The Medical World of Early Modern Ireland, 1500-1750
The Long Room Hub, Trinity College Dublin, 3-4 September 2015

Conference Programme

Thursday, 3 September

9.45-10 - Opening Remarks

10-11.30 - Session One

Marc Caball (University College Dublin) - Transforming Tradition in the British Atlantic: Patrick Browne (c.1720-1790), an Irish Botanist and Physician in the West Indies

Lisa Wynne Smith (University of Essex) - Considering an Eighteenth-Century Account of a Caesarian Operation

Alice Marples (King's College London) - Medical Practitioners as Collectors and Communicators of Natural History in Ireland, 1680-1750

11.30-12 - Tea/Coffee

12-1.30 - Session Two

Phil Gorry (University College Dublin) - The Ecclesiastical and Institutional Regulation of Midwives in Ireland c. 1600-1750

Éilís Noonan (University of St Andrews) - 'Popery, Plots and Polemic': the case of Elizabeth Cellier, a Catholic midwife

Clodagh Tait (Mary Immaculate College, University of Limerick) - ‘Measles of a very different kind...and the Disease more mortal than ordinary’: Causes of Death in some Seventeenth-century Irish Parish Registers

1.30-2.30 - Lunch
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2.30-4 - Session Three

Neil Johnston (Independent) - 'Being of full age and sound memory': Contemporary Understanding of Mental Health in later Seventeenth-century Ireland

Susan Mullaney (Royal Academy of Medicine in Ireland) - 'To Enlarge the Minds of Many Physicians': The Application of Robert Boyle's Theory of Specific Medicines in Early Modern Ireland

Michael O'Dowd (NUI Galway) - James Wolveridge's Speculum Matricis (1670)

4-4.30 - Tea/Coffee

4.30 - Keynote Address

Marian Lyons (Maynooth University) - The Professionalization of Medical Practice in Seventeenth-century Ireland

6.30 - Conference Dinner at Farm Restaurant, 3 Dawson Street

Friday, 4 September

9.30-11 - Session Four

Jonathan Barry, Peter Elmer, Alun Withey, Justin Colson and John Cunningham (University of Exeter) - The Medical World of Early Modern England, Wales and Ireland, c. 1500-1715: Key Aspects of Research on the Early Modern Practitioners Project

11-11.30 - Tea/Coffee

11.30-1 - Session Five

Elizethanne Boran (The Edward Worth Library) - Collecting Medicine in Early Eighteenth-Century Dublin: Edward Worth's Library

Katherine Browne (Trinity College Dublin) - The Establishment of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland: Defining Surgical Training and Competence

Andrew Sneddon (University of Ulster) - Demonic Possession, Witchcraft and Medicine in late Seventeenth-century Ireland

1-2 - Lunch

2-3.30 - Session Six

Áine Sheehan (University College Cork) - Locating Gaelic Medical Families in Elizabethan Ireland

Eithne Ní Ghallchobhair (Royal Irish Academy) - Restoring the Anatomy - the Reconstruction of a Late Medieval Irish Surgical Text

Benjamin Hazard (University College Dublin) - Spanish Military Hospitals in Flanders and Ireland, 1585-1685

3.30 - Closing Remarks

This conference is taking place as part of the Early Modern Practitioners project at the University of Exeter.

For more information and to register your attendance, visit the conference webpage:
http://humanities.exeter.ac.uk/history/research/centres/medicalhistory/newsandevents/events/medical_world_early_modern_ireland

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