



The University of Sydney

Alumni

MEDICAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

History of Medicine Symposium – 11-12 September 2009

This Symposium on the History of Medicine will be held in the University on 11-12 September during History week.

We hope this Symposium will be the forerunner of more frequent meetings which aim to:

- build a network of those interested in developing projects related to the professional careers in clinical practice, education, and research of Sydney Medical School's alumni; to their other work in professional organisations and regional medical services; and to their hobbies and passions outside medicine
- provide a forum for regular discussion of such projects
- enhance interdisciplinary projects within our University
- encourage student projects on these historical themes, assisted by student scholarships whenever possible
- raise the profile of the history of health and medicine within Sydney Medical School.

Program

Friday, 11 September

9.30-11am:

- Her Excellency, Professor Marie Bashir, *Governor Lachlan Macquarie*
- John Carmody, *Sydney's early colonial medicine*

11am-12.30pm

- Sydney Nade, *Upward social mobility – the training of a surgeon in the pre-anaesthetic era*
- John Harris, *Nicholson, Sydney and surgery - under the knife: then and now*
- Julia Horne, *Researching the first students at the University of Sydney in the 1850s*

12.30-1.30pm Lunch

1.30-3.30pm

- Louise Marshall, *Religion and plague in Renaissance Italy; the role of the plague saints*
- Peter Paisley, *The sixth century epidemic; the crucible of modern Europe*
- Robert Clancy, *Light on the Black Death: plague and politics in Federation Australia*
- Stephen Corbett, *Ashburton Thompson: the right man in the right place*

3.30-4.00pm Afternoon tea in Rare Books, Fisher Library

4.00-6.00pm

- Yvonne Cossart, *Plague doctors: reconciling theory and practice*
- Christopher Dickman, *Rats!*
- Peter Reeves, *Evolution of Yersinia pestis*
- Peter Curson, *Plague: past, present and future*

6.00-7.30pm: *Pepys plague* – an entertainment! This performance will be accompanied by drinks in the Anderson Stuart Common Room.

Saturday, 12 September

Early morning: 7.30am

Stephen Corbett will take us on '*The Plague Walk – Dawes Point to Darling Harbour*', which complements 'Plague: rats in the realm', the current exhibition in the Anderson Stuart Common Room.

9.30am–11.00am

- Julia Mant, *Archival sources for the history of the University of Sydney*
- Lise Mellor, *Sydney Medical School's Online Museum and Archive*
- Elisabeth Edwards, *Medical history of Orange*

11.30am-1.00pm

- Bruce Storey, *The history of paediatrics in Sydney*
- Mark Ferson, *Australian bookplates with reference to some Sydney medical graduates*
- Milton Lewis, *Individual and collective biographies in the history of public health in Australia*

1.00-2.00pm Lunch

2.00-3.30pm

- Barry Baker *Mark Lidwill: RPAH's founder of anaesthesia and cardiology*
- Paul Lancaster, *Early Sydney medical graduates*
- Panel discussion: *Ideas for future research on the history of Sydney Medical School and its alumni.*

Speakers

Her Excellency, Professor **Marie Bashir**, Chancellor, University of Sydney
Barry Baker, Emeritus Professor of Anaesthesia, Sydney Medical School
John Carmody, School of Medical Sciences and Northern Clinical School, University of Sydney
Robert Clancy, Emeritus Professor, Department of Pathology, University of Newcastle
Stephen Corbett, School of Public Health, University of Sydney
Yvonne Cossart, Department of Infectious Diseases, University of Sydney
Peter Curson, Centre for International Security Studies, University of Sydney
Christopher Dickman, Department of Biological Sciences, University of Sydney
Elisabeth Edwards, Local Historian, Orange
Mark Ferson, Public Health Physician, Chair, RACP History of Medicine Library Committee, President, New Australian Bookplate Society
John Harris, Professor of Vascular Surgery, Sydney Medical School
Julia Horne, University Historian, School of Philosophical and Historical Inquiry, University of Sydney
Paul Lancaster, Menzies Centre for Health Policy, University of Sydney
Milton Lewis, Historian, Menzies Centre for Health Policy, University of Sydney
Julia Mant, Reference Archivist, University of Sydney
Louise Marshall, Department of History, University of Sydney
Lise Mellor, Research Manager, History Projects and Publications, Sydney Medical School
Sydney Nade, Clinical Professor, Discipline of Surgery, University of Sydney
Peter Paisley, Independent Scholar (previously University of New South Wales)
Peter Reeves, Department of Microbiology, University of Sydney
Bruce Storey, Paediatrician (retired).

Venue: New Law School, Eastern Avenue, University of Sydney

Registration: \$100 for two days, or \$50 for either Friday or Saturday – includes drinks on arrival, morning and afternoon teas, and light lunches.

Registration for students: \$10 for each day.

Please contact Diana Lovegrove (d.lovegrove@usyd.edu.au), tel. 02 9114 1163, for more information.

Please inform interested colleagues about this two-day History of Medicine Symposium, especially those who do not receive MAA e-Newsletters!

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