

BSHM Social Media Editors

Social media plays an important role in promoting the study of the history of medicine.

Laura Mainwaring and Lydia Thurston have been the BSHM social media editors since June 2016.

Laura Mainwaring

Laura obtained an MSc in the History of Science, Technology and Medicine from Imperial College in 2011. She is now studying for her PhD in the History of Medicine at the University of Leicester as part of a collaborative award with the Society of



Apothecaries, focusing on the advertising, branding, and packaging of healthcare products between 1870- 1920. Laura enjoys going to lectures, museums, and galleries, and particularly looks forward to the exhibitions put on at the Wellcome Collection.

Lydia Thurston



Lydia is a junior doctor who is currently training as a psychiatrist in Oxford. She was awarded her medical degree in 2012 from the University of Bristol, and obtained an intercalated BA in Medical Humanities in 2009; which is when her interest in the History of Medicine first developed.

In 2014 she was awarded a diploma in the History of Medicine by the Society of Apothecaries. Her main area of personal interest and research is the history of smallpox, and she was lucky to have the opportunity to appear as an 'expert' on Edward Jenner on the judging panel for the Channel 4 documentary 'Child Genius' earlier this year. She has recently also taken on the role of newsletter editor for the RCPsych History of Psychiatry Special Interest Group, which she is thoroughly enjoying.

An online presence allows the sharing of information about BSHM events and articles on the BSHM blog which may be of interest to our members. Thanks to Laura and Lydia, the BSHM is now a fully established member of the medicine digital community.

Social media update

The BSHM Social Media team is very excited about the upcoming Congress in September. We wanted to take this opportunity to remind you that you can keep up-to-date with all Congress information by following us on Twitter (@brithistmed) or by liking us on Facebook. You can search the hashtag #BSHM17 to find all Congress-related tweets, and we encourage you to use this hashtag when you are tweeting during the event. We hope that everyone will take the opportunity to get involved with Social Media so that we can make the Congress as fun and interactive as possible!

If you have any questions for the Social Media team please e-mail us at: socialmediaeditor@bsham.org.uk

As of 29th August the BSHM has 396 likes on Facebook and 405 followers on Twitter. Why not join us on Facebook or follow us on Twitter.



Newly catalogued material from the Family Planning Association – available for research at the Wellcome Library

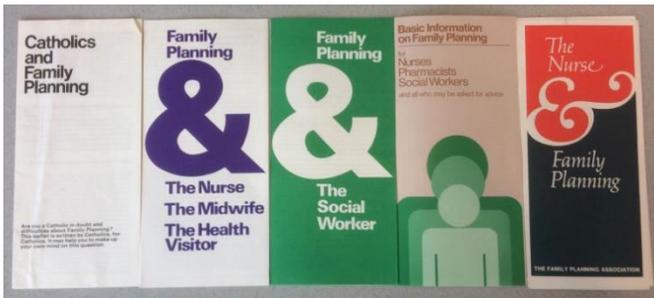


The **FPA** is a UK charity which provides information and education so that people can make informed decisions about their own reproductive and sexual health.

The **archive of the FPA** and predecessor organisations (covering the years 1907-2013) is held at the Wellcome

Library and is one of our most popular collections with researchers.

The latest accrual to the FPA archive, which has recently been catalogued, includes material from its Education and Information departments, which played an increasingly important role in the charity's work from the late 1970s.



The Education department provided training and consultancy in the form of courses and, working with the Publications department, produced an enormous number of leaflets, booklets and various other items that chart the changing attitudes to various methods of family planning.

In 2013, the FPA also donated its collection of **grey literature** from other organizations to the Wellcome Library. Now catalogued and available, this is a rich and diverse accumulation of approximately 650 leaflets, comics, booklets etc, many of which are unique or rare in the UK. Together they form a wide-ranging collection on many aspects of reproductive and sexual health covering the period 1969 to 2011.

Ross Macfarlane
Research Engagement Officer Wellcome Library

BSHM News

Edinburgh Congress information available at:

<http://bshm.org.uk/congress/congress-information/>

The Congress is now fully booked.

For information on the Edinburgh History of Medicine Walking tours see optional events at: <http://bshm.org.uk/congress/keynote-lectures-optional-events/>

The Arcadian Library is a digital product which is a resource that includes medical texts from the Middle East

<https://www.arcadianlibraryonline.com/home>

Worshipful Society of Apothecaries

The Diploma Course in the History of Medicine is now open for registration:

<http://bshm.org.uk/notice-board/>

Blog

For recent posts on the blog please see:

<http://bshm.org.uk/notice-board/blog/>

If you would like to make a contribution to the blog please email: webmaser@bshm.org.uk

Newsletter

If you would like to make a contribution to our Newsletter please contact:

secretary@bshm.org.uk

Book reviews

View the latest book reviews at:

<http://bshm.org.uk/notice-board/book-reviews-alt/>

Individual Membership

If you would like to apply to be a member of the BSHM please contact our Membership Secretary, Dr Martin Edwards at:

membershipsecretary@bshm.org.uk

Application forms are available on our website:

<http://bshm.org.uk/about-us/>

For further information please visit the BSHM website: bshm.org.uk/

