

HSTM Network Ireland Conference, Maynooth University, 13-14 November 2015

Provisional Schedule (please note that this schedule will not be finalised until registration has closed)

Friday, 13th November

11.00 Registration and Coffee

11.45 Opening comments

12.00 **Panel 1A: Patients, Health and Illness**

‘I believe it would now be impossible for you to send him’: An exploration of the medical assessment and diagnosis of male missionary candidates by the Foreign Missions of the Irish Presbyterian Church, 1840-1845

Cathy Jamieson, Queen’s University, Belfast

‘A lonely furrow in virgin soil’: the evolution of aftercare institutions for polio in Ireland, 1949-1968

Stephen Bance, University College Dublin

Seán Ó Riordáin (1916-1977), poet and professional patient

Ciara Breathnach, University of Limerick

Panel 1B: Networks and communication in Science

‘Those ingenious communications’: correspondence networks of the Dublin Philosophical Society

Sue Hemmens, Marsh’s Library, Dublin

The Boyden Council: Ireland and international astronomy in apartheid South Africa, 1955-1978

Keith Snedeger, Utah Valley University

A reflection on Irish scientists’ contribution to the demonstration lecture

Charles Markham, Maynooth University

1.30 Lunch

2.30 **Panel 2A: Conceptualising Health and Disease**

Medicine and nutritional science in Ireland: Vitamin theory in infant feeding, 1880-1922

Jutta Kruse, University of Limerick

‘Lives as full and happy as their disabilities will permit’: intellectual disability in Ireland in a social history context

Jean Walker, Maynooth University

Racial epidemiology and the construction of (South) African AIDS

Gerry Kearns, Maynooth University

Panel 3B: Sources and resources for HSTM in Ireland

Presentations by the RDS, RCPI, RIA, Edward Worth library on sources for the study of HSTM in Ireland, this will be followed by a roundtable discussion on the complying of an online resource for HSTM researchers.

4.00 Coffee

4.30 **Panel 3A: Ethics, Bodies and Medicine**

Drugs and douches: illegal abortion methods in twentieth-century Ireland
Cara Delay, College of Charleston

"I Would Have Gone On With The Hunger Strike But Force-Feeding I Could Not Take":
Convict Prisoners on Hunger Strike, England, 1913-74
Ian Miller, Centre for the History of Medicine in Ireland, Ulster University

Why did healthcare professionals become involved in torture during the War on Terror
Myles Balfe, University College Cork

Panel 2B: Irish Science in the Nineteenth Century

Romanticism and the life-sciences in late-Victorian Dublin
Tanya O'Sullivan, Queen's University, Belfast

'While I was geologising': the all-encompassing eye of George Victor du Noyer, geological
surveyor and antiquarian
Susan Hegarty, St. Patrick's College, Drumcondra

'Lady scientists' in the literature at the fin-de-siècle Ireland: a radiant forerunner or
distracting new women?
Mai Yatani, Trinity College Dublin

6.00 Keynote by Mark Harrison, Director of the Wellcome Unit for the History of
Medicine and Professor of the History of Medicine, University of Oxford (title to be
confirmed).

7.00 Wine reception/social

8.30 Conference Dinner

Saturday, 14th November 2015

9.30 Coffee

10.00 **Panel 4A: Epidemic Disease in Irish History**

English cowpox and Irish smallpox: The advent of vaccination and Union between Britain
and Ireland, 1800-1815
Michael Bennett, University of Tasmania

The epidemics of Limerick, 1910-1915
Margaret Buckley, University College Cork

'Sleepy sickness spreads': Encephalitis Lethargica in Belfast
Patricia Marsh, Queen's University, Belfast

Panel 4B: Technology in nineteenth-century Ireland

The fashioning of technology and self: a case study of optical telegraphy in Ireland, c.
1797-1804

Adrian James Kirwan, Maynooth University

Technological and other challenges faced by the Ordnance Survey in the 1880s and 1890s
Jacinta Prunty, Maynooth University

11.30 Coffee

12.00 **Panel 5A: Early modern medicine**

Medical practitioners in Seventeenth-Century Dublin
John Cunningham, Trinity College Dublin

The chemist, the medical doctor and the new experimental philosophy: letters of Moysé Charas to Élie Bouhériau (1677-79) in Marsh's Library Dublin
Jean-Paul Pittion, Trinity College Dublin

An examination of folk cures and disease in the School Manuscript Collection of 1938
Carol Barron, Trish Mahon and Johnny Dillon, Dublin City University/Brunel University/University College Dublin

Panel 5B: Teaching and resources for HSTM

'Teaching history of science to science undergraduates'
James Sumner, Centre for the History of Science, Technology and Medicine, University of Manchester

Tyndall correspondence project
Geoffrey Cantor, University of Leeds/UCL

To be followed by a roundtable discussion on the promotion of HSTM education in Ireland

1.30 Lunch (until 3.00)

2.00 Visit to National Science Museum (on campus)

3.00 **Panel 6A: Stressful Environments**

The depiction of prison medicine in medical journals in England and Ireland in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries
Nicholas Duvall, University of Warwick/University College Dublin

'Insane at the time of commission': stress, trauma, reprisals and suicide in the auxiliary division, 1920-30.
Eammon Gardiner, National University of Ireland, Galway

A killer atmosphere: the politics and process of eliminating smog and saving children's lives in 20th century Ireland
Ida Milne, Queen's University, Belfast/Maynooth University

Panel 6B: History and Philosophy of Science

The atomistic theories of Robert Boyle and William Higgins
Conleth Loonan, Maynooth University

Vitalism & Natural History in John Toland's *Pantheisticon*
Ian Leask, Dublin City University

4.30 Coffee

5.00 Keynote: David N. Livingstone, Professor of Geography and Intellectual History, QUB (title to be confirmed)

6.00 Closing comments

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