

# A Night at the Museum

HSMT Postgraduate Conference 2024

Lecture Theatre, Faculty of History, George Street, Oxford

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## Programme

### Day 1: Thursday 6 June

- 09:30-10:00 **Registration**
- 10:00-10:15 **Opening Remarks:** Dr Alex Aylward
- 10:15-11:20 **Panel 1: Interactive Display (Technology)**  
*Chair: Tadhg Goodison*  
**Joseph Foster**, Battling the biscuit: the role of dental laboratories in the Royal Air Force Dental Branch, 1939-1945  
**Elena Morgana**, The liquor Alkahest: a universal solvent fostering alchemical networks in the 1660-1670s  
**Asmita Sarkar**, The search for a suitable apparatus: X-rays and medicine in colonial and post-colonial India (1897-1960)
- 11:20-11:35 Questions
- 11:35-11:55 **Break**
- 11:55-13:00 **Panel 2: Gift Shop (Public Engagement)**  
*Chair: Elizabeth Schulz*  
**Elizabeth Monthofer**, The history of bioequivalence: an ethics case study of Hatch-Waxman  
**Han Zhang**, Sanitary nationalism: the body, germs, and state sovereignty in the Patriotic Health Campaign  
**Utsa Bose**, "An ill-feeling": perspectives on the bubonic plague pandemic in Calcutta 1890-1920
- 13:00-13:15 Questions
- 13:15-14:15 **Lunch**
- 14:15-15:40 **Panel 3: Lecture Theatre (Pedagogy)**  
*Chair: Molly Wilson*  
**Tadhg Goodison**, Unveiling the pedagogical legacy of John Phillips: exploring material culture and educational practices in 19th-century geology at Oxford University  
**Ellen Hausner**, From figure to glyph: the transmission of meaning in visual alchemical texts, c. 1450-1700  
**Elizabeth Schulz**: The growth of the Tree of Life (ToL): pedagogical, heuristic, and theory constitutive, 1860-1960  
**Joseph Drakeley**, Building the Nuffield science advanced physics course
- 15:40-16:00 Questions
- 16:00-16:30 **Closing Remarks:** Professor Rob Iliffe

**Day 2: Friday 7 June**

09:30-10:00 **Registration**

10:00-10:15 **Opening Remarks:** Dr Hohee Cho

10:15-11:20 **Panel 4: Uncomfortable Collections (Colonialism)**

*Chair: Philippa Monk*

**Yiming Gao**, Epidemics in the international settlement of Shanghai (1900 – 1945): evaluating the public health intervention of the Shanghai Municipal Council and the factors that shaped their response

**Rutuja Rokade**, Marginalised bodies, disease outbreaks and colonial intervention in British India during the long nineteenth century

**Marielle Masolo**, Medicine and miracle: Kimbangu and prophetic healing in the Belgian Congo, 1918-1930

11:20-11:35 Questions

11:35-11:55 **Break**

11:55-13:00 **Panel 5: Cataloguing Office (Definitions)**

*Chair: Joseph Foster*

**Alexandra Goh McMillen**, A (botanic) garden of forking paths: diverging approaches to botany in 17th-century England, with chamomile as a case study

**Philippa Monk**, Inventing a global disease: finding and treating yaws in Greater India, 1860 - 1960

**Molly Wilson**, Reassessing Rosenhan: Pseudo-patients and the schizophrenia diagnosis

13:00-13:15 Questions

13:15-13:30 **Closing Remarks:** Dr Sloan Mahone