

History of Medicine Masters Programmes' Workshop
Northern Centre for the History of Medicine

7 December 2010

Venue: Drummond Building, room 1.11, Newcastle University

- 10.00-10.15 Welcome and Introduction (Thomas Rütten and James Kennaway)
- Session 1:**
10.15-10.40 **Chair: Marion White** **Newcastle University**
Benjamin Lee Newcastle University
An Analysis of Gustav Klimt's 'Medicine'
- 10.40-11.05 Ross McDermott Newcastle University
The reception of the Hippocratic Oath(s) in the 1st and 2nd centuries A.D.
- 11.05-11.25 *coffee break*
- Session 2:**
11.25-11.50 **Chair: Elisabeth Yang** **University of Durham**
Marion White Newcastle University
Presenting Nerves: The Nervous Patients in the Case Books of John Hunter, FRS (1728-1793)
- 11.50-12.15 Ana M. Espinal-Rae University of Durham
'Deliver me from pain': the effect of pain relief on childbirth practices in the 19th century
- 12.15-12.40 Rebecca Bates Newcastle University
Martha Ballard and Midwifery
- 12.40-14.15 *Lunch*
- Session 3:**
14.15-14.40 **Chair: Benjamin Lee** **Newcastle University**
Fiona Howarth Newcastle University
Advertising pre-Modern Dentistry: Contextualising an Advertisement for Morgan's Celebrated Tooth Powder
- 14.40-15.05 Elisabeth Yang University of Durham
Hartley's Associationalism and its Implications for Child Health Care during the 18th century
- 15.05-15.30 Tiago Gameiro Inacio Newcastle University
Virginia Woolf: How historians have perceived her madness and how her case has been integrated as a patient narrative
- 15.30-15.55 James Dickens University of Durham
History from "Below the Decks": healing at Sea, 1650-1800
- 15.55-16.15 *Coffee break*

Session 4:	Chair: Ross McDermott	Newcastle University
16.15-1640	Zoë Tang Loss of Control in Visual Representations of Hysteria ca.1870-1930	Newcastle University
16.40-17.05	Douglas Hobson Cutting free: The portrayal of lobotomy in the British Medical Journal (1942-1955)	University of Durham
17.05-17.30	Eleanor Hackney Moral Therapy: From Theory to Practice	Newcastle University
17.30	Conclusion	

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A response to the proceedings, by Dr Thomas Rütten

- 1) We have seen that we are part of a flowing stream of ailing bodies gravitating towards death, with health turning her back to us.
- 2) We have learned that the Hippocratic Oath – or a version of it – is taken out of the closet of history when physicians are suspected to kill rather than cure.
- 3) We have seen students presenting nerves without turning into patients whose voices have disappeared from the medical records.
- 4) We have heard that not all women asking for pain relief in childbirth are necessarily atheist.
- 5) Nor are midwives trying to ease the lot of women in labour, at least in Massachusetts.
- 6) We have been reassured that it is more important to have beautiful teeth than to have healthy teeth, and that white teeth are an entre billet into the temple of the muse.
- 7) We have heard words that – despite considerable pronunciation training – I still don't dare repeat, especially considering the effect the vibrations may have even on the hardened brains of MA students.
- 8) We have been introduced into the intricacies of retrospective diagnosis, especially in the field of psychiatry, but we are going home with the consolation that writing can be a form of self -therapy.
- 9) We experience breathing difficulties when told about the sickening living conditions below decks.
- 10) We have kept control when looking at hysterical women losing theirs.
- 11) Near the end of the day someone was holding a knife to our brains, but luckily the surgical intervention represented by this gesture had been killed by drugs.
- 12) And finally, what a lovely message, we are told that kindness can cure even insanity.