

**Researching the History of Western Herbal Medicine: Appraising
Methods and Sources**

Seminar 1: Classical and Medieval Herbal Medicine

9.30-4.30, Friday 28 May 2010, London

**Wolfson Room, Institute of Historical Research,
Senate House, Malet Street, London WC1E 7HU**
(travel information at <http://www.history.ac.uk/library/visit>)

Event Outline

A one day seminar for researchers into the history of herbal medicine. This seminar is one of two events designed to promote and support scholarly research into the history of herbal medicine. The focus of this first of two events is on aspects of Western herbal medicine in the classical and medieval periods and the appraisal of sources and perspectives for the study of herbal medicine in the past. Contributors will talk about their research into a variety of areas including classical texts, medieval local history, herbals, and materia medica. Contributors will also discuss archival and archaeological sources, and their varied perspectives as historians, medical herbalists and others.

The main objectives of this event are:

- to appraise a range of resources available for the history of herbal medicine
- to consider different perspectives on historical research into herbal medicine
- to identify further development possibilities in support of scholarly study of the history of herbal medicine.

This event will be of interest to a variety of researchers, practitioners and lecturers including classical and medieval historians, medical herbalists, other academic and independent researchers. The organisers of this event are Susan Francia, Barbara Lewis, Vicki Pitman, Anne Stobart, Nicky Wesson. **Our thanks to our contributors and for the support of Middlesex University and the Wellcome Trust to make these seminars possible.**

Places are limited and registration must be completed in advance.

There is no charge for attendance.

To register for this event, complete the attached form and return to:

Leeann Bradley, History of Herbal Medicine Seminars, Middlesex University, Room 4, Ground Floor, Charterhouse Building, Archway Campus, Highgate Hill, London N19 3UA. Tel: 020 8411 4132 E-mail: lf.bradley@mdx.ac.uk .

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Seminar 1 Programme

- 09.30 -10:15 **Registration**
Tea and coffee will be available from 9.30
- 10:15-10:30 **Welcome**
Dr Anne Stobart, Middlesex University, London
- 10:30-11:45 **Classical sources for the History of Western Herbal Medicine**
Chair: Alison Denham
- Early Greek medicine: Evidence of models, methods and materia medica.*
Vicki Pitman, Independent Scholar
- Galen's simple medicines: problems in ancient herbal medicine.*
Prof. John Wilkins, University of Exeter
- 11.45-12.00 Tea and coffee
- 12.00-1.15 **Sources for Medieval Herbal Medicine in England**
Chair: Prof. John Wilkins
- Evaluating the content of medieval herbals.*
Dr Anne Van Arsdall, University of New Mexico
- The spice of life? The multiple uses of cumin in Medieval England.*
Susan Francia, Independent Scholar
- 1:15-2:15 **Lunch**
- 2:15-3.45 **Uncovering the History of Herbal Medicine**
Chair: Vicki Pitman
- Archaeology as a source for the history of herbal medicine with reference to the treatment of melancholia.*
Dr. Brian Moffat, Soutra Hospital Archeological Research Project, Scotland (SHARP)
- Deciphering Dioscorides: mountains and molehills.*
Alison Denham, University of Central Lancashire and Dr Midge Whitelegg, formerly of UCLAN
- 3.45 **Closing Discussion**
- 4.30 **Finish**

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Registration Form

First Name

Family Name

Title (Prof/Dr/Mr/Ms/Mrs/Miss etc)

Affiliation/Organisation

Address for Correspondence

Telephone

Email

Postcode

Special requirements (E.g. dietary)

Please indicate your current role by deleting as appropriate.

Medical herbalist/ Doctor/ Pharmacist/ Lecturer/ Independent researcher/ Student/ other (detail below).

How did you hear about this event? (delete as applicable).

Personal contact/ University website/ Professional body/ Other (detail below).

Registration Form cont.

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Briefly outline your recent/ current research activity relating to the history of herbal medicine.

Describe your particular interests in the history of herbal medicine.

Please list, or attach, details of research publications of relevance to the history of herbal medicine (we can compile these details).

Would you be interested in further information about the formation of a History of Herbal Medicine Research Network? YES/ NO

I would like to register for a place at the History of Herbal Medicine seminar on Friday 28th May 2010. YES/ NO

I understand that you will send me confirmation of my registration.

Signed _____ **Date** _____

******Please note that places are limited – there is no charge for your place – but we will not be able to allow entry on the day if you have not registered in advance. If you book a place and for any reason are unable to come then do let us know as soon as possible so that we can offer your place to someone else.******

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