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SCRATCHING THE SURFACE: THE HISTORY OF SKIN, ITS DISEASES
AND THEIR TREATMENT, THE UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM (UK)
29-30 OCTOBER 2010

An international conference hosted by the History of Medicine Unit, University of Birmingham, and sponsored by the Wellcome Trust and the Society for the Social History of Medicine.

Skin and skin disease is a central focus of many subfields in the history of medicine, including the history of venereal disease, cancer, leprosy, TB and industrial medicine. This conference seeks to address the subject of skin, its diseases and their treatment broadly since 1700. In the process, it aims to bring together individuals working in very different subfields in medical and cultural history over the past three centuries. It further aims to promote discussion of the subject in the context of the history of specialisation more generally, as well as the history of senses, sight, smell, and touch being central to understandings of skin disease and the way in which such diseases are experienced by practitioners, patients, and the public historically. The history of skin ailments also invites exploration of the historical relationship between professional medicine and wider cultural endeavours such as aesthetics, probing realms where health and beauty converge. The conference might similarly offer an opportunity to examine how medical understandings of the skin may have influenced or been influenced by the politics of race.

A program, featuring a keynote address by Professor Philip Wilson (Penn State, USA), will be advertised in June 2010.

For more information, please contact the organizers: Dr. Jonathan Reinartz, University of Birmingham, UK, j.reinartz@bham.ac.uk; Professor Kevin Siena, Trent University, Canada, ksiena@trentu.ca.

HEWTON AND GRIFFIN BURSARIES FOR ARCHIVAL RESEARCH IN 2011

The Friends of the Archives at the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH), devoted to the history of Canadian psychiatry, mental health and addictions, have established two endowment funds. These funds annually provide bursaries in memory of their late colleagues, Ms. E. M. (Lil) Hewton and Dr. J. D. M. (Jack) Griffin, O.C.

The main purpose of the bursaries is to provide financial assistance to students, and others not necessarily associated with an academic institution, who propose to undertake archival research on an aspect of the history of mental health or addictions in Canada. The FOA board at its discretion may approve bursaries to a maximum of \$2,500.

There is no application form. Candidates are invited to submit a letter of intent not exceeding 300 words, together with a budget and résumé, not later than 30 November, 2010. These awards are conditional on the bursary holders agreeing to submit progress reports within one year, and a final report including a financial synopsis within two years of receiving the bursary.

Please submit an application for the year 2011 by the 30 November, 2010 deadline to: Vivienne Gibbs, President—Friends of the Archives, Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, 1001 Queen Street West, Toronto, Ontario M6J 1H4 or by e-mail: John_Court@camh.net.