above events were accompanied by exhibitions; the first was very kindly loaned from the Royal College of Nursing Archives and was displayed in the university’s Saltire Centre during the week leading up to the workshop. It was entitled, ‘Tuppence for the Doctor, Penny for the Nurse: Memories of Public Health Nursing’. The second was provided by GCU’s archivist Carole McCallum, and consisted of rotating images of some of the contents of the Heatherbank Museum of Social Work, which were displayed on screens outside the seminar room during tea-breaks and lunch hours. There was also a ‘Listening Post’ set up for delegates where a series of Witness Seminars could be accessed.
Spring Seminar Series

Dr Janet Greenlees organised the Centre's recent seminar series, 'Perspectives On Modern Medicine'. Speakers were,

Dr Matthew Smith, University of Strathclyde, on 'Mixing with Medics: History, Impact and the Benefits of attending health conferences';

Professor Jennifer Gunn, Department of Surgery, Program in the History of Medicine, University of Minnesota, on 'Rural variations: Economic activity and Medical provision in the early 20th century United States';

Dr Angela Davis, Centre for the History of Medicine, University of Warwick, on 'Childrearing 'by the book': Mothers and advice literature in Britain, c. 1945-2000'; and

Dr Alex Mold, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, on 'Re-positioning the patient: Patient groups, consumerism and autonomy in Britain, 1960s-1970s'.

Postgraduate Dinner

A very successful dinner was held at Dino's Restaurant in Sauchiehall Street on Wednesday 2 February 2011, specifically for our postgraduate students and their supervisors.

Presentation by Dr Glen O'Hara

Glen O'Hara, a former colleague of John’s at Oxford Brookes University, presented a paper on 22 March, at the invitation of the Centre and colleagues in History, Law and Politics here at GCU. His subject was, Insanity, Transnationalism, Bureaucracy: The Origins of Britain's Ombudsman in the 1950's and 60's. The presentation attracted a varied academic audience and included undergraduate and postgraduate students.

Dates for your Diary

- Nils Fietje of the Wellcome Trust will visit GCU on the occasion of John Stewart’s Public Lecture on Wednesday 18 May 2011 at 5.30pm. John will be speaking on, The Dangerous Age of Childhood: Child Psychiatry and the Normal Child in the Mid-Twentieth Century. Nils will have the opportunity to meet with all of the Centre’s staff and students on the afternoon of the 18th.

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• ‘Dr Lachlan Grant of Ballachulish’: A one-day event to be held on Saturday 10 September 2011 at the Shinty Pavillion, Ballachulish, organised by Dr Annie Tindley and supported by the Wellcome Trust.

• ‘Global Citizens, Local Roots: John Boyd Orr, Alexander Fleming and Kilmarnock Academy’. A one-day event to be held on Saturday 24 September 2011 at Kilmarnock Academy, organised jointly by the Centre and the Ayrshire Federation of Historical Societies and with papers by, inter alia, Professor Elaine McFarland, Professor Robert Pyper and Professor John Stewart.

...and outside the Centre...

• The 6th biennial Conference of the Society for the History of Children and Youth will take place in New York from 23-25 June 2011, which Professor Stewart will attend. Stewart will be giving a paper and chairing a session.

• Modern British History Network Conference will take place at the University of Dundee from 16-17 June 2011.

• The 2nd Annual History of Medicine Postgraduate Summit will take place at Queen Mary University London on Saturday 18 June 2011.

• The University of Edinburgh are host to the Wellcome Trust on 16 May 2011 at an event which will promote its new Investigator Awards in Medical History and Humanities and Biomedical Ethics.

• The Royal Society of Edinburgh is holding a discussion forum on Wednesday 25 May 2011, at which Dr Jim Mills will be one of the speakers leading the discussion. The topic is, A Healthy message? Understanding the History and Exploring the Future of Public Health Campaigns in Scotland.

• On Thursday 2 June 2011, an event to celebrate the launch of Lindsay Reid’s book, Midwifery in Scotland: A History, will take place in the University of Edinburgh’s Medical School from 1.30pm to 4.30pm.

• The annual Historical Perspectives Conference will take place at the University of Strathclyde on 2 and 3 June 2011. The theme this year is, ‘Real and Imagined Communities’.

Other useful information

• Public Engagement advice and organisations,
  o National Co-ordinating Centre for Public Engagement: Edinburgh Beltane http://www.publicengagement.ac.uk/about/beacons/edinburgh-beltane
  o Open West: http://www.openwest.org.uk
  o RCUK: Best practice guides and publications - http://www.rcuk.ac.uk/per/Pages/Bestpractice.aspx

• Wellcome Trust: New Investigator Awards: http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/Funding/Medical-history-and-humanities/Funding-schemes/Investigator-Awards/index.htm
