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Bicentenary of the Royal Edinburgh Hospital

Lecture series, 2012 – 13



The Royal Edinburgh Hospital is celebrating its bicentenary in June 2013. To commemorate 200 years of pioneering mental health care provision, NHS Lothian, with the support of the Wellcome Trust and the Scottish Government, has commissioned an eight-part lecture series to illuminate aspects of the rich and diverse history of the hospital from the early 19th century to the present day.

Lecture 1 – Keynote lecture and reception, 'Madness Confined', 3 October 2012

Council Chamber, City Chambers,
City of Edinburgh Council,
High Street, Edinburgh EH1 1YJ.
Refreshments 6pm, lecture 6.30pm – 7.30pm.

Andrew Scull, Professor of Sociology and Science Studies, University of California at San Diego, will examine the emergence and the consequences of a new perspective on the management of mental illness at the dawn of the 19th century: rational, humane and, above all, curative, paying particular attention to the contrasts and comparisons between developments in England and Scotland.

Lecture 2 – 'Sport, Health and the Royal Edinburgh Hospital', 14 November 2012

Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh,
9 Queen Street, Edinburgh EH2 1JQ.
Refreshments 6pm, lecture 6.30pm – 7.30pm.

John Burnett, until recently Principal Curator, National Museums of Scotland, will look at the significant role sport played in the life of paying and pauper patients at the Royal Edinburgh Hospital in the second half of the 19th century, at a time when sport itself was growing and developing rapidly.

Lecture 3 – 'Voices of the Mad: Patients' Letters from the Royal Edinburgh Hospital, 1873-1908', 12 December 2012

Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh,
9 Queen Street, Edinburgh EH2 1JQ.
Refreshments 4pm, lecture 4.30pm – 5.30pm.

Dr Allan Beveridge, Consultant Psychiatrist, Queen Margaret Hospital, Dunfermline, will look at the very rich archive of the Royal Edinburgh Hospital. In particular he will examine the extensive collection of accounts by patients of their mental struggles and experiences. This lecture focuses on the period between 1873 and 1908 when Thomas Clouston was Superintendent of the hospital. Drawing on over a thousand letters written by patients, it examines the life of inmates and descriptions of their mental worlds.

This lecture will be delivered in collaboration with the Edinburgh History of Medicine Group Seminars.

**Lecture 4 – ‘The female malady? The troubled relationship between psychiatry and gender’,
13 February 2013**

Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh,
9 Queen Street, Edinburgh EH2 1JQ.
Refreshments 4pm, lecture 4.30pm – 5.30pm.

Dr Gayle Davis, Wellcome Lecturer in the History of Medicine, University of Edinburgh, will explore the relationship between psychiatry and gender over the 19th and 20th centuries, using the Royal Edinburgh Hospital as a case study. The lecture will consider why mental illness has been characterised historically as the ‘female malady’, and will ask how significant gender was to psychiatry.

This lecture will be delivered in collaboration with the Edinburgh History of Medicine Group Seminars.

**Lecture 5 – ‘Hungry lions, kangaroos and bruised reeds: patient art at the Royal Edinburgh Hospital in the 19th century’,
13 March 2013**

Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh,
9 Queen Street, Edinburgh EH2 1JQ.
Refreshments 4pm, lecture 4.30pm – 5.30pm.

Dr Maureen Park, Senior Lecturer, Centre for Open Studies, University of Glasgow, will use the archive of the Royal Edinburgh Hospital to examine the reasons why, and the extent to which, drawing was promoted as a ‘therapeutic’ activity in the hospital. The lecture will look at the surviving drawings produced by patients such as William Bartholomew, John Myles and John Willis Mason at the Royal Edinburgh Hospital, and locate their productivity within the wider context of hospital art. The lecture will be fully illustrated.

This lecture will be delivered in collaboration with the Edinburgh History of Medicine Group Seminars.

**Lecture 6 – ‘From electric shocks to virtual reality: the treatment of soldiers after battle’,
10 April 2013**

Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh,
9 Queen Street, Edinburgh EH2 1JQ.
Refreshments 6pm, lecture 6.30pm – 7.30pm.

Professor Chris Freeman, Consultant Psychiatrist and Psychotherapist, Royal Edinburgh Hospital, will discuss the history of psychological treatment for soldiers and veterans from the early 20th century to the present day. The lecture starts with services provided at Craiglockhart by WHR Rivers and his colleagues during World War I and also subsequent developments in the Royal Edinburgh Hospital. It will then discuss more recent changes, including the re-establishment of military psychiatric wards in NHS hospitals throughout the UK. It will conclude with an account of Veterans First Point, a one-stop-shop service in Edinburgh for veterans and their families.

**Lecture 7 – ‘Psychiatry and Empire’,
8 May 2013**

Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh,
9 Queen Street, Edinburgh EH2 1JQ.
Refreshments 6pm, lecture 6.30 – 7.30pm.

Dr SP Sashidharan, Consultant Psychiatrist, Mental Health Rights (Scotland), will describe the emergence of colonial and post-colonial psychiatry and the significant role played by Edinburgh psychiatry in the shaping of transcultural psychiatry. The lecture will also consider the appropriateness of psychiatric theory and practice in non-European settings and current tensions in Global Mental Health.

Lecture 8 – ‘The rise and rise of scientific psychiatry in Edinburgh’, 4 June 2013

City Chambers, City of Edinburgh Council,
High Street, Edinburgh EH1 1YJ.
Refreshments 5.30pm, lecture 6pm – 7pm.

Stephen Lawrie, Professor of Psychiatry and Neuro-Imaging and Honorary Consultant Psychiatrist, University of Edinburgh, will describe the development of scientific psychiatry in Edinburgh, tracing the academic activity of the Physician Superintendents and latterly the Professors of the University Department of Psychiatry within the Royal Edinburgh Hospital, and including the potential of current research for novel therapeutic directions.

Booking

Tickets are free but must be booked in advance, contact **Anne Thomson** on **0131 537 6399**, apart from lectures 3, 4 and 5, which are available on a first come first served basis. Please note that tickets for certain venues are limited, so book early to avoid disappointment.

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For more information about the history of the Royal Edinburgh Hospital, please contact NHS Lothian's Archive, Lothian Health Services Archive (LHSA).

Please help LHSA preserve the story of the Royal Edinburgh Hospital for future generations by donating to the Archive. LHSA is looking for anything from photos and letters to books and objects, dating from the 18th century to the present day. New accessions will supplement and complement NHS Lothian's own rich collection relating to the hospital. **Email: lhsa@ed.ac.uk; tel: 0131 650 3392; www.lhsa.lib.ed.ac.uk.**