Early Modern English Medicine

The course aims to provide an integrated account of the social and intellectual dimensions of English medicine and its continental European context in the period c.1500-1750. It ranges in time from the renaissance humanistic rebirth of Greek medicine, the relationship between medicine and the 'new philosophy'in the later seventeenth century to the impact of the enlightenment upon medicine. The course will also place medicine in the worlds of practice and the medical marketplace, where a huge variety of different kinds of lay and commercial practitioners offered medical expertise. Social issues concerning patient-doctor relationships, gender, and poverty as they relate to health and illness will be integral aspects of the course. The cultural and commercial developments that influence medicine will also be considered: religious upheavals, changing social perceptions of madness, and the development of a commercial market economy in the later seventeenth century. By considering medicine as part of the social, cultural, political and intellectual worlds of early modern England, the course aims to reflect the approach taken by recent historical work on early modern medicine.

Teaching is by ten once weekly two hour combined lecture-seminars
Students are required to have read the starred items in the reading list before the relevant lecture.

Assessment: by course work consisting of two essays.

Lectures /Seminars

1. Introduction to the history of early modern medicine.
The lecture will provide an overview of the course and will also discuss the influence of classical medicine both intellectually and socially upon that of the sixteenth century.
Required reading:
* L. Conrad et al., The Western Medical Tradition (Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, 1995) pp.11-83

2. The experience of illness and the doctor–patient relationship
The lecture will outline the demographic facts of life, illness and death in early modern England and then focus on the issues of lay views of illness, whether lay people and practitioners had a shared medical culture and who held power in the patient-doctor relationship.
Required reading:
Student Loan /POR
Open Shelves: CB.U
3. **Women, medicine and birth.**
The lecture will discuss women’s involvement in medicine as part of their expected household skills, and will then focus on the changing role of women in midwifery and will assess the differing explanations given for the rise of the man midwife.

Required reading:


Student Loan /BEI

Open Shelves: BW.41.AA6


Student Loan /WIL

Open Shelves: UM.41.AA6-7

4. **Religion and medicine**
The lecture will set out the general relationship between Christianity and medicine and will then discuss the effects of the Reformation upon the relationship.

Required reading:


Student Loan /POR

Open Shelves: CB.U

5. **Medicine and the new science.**
The lecture will explore to what extent intellectual and institutional changes in medicine in the later seventeenth century are responses to the new science.

Required reading:


Student Loan /COO

Open Shelves: BW.41.AA6

6. **The medical marketplace and the variety of practitioners in the later seventeenth century.**
The lecture will assess the appropriateness of historians’ use of the concept of the medical marketplace and then will discuss the knowledge and practice of empirics, and surgeons especially.

Required reading:

Student Loan /WEB
Open Shelves: BW.41.AA5


Open Shelves: BW.41.AA5-6
Student Loan /WEA

7.  Plague.
The lecture outlines the moral and medical explanations for the communal disease that was plague, and will analyse the personal and State responses to what was perceived to be a catastrophic occurrence.

Required reading:
Slack, P., The Impact of Plague in Tudor and Stuart England (London: Routledge & Kegan Paul, 1985).This is the standard work on the topic and should be consulted for the seminar.

Student Loan /SLA
Open Shelves: FL.41.AA5-6

*Wear, Andrew, Knowledge and practice in English medicine, 1550-1680 (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2000). Chapters 6 and 7

Open Shelves: BW.41.AA5-6
Student Loan /WEA

8. The sick poor, the parish and the State.
The lecture sets out the changing position of the poor both in Europe and in England from the sixteenth to the seventeenth century and then discusses in detail how under the Poor Laws the sick poor were taken care of.

Required reading:


Open Shelves: BW.43

9. Madness
The lecture will discuss changing views of madness. It will look in detail at Macdonald’s depiction of the medical practice of the clergyman Richard Napier and then will trace secularising trends in the period after the
Restoration. The historiographical issues raised by the work of Foucauld, Macdonald and Porter will also be discussed.

Required reading:
Students will be apportioned different chapters from:
Student Loan /MAC
Open Shelves: PP.41.AA6
Student Loan /POR
Open Shelves: PP.41.AA6-7.

10. Medicine into the eighteenth century.
This lecture will look forward to the institutional changes in medical education, in the role of hospitals and in the position of medicine generally during the Enlightenment.
Required reading:
------. *“The Disappearance of the Sick-Man from Medical Cosmology 1770-1870.” Sociology 10 (1976): 225-44.

INTRODUCTORY BIBLIOGRAPHY

Student Loan /ARI
Open Shelves: JIB

Student Loan /BEI
Open Shelves: BW.41.AA6

Open Shelves: BW.36

Student Loan /BYN
Open Shelves: BA/COM
Open Shelves: JO.34.AA4-6

Open Shelves: CAG.41

Student Loan /CON
Open Shelves: BA/WES

Student Loan /COO
Open Shelves: BW.43.AA6

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Senate House: HISTORY 63 MUHE/Cr

Student Loan /FRE
Open Shelves: BQ.AD

Open Shelves: JIB.41

Open Shelves: AB.U.41

Student Loan /LIN
Open Shelves: JQ.3.AA4-5

Student Loan /MAC


Open Shelves: BW.41.AA4-5

Student Loan /WEA

Open Shelves: BW.41.AA6

Student Loan /WEB
Open Shelves: BW.41.AA5

Open Shelves: FL.43

Student Loan /WRI
Open Shelves: EH.41.AA5-AA8
Experience of Illness Lecture Two

On Demography
Open Shelves: EH.41

Closed Stack: ZOBA.43

Open Shelves: EH.43

Open Shelves: EH.3

Student Loan /WRI
Open Shelves: EH.41.AA5-AA8

Patient-Doctor Relationships lecture two

See books by the Porters, Lucinda Beier in the general reading list.

Student Loan /POR
Open Shelves: CB.U

Open Shelves: CB.U.AD

On Popularization of Medical Knowledge lecture two

Student Loan /WEB
Open Shelves: BW.41.AA5
Open Shelves: CC.AA6-8

**Women and Medicine Lecture Three**

Student Loan /BEI
Open Shelves: BW.41.AA6

Open Shelves: CBW.AA6

Student Loan /DON
Open Shelves: UM.41

Open Shelves: UL.41.AA5-6

Open Shelves: CBW.41.AA6

Open Shelves: CBW.41.AA5-7

Open Shelves: CBW.41.AA6

Open Shelves: BZP(Mildmay)

Open Shelves: CBW.41

Student Loan /WIE
**Midwifery**

Senate House: HISTORY 63 MUHE /Cre
REQUEST Hist 2: ZES.41.AA5-6
Student Loan /CRE

Student Loan /DON
Open Shelves: UM.41

Open Shelves: UM.3.AA6-7
Student Loan /EVE

Open Shelves: UND.41

Open Shelves: UM.3.AA6-7

Open Shelves: TP.3.AA7

Student Loan –ordered
Open Shelves-1985 ed UM.CA.AA6

Open Shelves: UA/SHO

Student Loan /BYN
Open Shelves: BR.3


**Religion and Medicine Lecture Four**


Cunningham, Andrew and Grell, Ole Peter, The four horsemen of the Apocalypse: religion, war, famine and death in reformation Europe (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2000) REQUEST Hist 2: ZBE.3.AA5-6


Open Shelves: BW.3.AA5-6

Open Shelves: CW.41.AA6

Student Loan /WEA
Open Shelves: CBE

Student Loan /SHI
Open Shelves: CW.AH

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Open Shelves: CB.U

Student Loan /SHI
Open Shelves: CW.AH

Student Loan /THO
Open Shelves: BVA.41.AA6
Open Shelves: CW.381

Webster, C., The Great Instauration (London, Duckworth, 1975), see sections on Puritan plans to reform medicine.
Open Shelves: BW.41.AA6
**The new science Lecture Five**

Open Shelves: BO/HAL

Student Loan /CON
Open Shelves: BA/WES

Open Shelves: AB.AA5-6

Student Loan /COO
Open Shelves: BW.41.AA6

Student Loan /FRE
Open Shelves: BQ.AD

Open Shelves: AB/HAL

Open Shelves: AB.AA6-7

Open Shelves: ZB.AH

Open Shelves: AB.3.AA5-6

Open Shelves: BW.41.AA6
The Medical Marketplace Lecture Six

Student Loan /WEB
Open Shelves: BW.41.AA5

Quacks

Student Loan /BYN
Open Shelves: CD.AA7-8

Open Shelves: CBQ.41

Open Shelves: CBQ.43

Open Shelves: CBQ.AM

Student Loan /POR
Open Shelves: CBQ.41.AA6-8

For late seventeenth century:

Student Loan /COO
Open Shelves: BW.43.AA6

Student Loan /FRE
Open Shelves: BQ.AD

Surgery
Student Loan /LAW
Open Shelves: V.AH

Closed Stack: ZOBA.43

Open Shelves: BO.AD

Closed Stack: ZOBA.43


Open Shelves: BW.41.AA5-6
Student Loan /WEA

Open Shelves: CC.AA6-8

Additional reading:

Open Shelves:FI.MRE

Student Loan /WAN
Open Shelves: V/WAN


Student Loan /WEB

Open Shelves: BW.41.AA5
**Plague Lecture Seven**

Open Shelves: FL.342.AA3-5

Open Shelves: JO.34.AA4-6

Student Loan /CIP
Open Shelves: FL.34.AA6

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Open Shelves: FL.34.AA6

Open Shelves: FL.342

Open Shelves: JO.34.AA6

Student Loan /WEA
Open Shelves: CBE

Student Loan /SHE
Open Shelves: CW.AH

Slack, P., *The Impact of Plague in Tudor and Stuart England* (London: Routledge & Kegan Paul, 1985).-This is the standard work on the topic and should be consulted.
Student Loan /SLA
Open Shelves: FL.41.AA5-6
Open Shelves: FL.41

Open Shelves: BW.41.AA5-6
Student Loan /WEA

Open Shelves: FL.43
Open Shelves: FL.AA2
Sick Poor Lecture Eight

Open Shelves: JQC.41.AA5-6

Open Shelves: JQC.41.AA5-6

Open Shelves:JQC.AI.41.AA5-6.

Open Shelves:JO.434.
Closed Access:JO.434 (2).

Open Shelves:JQC.3


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UCL library: History 82m POU
Senate House: Soc. Studies 3 QKN/Pou

Open Shelves: BW.43

Student Loan /SLA
Open Shelves: JQC.41.AA4-7

Madness Lecture Nine
Student Loan /HUN
Open Shelves: PP.CA

On mad people’s account of madness:

Student Loan /PET
Open Shelves: PP.RX

Student Loan /POR
Open Shelves: PT/POR

Open Shelves: BZPXA(Trosse)

Original works:

Poynter Room: Early Printed Books, 7092

Poynter Room: Early Printed Books/B, 17644/B

Student Loan /MAC

Historical works:

Open Shelves:PP.RX.431
Student Loan/AND

Byrd, M., *Visits to Bedlam* (Columbia, University of South Carolina Press, 1974).
Open Shelves: PP.AI.AA7

Student Loan /DOE
DePorte, M., Nightmares and Hobbyhorses. Swift, Sterne and Augustan Ideas of Madness (San Marino, California, Huntington Library, 1974).
Clarke, B., Mental Disorder in Earlier Britain (Cardiff, University of Wales Press, 1975).

Medicine into the eighteenth century Lecture Ten


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