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CHRIS LOW

SLOAN MAHONE

JOHN MANTON

NINA STAEHLE

HELEN TILLEY

MARIA VASSILIOU

LOUELLA VAUGHAN

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*The MSc/MPhil Students of the Unit during 2000-2001 were:*

CATELIJNE COOPMANS

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STEPHEN HULSE

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## INTRODUCTION

The Wellcome Unit, which is housed in two attractive Victorian buildings in North Oxford comes under the general supervision of the Board of the Faculty of Modern History, in co-operation with the Boards of the Faculties of Physiological Sciences and Clinical Medicine. A committee drawn from the above faculties oversees the Unit. It is responsible for teaching and research in the History of Medicine at the University of Oxford.

The core staff of the unit for the year 2000-2001 comprised: (1) Dr Mary Dobson, Director and Reader in the History of Medicine, (2) Dr Mark Harrison, Deputy Director (later Acting-Director) and Wellcome Trust Research Fellow, (3) Dr Maureen Malowany, Wellcome Trust Research Fellow, (4) Dr Michael Jennings, Research Officer, (5) Carol Spicer, Administrator, and (6) Carol Phipps, Unit Secretary, and Louise Bond and Huw Price, part-time Secretarial Assistants. Dr Dobson unfortunately suffered a prolonged illness for much of the year and, sadly, was forced to retire on grounds of ill health. The Wellcome Unit owes Dr Dobson a great deal, for it was she who established the Unit as a major research centre in the history of tropical medicine and infectious diseases. During the period of Dr Dobson's illness, Dr Harrison took over as Acting-Director and continued in this role throughout the academic year.

The Unit also said goodbye to Dr Ulf Schmidt, who was appointed Lecturer in history at the University of Kent after three years as a Wellcome Research Fellow and to Patrick Wallis, formerly a doctoral student at the Unit, who was appointed to a lectureship in History at the University of Nottingham. New arrivals at the Unit included Dr Harrison, who began his '5 + 5' Fellowship in October and Dr Sanjoy Bhattacharya, who began a three-year position as Research Officer in February. Dr Bhattacharya, however, left the Unit in August after being appointed Lecturer at the Wellcome Trust Centre for the History of Medicine at UCL. Ms. Shruti Kapila was selected as Dr Bhattacharya's replacement and will begin work in the following academic year, subject to the successful examination of her doctoral thesis.

During 2000-2001, the Unit was productive in terms of research, publications and work sent to press. Members attended many different international and national conferences, and were highly active in disseminating their research to medical and historical audiences in Britain and overseas. Some members of the Unit also appeared on national radio and television. Full details of these activities are to be found in the individual entries below. Two new research projects began at the Unit during the year: Dr Harrison's fellowship project on medicine in Britain's tropical colonies, 1750-1900 and a Wellcome Project Grant on hospitals in the Bombay Presidency of British India. An agreement was also reached between Oxford University and the International Leprosy Association to relocate its Global History of Leprosy Project to the Unit. The project will employ a Research Co-ordinator and an administrative assistant for 20 months, in order to compile a database on the sources relating to the history of leprosy after 1800. The project will begin in October 2001.

While developing its research focus on the history of tropical medicine and infectious diseases, members of the Unit continued to promote the history of medicine in the widest sense within the University. The core course in the History of Medicine, which is part of the MSc/MPhil Economic and Social History, was taught by members of the Unit in conjunction with other historians of medicine within the Faculty of Modern History. This degree is now one of the most popular within the University and the standard of entry is exceptionally high. Members of the Unit also offered advanced papers for the MSc/MPhil and Dr Harrison served in Dr Dobson's stead as one of its three examiners. In addition, Unit staff played an important role in the supervision of master's dissertations and doctoral theses. Nine master's and ten doctoral students in the history of medicine were supervised, in addition to an undergraduate dissertation in Physiological Sciences. Three of the master's students were in receipt of Wellcome Trust scholarships and two Oxford students received grants from the Wellcome Trust to enable them to study for a doctorate in the history of

medicine, beginning in the following academic year. Ms. Helen Tilley was successfully examined for her DPhil in August 2001 and will take up a Wellcome Research Fellowship at the Unit in October 2001.

The Unit also continued its well-established seminar programme in the history of medicine. Public seminars were held at the Unit in each of the three terms, in series entitled: 'The History of Medicine Speaking to Public Health Policy'; 'War, Medicine, and Disease' and 'Medicine and Culture before 1700'. The seminars attracted audiences from a diverse range of disciplines and helped to maintain and establish links with colleagues in the Modern History Faculty, the Medical School, the Wellcome Trust Centres for Tropical Medicine and the Epidemiology of Infectious Diseases, Green College, the African Studies Centre at St Antony's College, the Department of Social and Cultural Anthropology, the Environmental Change Institute, and historians of medicine at Oxford Brookes University.

During the Michaelmas, Hilary and Trinity Terms, the Unit also held a regular Research Forum Seminar for its students and staff, as well as those working in the history of medicine and science elsewhere in the University. These seminars were very popular and produced stimulating discussions, providing an opportunity for students and research fellows to present work in progress and enabling academic visitors to the Unit to discuss their research in an informal setting. The Unit Christmas Party, and the Cheese and Wine and Summer Garden parties, were very successful and well attended. Unit members also enjoyed a number of other academic and social gatherings at the Unit and at Green College. One of these was the launch of a new series of books edited by two members of the Unit, Drs. Bhattacharya and Harrison, entitled 'New Perspectives in South Asian History.' The series is published by Orient Longman and specializes in the history of medicine and science, and environmental history. The Unit was also lucky enough to host the Wellcome Funded PhD Student Meeting in March 2001. This meeting was well attended and productive, and enjoyed by all.

The Wellcome Unit continued to host academic visitors from overseas, most of whom participated in a conference organized jointly with Wolfson College Cambridge on the history of medicine in South Asia. The visitors included Professor S.N. Arseculeratne of Peradeniya University, Sri Lanka; Dr Mridulla Ramanna of the University of Mumbai; Dr Biswamoy Pati, Dr Partho Datta and Dr Indrani Sen of Delhi University. Professor Arseculeratne and Dr Sen were supported by grants from the British Academy and the other visitors by the European Science Foundation. Other academic visitors included Dr Morris Goldner of the Faculté de Médecine, Université Laval, Quebec and Mr Laszlo Mathe of the Central European University, Budapest.

The Unit is most grateful to the Wellcome Trust, the University of Oxford and Green College for their continued support, and also to the Management Advisory Committee for its valuable guidance. The Director is also grateful to the staff, students and other individuals who make the Unit a stimulating and friendly environment in which to study and research the History of Medicine.

### **UNIT LIBRARY**

Keith O'Sullivan, the Unit's librarian, has spent much of the past year involved in the retroconversion project, funded by the Wellcome Trust. Some two-thirds of items in the main collection have now been catalogued and 143 new items accessioned during the year 2000-1. Donations received were as follows:

Horden, P., Savage-Smith, E. eds, *The year 1000: medical practice at the end of the first millennium* (donated by the editors)

Obregon, D., *Culturas cientificas y sabere locales* (author)

Dobson, M., Malowany, M. and Stapleton, D., eds, *Dealing with malaria in the last 60 years* (editors)

Jodha, N. S., *Life on the edge: sustaining agriculture and community resources in fragile environments* (Indian Institute Library, Bodleian, Oxford)

Ebbinghaus, A., Dorner, K., eds., *Vernichten und heilen : der Nürnberger Arzprozess und seine Folgen* (Dr U. Schmidt).

## TEACHING, SEMINARS and CONFERENCES

### Teaching

The following graduate students studied the History of Medicine within the MSc Economic and Social History in 2000-2001, and were supervised by members of and associates of the Unit:

<u>Student (College)</u>	<u>Funding</u>	<u>Supervisor</u>
Catelijne Coopmans (St Cross)	Private	Margaret Pelling (Modern History Faculty)
Stephen Hulse (Green)	Wellcome Trust	Mark Harrison (Wellcome Unit and Modern History Faculty)
Louise Kringlebach (Green)	Private	Margaret Pelling (Modern History Faculty)
Elaine Leong (Green)	Private	Margaret Pelling (Modern History Faculty)
Grace Ngugi (Green)	Wellcome Trust	Maureen Malowany (Wellcome Unit and Modern History Faculty)
Anna Skotko (Trinity)	Scholarship	Charles Webster (Modern History Faculty)
Suzanne Taylor (Green)	Wellcome Trust	Mark Harrison (Wellcome Unit)
Deborah Williams (Linacre)	Private	Margaret Pelling (Modern History Faculty)

The following students commenced the MPhil course in 2000-2001 in Economic and Social History and were supervised by members of and associated of the Unit:

<u>Student (College)</u>	<u>Funding</u>	<u>Supervisor</u>
Chelsea Elander (Magdalen)	Rhodes Scholarship	Mark Harrison (Wellcome Unit and Modern History Faculty)

The following postgraduate students preparing DPhil theses in the history of medicine in the Unit have been supervised by members of the Unit, the history Faculty and Oxford Brookes during 2000-2001 (\*Wellcome Trust Funded):

<u>Student (College)</u>	<u>Working Title</u>	<u>Supervisor(s)</u>
Sunniva Engh (Queens)	<i>Scandanavian Aid to the Indian Family Planning Programme</i>	M. Harrison (Wellcome Unit and Modern History Faculty)
Bunia Gorelick* (Wadham)	<i>Voluntary-Statutory Relations in Healthcare: The Nuffield Provincial Hospitals Trust and the British State, 1940-62</i>	J. Stewart (Oxford Brookes University)
Chris Low (Green)	<i>Historical Understanding of Khoisan Medicine</i>	W. Beinart (St Antony's College) & M. Harrison (Wellcome Unit and Modern History)
Sloan Mahone (Lady Margaret Hall)	<i>The interpretation and Treatment of African Insanity in East Africa</i>	M. Harrison (Wellcome Unit and Modern History Faculty) & M. Vaughan (Nuffield College)
John Manton* (Nuffield)	<i>Irish Medical Missionaries in Africa, 1936-1974</i>	M. Dobson (Wellcome Unit and Modern History Faculty) & M. Vaughan (Nuffield College)
Nina Staehle* (St Antony's)	<i>British Trials of Nazi Medical War Crimes – Medical Ethics in a Political Context</i>	P. Weindling (Oxford Brookes)

Helen Tilley (Wadham)	<i>The African Research Survey and the British Colonial Empire</i>	W. Beinart (St Antony's)
Maria Vassiliou (Wolfson)	<i>The History of Malaria in 20th Century Greece</i>	W.F. Bynum (Wellcome Institute, London) & M. Dobson (Unit and Modern History)
Louella Vaughan (Oriell)	<i>Improvements in the Art of Healing: William Heberden (1710-1801) and the Emergence of Modern Medicine in Eighteenth-Century England</i>	M. Pelling (Modern History)
Patrick Wallis* (Lincoln)	<i>London Apothecaries and Medical Practice, c1580-c1660</i>	M. Pelling (Modern History)

The following pre-clinical undergraduate from Physiological Sciences began a dissertation in the history of medicine in the Unit in Trinity 2001 and will submit in Trinity Term 2002:

<u>Student (College)</u>	<u>Working Title</u>	<u>Supervisor</u>
Oliver Julyan (Keble)	<i>Gulf War Syndrome</i>	Mark Harrison (Wellcome Unit and Modern History Faculty)

## Conferences

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> and Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2001 – Wellcome Funded PhD Student Conference.

## Seminars

The Unit organized the following seminar series and research forums during the academic year:

### Michaelmas Term 2000

'History of Medicine Speaking to Public Health Policy' (Seminar Series – Ondine Barrow and Mike Jennings).

Research Forum in the History of Medicine (Maureen Malowany and Mike Jennings).

### Hilary Term 2001

'War, Medicine, and Disease' (Seminar Series – Mark Harrison).

Research Forum in the History of Medicine (Maureen Malowany and Mike Jennings).

### Trinity Term 2001

'Medicine and Culture before 1700' – (Seminar Series – Margaret Pelling).

Research Forum in the History of Medicine (Maureen Malowany and Mike Jennings).

The speakers and titles for the seminar series were as follows:

## **Michaelmas Term 2000**

*'History of Medicine Speaking to Public Health Policy'*

Convenors: Ondine Barrow and Mike Jennings

Professor Virginia Berridge, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine

*'History in public health-who needs it?'*

Mr John Stewart, Oxford Brookes University

*"'The Most Precious Asset of a Nation is its Children": Psychiatry and the Evidence Given to the Committee on Homeless Children, Scotland, in 1945.'*

Dr Andrew Mendelsohn, Imperial College, London

*'What Is a Technical Fix? Scenes from 19th-Century Public Health.'*

Dr Elizabeth Dowler, University of Warwick

*'Nutrition in Defining and Responding to Poverty in the 20th Century.'*

Maggie Black, UNICEF

*'Water and Well-being: The Changing International Agenda.'*

Dr John Fisher, University of Newcastle at Australia

*'Globalisation, Panzootics and Prophylactic Policies: Responses to the Global Epizootic of Contagious Bovine Pleuro-pneumonia 1830-1860.'*

Dr Diana Obregón, Wellcome Unit for the History of Medicine, University of East Anglia and Departamento de Historia, Universidad Nacional de Colombia

*'Building National Medicine: Leprosy, Bacteriology and the Rhetoric of Statistics in Colombia, 1890-1920.'*

## **Hilary Term 2001**

*'War, Medicine, and Disease'*

Convenor: Mark Harrison

Dr Mark Harrison, The Wellcome Unit for the History of Medicine, Oxford

*'War, Medicine and Economy: Medicine and the Organisation of Warfare during the Eighteenth Century.'*

Mr Philip Mills, Wellcome Trust Centre for the History of Medicine, UCL

*'Cleanliness and Order: War and the Campaign to avoid Fevers in the British Army, 1720-1770.'*

Professor Roger Cooter, Wellcome Unit for the History of Medicine, University of East Anglia

*'Of War and Epidemics: Interrogating Discourse and Script.'*

Dr Ian Whitehead, University of Derby

*'British Medicine and the Gallipoli Campaign.'*

Ms Rachel Johnstone, University of Oxford

*'Mechanization of Warfare and the Body: Nutritional Science and Tactics of the Second World War.'*

Mr Peter Barham, Wellcome Trust Centre for the History of Medicine, UCL

*'Great War Madness: Psychiatric Casualties of the Great War, 1914-1959.'*

Ben Shepard, Bristol

*"'The Father of P.T.S.D.'" Putting Abram Kardiner in Context.'*

Ulf Schmidt, Wellcome Unit for the History of Medicine, Oxford

*'Do we need a Social History of Ethics? The Nuremburg Doctors Trial and the Nuremburg Code in Historical Perspectives.'*

## Trinity Term 2001

*'Medicine and Culture before 1700'*

Convenor: Margaret Pelling

Dr Emily Cockayne, Magdalen College, Oxford

*'Turning a Deaf Ear: Hearing and Not Hearing in Early Modern England.'*

Meraud Grant Ferguson, Jesus College, Oxford

*"'Excellent Workes": Medicine and the Commercial Book Trade in London, 1510-40.'*

Patrick Wallis, University of Nottingham

*"'Apollo's Armoury": Apothecaries and their Wares in Seventeenth-Century London.'*

Prof. Nancy Siraisi, Hunter College and the Graduate School, City University of New York

*'Evident Signs, Theory and Testimony in Renaissance Autopsies.'*

## INDIVIDUAL ENTRIES

### **ONDINE BARROW, Research Fellow**

Ondine continued to work on her project, medical missionaries in colonial Kenya. She spent much of the academic year on maternity leave, after giving birth to a daughter. She spent some of the period undertaking the final editing of *The Charitable Impulse: NGOs and Development in East and North-East Africa* (with Michael Jennings). During the year, she made several trips to archives to look at primary sources for her project. She also convened the seminar series on 'History of Medicine Speaking to Public Policy' at the Unit, with Michael Jennings.

### **SANJOY BHATTACHARYA, Research Officer**

Having joined the Unit on the 1<sup>st</sup> of February 2001, Dr Bhattacharya started research on a Wellcome Trust-funded project dealing with the development of the modern hospital system in Bombay presidency between 1900 and 1950. This work was combined with the completion of the monograph arising from the Wellcome Trust-funded project relating to the control and eradication of smallpox in India between 1850 and 1977. Three other important projects also required significant attention. The first was the organisation of a two-day international conference, funded by the Asia Committee of the European Science Foundation, in June 2001 – the meeting was held at Wolfson College, University of Cambridge. The second related to the administration of a new academic book series, entitled 'New Perspectives in South Asian History', which was launched in 2001, in association with Orient Longman Ltd (Hyderabad, India). Dr. Mark Harrison and Dr Sanjoy Bhattacharya are both general editors of the series, along with Professors Michael Worboys and Peter Cain, of Sheffield Hallam University. It is intended to produce three volumes per year (the series has a strong history of medicine component). Finally, Dr Bhattacharya was awarded a British Academy Visiting Fellowship in order to invite Dr. Indrani Sen, of the University of Delhi, to the UK – she was affiliated to the Unit between June and August 2001 and conducted work in archives in Cambridge, London and Oxford.

### **CATELIJNE COOPMANS, MSc Student**

Cateljne is interested in technology in medicine, especially in the nineteenth and twentieth century. Her MSc dissertation is about gait analysis in the period 1895-1914, comparing photographic recordings of normal gait and cinematographic recordings of walking disorders. One of the main sources is a Belgian collection of early medical films (1905 onwards), made by the neuroanatomist Arthur van Gehuchten. After completing her MSc, Cateljne began a DPhil under Professor Stephen Woolgar at the Said Business School, researching the introduction of new medical technology into hospitals in the Oxford region.

### **CHELSEA ELANDER, MPhil Student**

Chelsea is finishing her first year as a MPhil student. As well as completing her first year's taught course work, she is beginning research on an oral history archive in New York City which is comprised of interviews with doctors who were the first to work with AIDS patients in the United States.

### **SUNNIVA ENGH, DPhil Student**

During her first year as a D.Phil. student, Sunniva Engh has worked on Scandinavian aid to the Indian family planning programme, in the period 1970-1995. Ms. Engh made one research trip to India, to undertake archival work and conduct interviews. She also made a research trip to Stockholm, to work in the Swedish national archives.

### **BUNIA GORELICK, DPhil Student**

Bunia Gorelick is nearing completion of her doctoral thesis, 'Sweet Charity or Bitter Pill? Voluntary-Statutory Relations in Healthcare: The Nuffield Provincial Hospitals Trust and the State, 1940-60'. In February 2002 she will assume the post of Research and Development Co-ordinator at the Homerton Hospital in East London.

### **MARK HARRISON, Deputy Director (Acting Director)**

Dr Harrison began work on his 5-year research project on the history of medicine in Britain's tropical colonies c.1750-1900. Research for this project formed the substance of three papers given during the year. The first of these was on war and medicine in the eighteenth century and was presented at the Wellcome Unit during Hilary term, as part of a series of seminars on 'Medicine and Modern Warfare,' which was organized by Dr Harrison. The second was on morbid anatomy in British India, 1770-1840 and was presented at Wolfson College, in July 2001, at a conference on 'Imperialism, Medicine and South Asia'. The latter paper has been written up in article form and will be published in a volume of collected essays based on the conference. The third paper – on quarantine and anti-slavery - was delivered at a conference on 'Occupational Health and Public Health' at Norrköping, Sweden, in September 2001 and is being written up as an article.

The academic year also saw the publication of two edited volumes: Mark Harrison and Biswamoy Pati (eds.), *Health, Medicine and Empire: Perspectives on Colonial India* (Orient Longman) and P.J. Cain and Mark Harrison (eds.), *Imperialism: Critical Concepts in Historical Studies*, 3 vols. (Routledge). Their publication was celebrated at the Wellcome Unit during Hilary term, together with the launch of a new series of monographs 'New Perspectives in South Asian History'. Dr Harrison is one of the series editors, along with Dr Bhattacharya. In collaboration with Professor Michael Worboys of Sheffield Hallam University, Drs Harrison and Bhattacharya have also been writing a monograph based on their Wellcome Trust funded project on smallpox in India, which will be delivered to the publishers (Orient Longman) in 2002.

In December 2000 Dr Harrison was appointed Deputy Director of the Unit, and was involved very largely in its running due to Dr Dobson's illness. He continued in this capacity until April, when he was appointed Acting Director and continued in this role in view of the unfortunate retirement of Dr Dobson, on grounds of ill health. In his capacity as Acting Director, Dr Harrison played an active role in developing new research programmes at the Unit. He prepared and submitted a preliminary Programme Grant application to the Wellcome Trust for the history of hospitals in the developing world. This was favourably reviewed and will proceed as a formal application in December 2001. The programme will build on the Wellcome Trust-funded Project on hospitals in the Bombay Presidency of India, which is also based at the Unit and supervised by Dr Harrison. The programme grant application will consist, in the first instance, of two three-year projects, each employing a research assistant. One will focus on Ceylon (Sri Lanka) and the other on KwaZulu Natal, South Africa. Dr Harrison is also preparing an application for a Wellcome Trust Project grant with Professor William Beinart, of St Antony's College, on the history of veterinary science in South Africa, 1900-1960.

In addition to Wellcome Trust funded research, Dr Harrison has established links with the International Leprosy Association, who have agreed to base their Global History of Leprosy Project at the Oxford Unit. The project is funded ultimately by the Nippon Foundation, through the WHO and the ILA, and involves the creation of a database of leprosy archives, largely relating to the period after 1830. The project will employ a Researcher/Co-ordinator and an administrative assistant for a period of 18 months. It is hoped that this will form the basis for future research on the modern history of leprosy.

During the year, Dr Harrison has also taken an active role in teaching and examining within the Modern History Faculty, on the MSc/MPhil degree, on which he offers an advanced paper on 'Medicine and Modern Warfare'. He also supervised undergraduate dissertations for Physiological Sciences. In addition to these duties, he continues to be an external examiner for the Intercalated B.Sc. in the History of Medicine at the Wellcome Trust Centre for History of Medicine at UCL and has recently been appointed external examiner of the MA in History of Medicine at Oxford Brookes University.

In July, Dr Harrison also appeared as a contributor to BBC 2's 'Reputations' series, on a programme devoted to Florence Nightingale, and was filmed for BBC 2's 'House Detectives' series, in a programme scheduled for 2002.

**STEPHEN HULSE, MSc Student**

Stephen was enrolled on the MSc Economic and Social History and was in receipt of a Wellcome scholarship. He prepared a dissertation on Sir Joseph Fayrer's role in the development of tropical medicine.

**MICHAEL JENNINGS, Unit Research Fellow and Research Assistant to the Director**

Michael Jennings continued his work on medical missionaries in colonial Tanganyika, presenting some of his work in several seminars, and preparing two articles for publication. He spent several weeks in the summer in the Tanganyika National Archives, Dar es Salaam, looking at the records of the colonial administration. Michael continued in his role as co-ordinator of the MSc Core Course in the History of Medicine, overseeing teaching in the history of medicine at the Unit. Michael Jennings also began to edit a collection on East African history, *The Emperor's New Clothes: Rhetoric and Reality in Post-Colonial East Africa*, with Andrew Burton.

**LOUISE KRINGLEBACH, MSc Student**

Louise was enrolled as a student on the MSc degree in Economic and Social History. She prepared a dissertation on Salmonella scares in Britain and Denmark during the 1980s.

**ELAINE LEONG, MSc Student**

During the past academic year, Elaine was a member of the Wellcome Unit as an MSc student and completed a dissertation entitled "'Mrs Elizabeth Freke: Her Booke': The Remembrances and Remedy Collection of a Seventeenth-century English Gentlewoman". Elaine is now enrolled as a Wellcome Trust funded probationer research student working on medical remedy collections in seventeenth-century England.

**CHRIS LOW, DPhil Student**

In his first year as a DPhil student Chris Low has been exploring published documents and archives for accounts of traditional medical practices in nineteenth-century South West Africa. He has become an affiliated member of the Multidisciplinary Research Centre, University of Namibia and intends to spend a large proportion of the following year working with the WIMSA (Working Group of Indigenous Minorities in Southern Africa) Oral History Project in northern Namibia. Chris has spent from March to November of this year carrying out interviews amongst Khoi and San healers in Namibia. In a trusty Toyota Hilux he has driven some 24,000 kms., made 102 recorded interviews and about eight hours of video footage. In addition to this, considerable time was spent in archives at Windhoek and Cape Town. The research has revealed many contemporary practices

that have not been documented before and which, allied with the archival material, should shed light on Khoi and San healing practices, past and present.

**SLOAN MAHONE, DPhil Student**

Sloan Mahone is a first-year DPhil student researching the impact that ideas about the tropics had on the interpretation and treatment of African insanity in British East Africa. Ms Mahone is working in consultation with research psychiatrists in the US, UK and East Africa. With a Junior Research Grant from The Beit Fund, she conducted a research trip to Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania and Zanzibar during the summer and fall of 2001. In the spring, she presented a paper, "Obscuring the Patient for the Spirochaete: Neurosyphilis in British East African Asylums" at the Hannah International Conference in Toronto on the History of Mental Illness.

**MAUREEN MALOWANY, Senior Research Fellow**

After a period as Acting-Director (December 1999-October 2000), Dr Malowany returned to her five-year research project on the history of research laboratories in sub-Saharan Africa – with a focus on the development of virology and immunology. Research was conducted at the Sudan Archives in the University of Durham and the Rockefeller Foundation Archives in Tarrytown, New York, to September 2001. Dr Malowany has made application for funding to the Wellcome Trust and other agencies for two international conferences to be held in 2002. With Dr Lyn Schumacher, Wellcome Unit for the History of Medicine, University of Manchester, and with joint funding from the *Journal of Southern African Studies*, there will be a one day conference 'Recovering Indigenous Medicine in Africa' to be held 14 June 2002 at the newly-established Green College Osler-McGovern Centre. With Sir Iain Chalmers and Dr Irvine Loudon, and joint funding from the UK Cochrane Centre, a conference entitled 'Beating Biases in therapeutic research: historical perspective' is scheduled for 5-6 September 2002 at the Osler-McGovern Centre.

Dr Malowany continued as EP Abraham Research Fellow in History of Medicine at Green College with its attendant tutoring responsibilities. In addition, Dr Malowany devised the Green College Lecture Series for Hilary Term 2002, entitled 'From Animal to Human Diseases: Changes, Chains, Controls'. Writing from the Malaria Project continues with the submission of a collaborative article, 'The history and politics of malaria epidemics in Kenya', with Drs Dobson, Jennings and Snow (submitted to the *Journal of the History of Medicine and Allied Sciences*). Dr. Malowany was an invited speaker to the Sept 2000, Centre for Developing-Area Studies of McGill University conference entitled 'Development: The Need for Reflection'. In July 2001, Dr Malowany was invited to lecture on DDT and malaria to the medical students at the University of Illinois at Chicago. Following this visit, Dr Malowany was invited to become an Adjunct Professor of the Medical Humanities Program of the University of Illinois College of Medicine-Chicago.

**JOHN MANTON, DPhil Student**

John Manton travelled to Nigeria in Michaelmas Term 2000 to further his research into Irish medical missionary work in Africa. He examined material at the convent of the Medical Missionaries of Mary, in Ogoja, Cross River State, where the order ran a provincial leprosy scheme, as well as consulting relevant records at the National Archives in Enugu. On his return, he transferred from probationary to D.Phil student status, and has since presented papers on his work at a June 2001 conference in Milwaukee on the history of women and religion, and at a conference in Aberdeen, in October 2001, on the spread of Western medicine. He is now entering the third year of a Wellcome Trust Doctoral Studentship

**GRACE NGUGI, MSc Student**

For her MSc dissertation, Grace studied the changing epidemiological pattern of malaria in a colonial urban settlement: Nairobi. The main sources of information include annual medical reports written by the Medical Officer of Health for the Nairobi Municipality, the Director of Medical Services, as well as other relevant reports authored during this period. The dissertation aimed to determine the most important social, economic and political changes influencing the cause and control of malaria, as well as the scientific underpinnings that may have impacted on this process.

**ANNA SKOTKO, MPhil Student**

Anna Skotko recently completed her first year in the MPhil course. She has been pursuing her interests in the history of psychology, psychiatry, and the brain sciences and will continue her dissertation research on 'The Politics of Autism'.

**NINA STAEHLE, DPhil Student**

Nina Staehle continues her work on her doctoral thesis. She also helped to organise the Wellcome PhD Student meeting at the Unit in March 2001.

**SUZANNE TAYLOR, MSc Student**

For her MSc dissertation, Suzanne studied the perceptions of infectious disease e.g. malaria and impact upon both traditional and Western biomedical responses.

**HELEN TILLEY, DPhil Student**

Helen Tilley completed her D-Phil, 'Africa as a "Living Laboratory" - The African Research Survey & the British Colonial Empire: Consolidating Environmental, Medical, & Anthropological Debates, 1920-1940', in June and was successfully examined in July 2001. Shortly thereafter she was able to take up a three-year Wellcome Trust Fellowship for a new project on African trypanosomosis with the tentative title, 'Tropical Environments, African Trypanosomosis, and International Biomedical Strategies for Disease Control in Colonial Africa, 1900-1960.' During the course of the academic year, she gave papers on her dissertation research at the Institute for Commonwealth Studies in London and in the post-graduate seminars in Commonwealth and African Environmental History at Oxford. In November 2000, the University of Manchester Press accepted a book proposal in its Studies in Imperialism Series, which arose from an international conference she organised (March 2000) on the history of anthropology in colonial Africa. This volume, 'Anthropology, European Imperialism and the Ordering of Africa', will go to press in 2003 and will be co-edited with Robert Gordon. She was also invited to write a new introduction to one of the classics in African Studies, William Allan's, 'The African Husbandman', which will be published through the International Africa Institute.

**MARIA VASSILIOU, DPhil Student**

Maria continues her DPhil Research work on 'The History of Malaria in 20th Century Greece'.

**LOUELLA VAUGHAN, DPhil Student**

Louella continues her DPhil research on 'Improvements in the Art of Healing: William Heberden (1710-1801) and the Emergence of Modern Medicine in Eighteenth-Century England'.

**PATRICK WALLIS, DPhil Student**

This year has seen something of a transformation. Mr Wallis has continued to work on his doctoral thesis, 'Medicines for London: The Trade and Regulation of London Apothecaries, 1610-1670', supervised by Margaret Pelling and funded by the Wellcome Trust. Since April, however, he has been based primarily at the University of Nottingham, where he has been appointed to a lectureship in the Department of History, with a secondment to the new Institute for the Study of Biorisk and Society (IBiS), funded by the Leverhulme Trust. As a result of the move, he will be working from Autumn 2001 on a study of public policy and popular responses to epidemic disease in England from the sixteenth to the nineteenth centuries. In addition to continuing his research on medicine in early modern London, he has given papers this year on various aspects of his work at Oxford, London and Toronto. His work editing the forthcoming volume on *Guilds, Society and Economy in London, 1450-1800* has also been completed. During the Autumn and Winter, Mr Wallis has been teaching at Oxford and Cambridge. In Oxford, he taught and co-taught two of the modules in the history of medicine core course for the MSc in Economic and Social History. In Cambridge, he was supervisor for the lecture course 'Medicine and Society, 1250-1750' in the History and Philosophy of Science Department.

**DEBORAH WILLIAMS, MSc Student**

Deborah undertook the MSc in Economic and Social History (History of Medicine) this year. Her background is in the practice of medical law and her dissertation topic involves looking at expert medical witnesses in the poisons trials of Victorian England.

## WORK PUBLISHED and IN PRESS

### SANJOY BHATTACHARYA

#### *Published Work:*

*Propaganda and Information in Eastern India, 1939-45: A Necessary Weapon of War* (London South Asia Series: School of Oriental and African Studies and Curzon Press, 2001).

'Re-devising Jennerian vaccines?: European technologies, Indian innovation and the control of smallpox in South Asia, 1850-1950', in Biswamoy Pati and Mark Harrison (eds.), *Health, Medicine and Empire: Perspectives on Colonial India* (Orient Longman: Hyderabad, 2001), pp. 217-269.

'Conflict, Shortage and Discontent: A Comparison of Indigenous Experience During the First and Second World Wars in Colonial India', in Peter Liddle, John Bourne and Ian Whitehead (eds.), *Lightning Strikes Twice, Volume 2* (Harper Collins: London, 2001), pp. 182-196.

'An official policy that went awry: The colonial state's Second World War propaganda campaign against the Indian National Congress', in Biswamoy Pati (ed.), *Issues in Modern Indian History: For Professor Sumit Sarkar* (Popular Prakashan: Mumbai, 2000), pp. 231-257.

Book reviews in *Modern Asian Studies*, and *South Asia Research*.

#### *In Press:*

'Urban Excess, Rural Apathy: Official policies of Public Health, the Locality and "Nationalism" in Colonial India, 1920-1947', *Journal of the History of Medicine and Allied Sciences* (Duke University Press: Durham).

'Tackling Hunger, Disease and "Internal Security": Official medical relief in colonial Eastern India during the Second World War, Parts 1 & 2' *The National Medical Journal of India*, (All India Institute of Medical Sciences: New Delhi).

'India, 1900-1947', in Derek Jones (ed.), *Censorship: An International Encyclopaedia*, forthcoming (Fitzroy Dearborn: London).

'Demobilisation, [In]discipline and Decolonisation: Official policies of information and the Indian soldier in South Asia, 1942-1947' in Clive Dewey (ed.), *The Military Factor: The New Military History of South Asia* (Oxford University Press: New Delhi).

### MARK HARRISON

#### *Published Work:*

(Ed. with Peter Cain), *Imperialism: Critical Concepts*, 3 vols. (London: Routledge, 2001).

(Ed. with Biswamoy Pati), *Health, Medicine and Empire: Perspectives on Colonial India* (Hyderabad: Orient Longman, 2001).

'Medicine and Orientalism: Perspectives on Europe's Encounter with Indian Medical Systems', in Pati and Harrison, *Health, Medicine and Empire*, pp.37-87.

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'Was there an Oriental Renaissance in Medicine? The Evidence of the Nineteenth-Century Medical Press', in David Finkelstein and Douglas Peers (eds.), *Negotiating India in the Nineteenth-Century Media* (London: Macmillan, 2000), pp.233-254.

'Differences of Degree: Representations of India in British Medical Topography, 1820-c.1870', in N.A. Rupke (ed.), *Medical Geography in Historical Perspective, Medical History Supplement No. 20* (2000), pp.51-69.

(with V. Berridge, M. Pelling and P. Weindling) Chapters 2-4 in C. Webster (ed.), *Caring for Health: History and Diversity*, 3rd edn (Open University Press, Buckingham and Philadelphia, 2001), pp. 31-132 [revised edn].

Book reviews were written for *British Journal for the History of Science*, *Bulletin of the History of Medicine*, *Calcutta Historical Journal*, *English Historical Review*, *Medical History*, *Social History of Medicine*, *War in History*.

*In Press:*

'Disease and Medicine in the Armies of the East India Company', in G. Hudson and R. Porter (eds.), *Medicine and British Warfare before 1800* (Rodopi, forthcoming).

## **MICHAEL JENNINGS**

*Published Work:*

(Ed. with Ondine Barrow), *The Charitable Impulse* (James Currey, 2001).

'Healing of Bodies, Salvation of Souls: Missionary Medicine in Colonial Tanganyika, 1870s-1939', *Currents in World Christianity Project* position paper, April 2001.

Contributor to the 'History of Health Care in Tanzania' exhibition and booklet (April 2001).

Writer on African issues for Webster's European revised version of Encarta for CD ROM, 1996.

*In Press:*

'This Mysterious and Intangible Enemy': Health and Disease Amongst the Early UMCA Missionaries, 1860-1918', *Social History of Medicine* (forthcoming, April 2002).

## **MAUREEN MALOWANY**

*Published Work:*

'Malaria Control in East Africa: the Kampala Conference and the Pare-Taveta Scheme: a Meeting of Common and High Ground', (joint author with M. J. Dobson and R.W. Snow) *Parassitologia*, (2000), 42, pp. 149-67.

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'Unfinished Agendas: Writing the History of Medicine of Sub-Saharan Africa', *African Affairs*, Centenary Issue, 2000, 99, 395, pp. 325-49.

'Roll Back Malaria: the History of Malaria and its Control in Twentieth Century East Africa', (joint author with R.W. Snow and M.J. Dobson) *Wellcome Trust Review*, 1999, 8, pp.54-57.

*In Press:*

'The history and politics of malaria epidemics in Kenya', with M.J. Dobson, M. Jennings and R.W. Snow (submitted to the *Journal of the History of Medicine and Allied Sciences*).

## PATRICK WALLIS

### *Published Work:*

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### *In Press:*

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'Controlling Commodities: Search and Reconciliation in Early Modern Livery Companies', in I. A. Gadd and P. Wallis (eds.), *Guilds, Society and Economy in London, 1450-1800* (London: Centre for Metropolitan History, forthcoming, 2001).

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'Brady, Robert (1627-1700)'; 'Bullein, William (c.1515-1576)'; 'Harvey, Gideon (1640-1700)'; 'Richardson, Sir Benjamin Ward (1828-1896)'; 'Baynton, Thomas (1761-1820)'; 'Fothergill, John Milner (1841-1888)' in *New Dictionary of National Biography* (OUP, forthcoming).

## CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

### **SANJOY BHATTACHARYA**

Conference titled 'Imperialism, Medicine and South Asia: A socio-political perspective, 1800-1980', held at Wolfson College on the 14<sup>th</sup> and the 15<sup>th</sup> of June 2001, University of Cambridge, UK. Presented a paper entitled 'From Variolation to Revaccination: Re-assessing changing smallpox immunisation strategies in British India, 1800-1947.'

### **MARK HARRISON**

'War, Medicine and Economy: Medicine and the Organization of Warfare in the Eighteenth Century', January 2001, Medicine and Modern Warfare seminar series, Wellcome Unit for the History of Medicine, Oxford.

'Racial Pathologies: Morbid Anatomy in British India, 1770-1840', July 2001, conference on Imperialism, Medicine and South Asia: A Socio-Political Perspective, 1811-1980, Wolfson College Cambridge.

'Quarantine, Liberalism and Anti-Slavery: The Boa-Vista Fever and the *Eclair* Controversy, 1845-6', September 2001, conference on Occupational Health and Public Health, Norrköping, Sweden.

### **MICHAEL JENNINGS**

June 2000, Convenor of conference, 'The Emperor's New Clothes: Change and Continuity in East Africa' (with Dr Andrew Burton), SOAS.

Michaelmas term, Convener of 'History of Medicine Speaking to Public Policy' seminar series, Wellcome Unit for the History of Medicine.

'Healing of Bodies, Salvation of Souls: Missionary Medicine in Colonial Tanganyika, 1870s-1939', paper presented to British Imperial History Seminar, Institute for Historical Research, 19<sup>th</sup> March 2001.

'Mortality and morbidity amongst the early UMCA missionaries in Tanganyika, 1870-1914', paper presented to SOAS *African History Seminar* April 2001.

'The Beginnings of Development Discourse: Oxfam, Tanzania, and the Ruvuma Development Association', paper presented to the Northeast Africa Seminar, Oxford, March 2001.

Contributor to the 'History of Health Care in Tanzania' exhibition and booklet (April 2001).

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Invited speaker to the September 2000, Centre for Developing-Area Studies of McGill University Conference titled 'Development: the need for Reflection'.

In July 2001 invited to lecture on DDT and malaria to University of Illinois College of Medicine-Chicago.

### **PATRICK WALLIS**

'Urban Taste, Corporate Discrimination? The Control of Drugs in Seventeenth-Century London', at the 'Pre-Modern Towns Group Annual Meeting', Institute of Historical Research, University of London, 20 January 2001.

'Deceit, Medicine and Apothecaries' Shops', at 'Shell Games: Scams, Frauds and Deceits, 1300-1650', CRRS, Victoria University in the University of Toronto, 28 April 2001.

'Inside "Apollo's Armoury": Apothecaries and their wares in seventeenth century London', Wellcome Unit for the History of Medicine, University of Oxford, 21 May 2001.