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Places

- The scientific study of childcare at the London Foundling Hospital in the eighteenth century

Dr Alysa Levene, Oxford Brookes University

Alysa Levene is a senior lecturer in early modern history at Oxford Brookes University. She completed her PhD on infant abandonment in England and Italy in 2002, and has since published a book on health and childcare at the London Foundling Hospital (Childcare, health and mortality at the London Foundling Hospital, 1741-1800: 'Left to the mercy of the world' Manchester University Press, 2007). She has also worked on the history of illegitimacy, child sickness and pauper apprenticeship in the eighteenth century, and is currently engaged in a research project examining health and welfare provision for children in eighteenth-century London.

Patients

- Military Hospitals for Parliamentary Troops in Civil War London

Dr Eric Gruber von Arni

Colonel Eric Gruber von Arni served for over thirty years as a nursing Officer in the Army between 1965 and 1996. He retired as Director of Studies QARANC and has subsequently gained his doctorate at Portsmouth University. He is currently working on a study of the development of Army Nursing prior to the mid-nineteenth century reforms of Florence Nightingale. His first work, entitled 'Justice to the Maimed Soldier', was published in January 2002.

- Children First and Always: Victorian and Edwardian In-Patients at Great Ormond Street Hospital

Dr Sue Hawkins & Juliet Warren, Kingston University

Dr Sue Hawkins is the Project Manager of the Great Ormond Street Hospital Patients Database project. After a career in pharmacology, she turned to history, in 2007 completing her doctorate on nursing lives at St George's Hospital in the 19th century. Her research extends the boundaries of nursing history, with the use of large data sets, and oral history, where her expertise has been utilised in projects beyond the world of nursing history. She has given many conference papers in recent years, and is currently managing the extension of the GOSH project to include other Victorian children's hospitals.

Juliet Warren is a researcher at the Centre for Local History Studies at Kingston University. Cutting her teeth on the innovative Kingston Local History Project, she is data manager of the Great Ormond Street Project, and responsible for the management and update of the database. Juliet is part of the team involved in extending the GOSH project.

Practitioners

- Surgeons and Surgery in London

Beth Astridge, Royal College of Surgeons

Beth Astridge has been working for The Royal College of Surgeons of England since 2003 initially cataloguing the College's deposited archives and manuscripts. More recently Beth has been dealing with the College's modern records management requirements, and the overall management of the College archive service.

- Petticoat Practitioners: women dentists in London in the 18th and 19th centuries

Melanie Parker, British Dental Association

Melanie Parker has been the Education Officer at the BDA Dental Museum since September 2005. She works with dentists, the general public and school children to interest them in the history of dentistry.

Prophylaxis

- Prevention is Better than Cure: The Medical Officers of London

Professor Anne Hardy, University College London

Anne Hardy was educated at Oxford, and joined the staff of the Wellcome Institute in 1990 after a period of research funding. Her research interests are in the modern period, more especially in the history of disease, environment and nutrition. She is the author of *The Epidemic Streets: Infectious disease and the rise of preventive medicine, 1856-1900* (Oxford, 1993), *Health and Medicine in Britain since 1860* (London, 2001), co-author of *Prevention and Cure: A history of the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine* (London, 2001), and co-editor of two volumes of collected essays, and has published numerous articles in academic journals. Her on-going research project is on the history of the salmonellas and salmonellosis since 1880. She is currently Professor of the History of Modern Medicine and Deputy Director of the Wellcome Trust Centre for the History of Medicine at UCL.