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8-11
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University
of Sydney

HEALTH HISTORY IN THE MAKING



PROGRAM



"Today, the only thing that is permanent, is change" - Dr Charles Mayo, Mayo Clinic, 1931

DAY
ONE

TUESDAY 8 JULY 2025

1.00pm - 2.00pm	Medical History Guided Tour of the Sydney University Campus followed by coffee break
4.00pm - 5.30pm	ANZSHM Council Meeting (for Councillors only)
6.00pm - 8.00pm	WELCOME RECEPTION WITH DRINKS AND CANAPES. Opening of Rare Books Exhibition, Level 2, Fisher Library

DAY
TWO

WEDNESDAY 9 JULY 2025

8.00am	REGISTRATION & COFFEE		
9.00am	Conference opening and Welcome to Country		
9.20am	KEYNOTE PRESENTATION: Professor Jakelin Troy, University of Sydney Subject to the Flies: a holistic perspective on the history of Aboriginal health		
10.20am	PANEL: INDIGENOUS HEALTH HISTORY Ray Davidson, 'Reflections on the Aboriginal Medical Service, Redfern' Speaker 2: TBA		
11.00am - 11.30am	MORNING TEA		
11.30 - 1.00pm	CONCURRENT SESSIONS		
	STREAM 1 Room LT 101 Mental Health I (Institutions)	STREAM 2 Room LT 104 Medical Biography	STREAM 3 Room LT 106 Reproductive Rights Histories
11.30am	A pretty good deal? Analysing the burials at Gladesville Hospital Cemetery 1880-1903 Sarah Luke	The Search for Isabella Roger Wilkinson	Exploring The History of Birth Trauma and Obstetric Violence in British Medicine 1690-1890 Paige Donaghy
12.00noon	Callan Park: the spaces of silence Roslyn Burge	The Medical Contributions of Louis Pasteur Neil Pollock	The Role of the Physician in Historical Reproductive Coercion Cassandra Byrnes
12.30pm	Recording What Happened: medical history no longer on site Jennifer Munday	Sir James Barrett: his enormous influence in medicine and academia David Kaufman	Graeco-Roman fertility understandings of 'compatible coupling' and its misuse in 21st-century debates on women's reproductive rights Rebecca Sachse
1.00pm - 2.00pm	LUNCH & BOOK LAUNCH - Margaret Boulton, Stories of illness and survival in South Australia 1836 - 1856		

DAY TWO

1.00pm – 2.00pm	LUNCH & BOOK LAUNCH - Margaret Boulton, Stories of illness and survival in South Australia 1836 – 1856		
2.00pm – 3.30pm	CONCURRENT SESSIONS		
	STREAM 1 Room LT 101 Eugenics	STREAM 2 Room LT 104 Nurse Education	STREAM 3 Room LT 106 Medical Culture in Australia
2.00pm	Legacies of Eugenics in Australia: roundtable Kathryn Irving Lee-Ann Monk Ross Jones Chair: Stephen Garton	Absconded', 'Useless' and 'Most Unsatisfactory': Trainee Nurse Attrition in North Queensland c. 1950s to 1970s Sandra Dash	Medicine in the Colonies: Searching for the emergence of local cultures of medicine in the nineteenth century Australian colonies through digital analysis of medical journals, 1856-1900 Christopher Orrell
2.30pm		Nurses who completed the Mental Retardation Certificate in New South Wales 1969 – 1985 Peter Lewis	London Calling Peter Winterton
3.00pm		Unfolding Narratives: Creating short films for nursing education that demonstrate current best practice for future historical analysis Diana Jefferies	Medical advertising in 1970s Australia: an exploration of the MD Australia journal Natalie Smith
3.30pm – 4.00pm	AFTERNOON TEA		
4.00pm – 5.00pm	CONCURRENT SESSIONS		
	STREAM 1 Room LT 101 Ancillary Health Services	STREAM 2 Room LT 104 Mental Health II	STREAM 3 Room LT 106 Special populations and their healthcare
4.00pm	Almoner To Social Worker: alms to action Diana Carmody	How favourably or unfavourably were the psychiatrists of New South Wales regarded by their medical colleagues circa 1900? Richard Trathen-White	Good Neighbours and Good Doctors: volunteers and migrant health in the 1950s and 1960s Eureka Henrich
4.30pm	The Making of an Ambulance Service in Sydney from its inception to 1960 Elizabeth Harford	The Development of Old Age Mental Health and Dementia Services in Australia since 1975 Brian Draper	Health Services of the Royal Australian Navy Neil Westphalen
5.15pm – 6.30pm	ANZSHM ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING		
6.30pm – 8.00pm	MEDICAL TRIVIA NIGHT (Higher Degree Research Students and Early Career Researchers [ECR/HDR])		

DAY THREE

THURSDAY 10 JULY 2025

9.00am - 10.00am	KEYNOTE PRESENTATION: Professor Yayi Suryo Prabandari, Universitas Gadjah Mada, Yogyakarta. 'Smoking and Smoking Policy in Indonesia after 1950'
10.00am - 11.00am	PANEL: ASIAN MEDICAL HISTORY C. Michele Thompson The Tuệ Tĩnh Đường Medical Clinic and Contemporary Engaged Buddhism in Vietnam Marta Hanson Knowing Hands: Thinking with the Mind in Hand in Late Imperial Chinese Medicine Tsung-Jen Hung Jamu's circulation to Taiwan: dis-chantment, re-chantment and the fetish of medical terms
11.00am - 11.30am	MORNING TEA

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11.30 - 1.00pm	CONCURRENT SESSIONS		
	STREAM 1 Room LT 101 Infectious Disease Histories	STREAM 2 Room LT 104 Sexual Health	STREAM 3 Room LT 106 Preventive Medicine
11.30am	Surgical Semantics: the inoculation of smallpox in early eighteenth-century Britain Mark S. Dawson	From Fascinated Victims to Disease Vectors: the role of sex worker activism in the creation of public health policy for the prevention of HIV Samantha Baker	Heart disease epidemiology and obesity in Aotearoa New Zealand Jessica Parr
12.00noon	Emotional Epidemiology: Using disease histories to reconsider pathogen avoidance theory Philippa Barr	What is the role of the clinical record in the history of medicine? Marilyn McMurchie	Advances in Bacteriology amid Oceans of Lung Complaints: the persistence of ideas about the restorative power of sea voyages and fresh air Ann Westmore
12.30pm	Sydney's 1820 Influenza Outbreak: a detailed analysis of its impact on settler and indigenous populations Denis Gojack	Abortion Stories: the value of historical stories hidden in the archives Michelle Blake	Nineteenth-century French Hygiene and the Global Origins of Individual Preventative Health Alison Downham Moore
1.00pm - 2.00pm	LUNCH		
2.00pm - 3.30pm	CONCURRENT SESSIONS		
	STREAM 1 Room LT 101 Cross-cultural Health Systems	STREAM 2 Room LT 104 Carceral Medicine	STREAM 3 Room LT 106 Nurses in the Antipodes 1900-1945
2.00pm	Did the successes of 'quack' medicine marketing in New Zealand influence the fate of Māori tohunga at the turn of the 20th century? Jayne Krisjanous	A Story of Disease, Stigma and Isolation: Spinalonga, a leper colony Anna Efstathiadou	Sister Edith Moore's War: A Reconstructed History Peter Dowling
2.30pm	Medicine or Miracle?: Deaf Cure and its ideological implications in Socialist China Shu Wan	Islands of Segregation c. 1870-1907: a comparative socio-political study of Queensland and British Columbia Hugo Ree	Re-Interpreting the Civilian Nurse Role in Darwin's First Bombing Raids 1942: Sister Eileen Mary Neenan MBE Elizabeth Anne [Janie] Mason
3.00pm	From the Vedas to the Margins of Modern Medicine: the global revival of 'Modern Ayurveda' Tanya Goyal	Drainage and disease in Australia's colonial prison system Kath Weston	Public virtue, private ambition: the quiet rise of entrepreneurial women in New Zealand's private hospitals 1900 - 1935 Ann-Marie Quinn
3.30pm - 4.00pm	AFTERNOON TEA		
4.00pm - 5.00pm	CONCURRENT SESSIONS		
	STREAM 1 Room LT 101 The Colonial Hospital	STREAM 2 Room LT 104 Mental Health III	STREAM 3 Room LT 106 Neonatal and paediatric histories
4.00pm	Homeopathy in Colonial Australia: homoeopathic hospitals and the battle with allopathy Neville Yeomans	Sketching a Cultural History of the Vagus Nerve Jacinthe Flore	Warmth, Milk, Bonding and Hygiene: how an Australian paediatrician shaped neonatal care in the 1950s James Isbister
5.00pm	"They all evince a desire to go home when they get to the Melbourne Hospital": the admission and discharge of Indigenous people to and from the Melbourne Hospital during the mid to late 19th century Gabrielle Rutter	Big Feelings as Methodological Justice: addressing epistemic inequities in medical oral histories Gemma Lucy Smart	Making History: drawing on a personal archive to understand developments in neonatal care in late twentieth-century New Zealand Linda Bryder
5.30pm	Camden Cottage Hospital: the early days of a New South Wales rural hospital 1899-1902 Ian Willis	Resisting the System: counter-narratives in the Australian consumer/survivor/ex-patient movement 1970-1990 Emily Rose	The Emotional Lives of Children During the Great War: clues from Mary Truby King's papers Clare Ashton
6.30pm - 10.00pm	CONFERENCE DINNER at The Refectory, Sydney University		

FRIDAY 11 JULY 2025

9.00am - 10.00am	KEYNOTE PRESENTATION: Professor Catharine Coleborne, University of Newcastle 'The Patient's View 40 years on: illness experiences and the social history of medicine'		
10.00am - 11.00am	PANEL: WHAT DO GLAMers DO? A SELECTION TO SHOW THE WEALTH OF OUR COLLECTIONS Catherine Storey A Mysterious Bundle Greg Hunter Museum - RANZCOG Rebecca Lush Specimens as Storytellers Elizabeth Milford Anatomy Transfigured – the work of the 16th century anatomist and surgeon, Matteus Realdo Colombo Helen Laffin The Dr Benjamin Rank Collection; prosthetic arm		
11.00am - 11.30am	MORNING TEA		
11.30 - 1.00pm	CONCURRENT SESSIONS		
	STREAM 1 Room LT 101 Galleries, Libraries and Museums I	STREAM 2 Room LT 104 Gender and Health	STREAM 3 Room LT 106 Medical Science History
11.30am	100 Years of Collecting Rebecca Lush	Masculinity, Sexuality and Health through the Lens of Medical Humanities: exploring Indian cinema Kaushalya Bajpayee	Animalia: the critical importance of animals in medical history Kath Weston
12.00noon	Pestilence and Plague: from the Spanish flu to COVID-19 Jacqueline Healy	Aftercare and the Second World War soldier: maintaining the masculinity of military men in the Trelowarren Rehabilitation Base 1949-1970 Effie Karageorgos	Bacteriology in Bombay: the laboratory as nexus for social and scientific life Vidhyasai Annem
12.30pm	Contemporary Collecting and Covid-19 Veronica Dominiak	Making Health History Downunder: the role of anatomy Meredith Temple-Smith	The 1925 Nobel Prize in Physiology/ Medicine John Carmody
1.00pm - 2.00pm	LUNCH / GLAM LUNCH		
2.00pm - 3.30pm	CONCURRENT SESSIONS		
	STREAM 1 Room LT 101 Galleries, Libraries and Museums I	STREAM 2 Room LT 104 The COVID-19 Pandemic	STREAM 3 Room LT 106 Careers Session for HDRs and ECRs
2.00pm	Our Health Journeys: the e-museum of medical history Margaret Horsburgh	Australians' Experiences of the COVID-19 Pandemic: the first three years (2020-22) Deborah Lupton	
2.30pm	Showcasing the History of Medicine Ian Roberts-Thomson	New Zealanders, Vaccination and Health History in the Making Susan Heydon	
3.00pm	Surgical History Interpreted Helen Laffin	Pandemic Failure: neglecting history at our peril Robert Clancy	
3.30pm - 4.00pm	MEETING CLOSE & AFTERNOON TEA		