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## Faculty of the History & Philosophy of Medicine & Pharmacy & Society for the History of Alchemy & Chemistry

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FRIDAY 6 MAY 2022

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Welcome from Briony Hudson, Faculty President and Frank James, SHAC & Chair for Morning session

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Anna Simmons (UCL) - A Potted History of the Apothecaries' Hall Laboratory, 1672-1922 & its Place in the Development of Drug Manufacturing

11:00

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Patrick Wallis (LSE) - The Wonders of the Apothecary's Shop

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Coffee Break and Tours of the Hall

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Peter Elmer (Exeter University) - Challenging the Medical Status Quo: The Society of Chymical Physicians, 1665

13:00

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13:00: Poster viewing - Theme: Medicines and Laboratories

14:00

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Chair: Briony Hudson

Lightning Talks: the Society of Apothecaries' Archives in wider research

1) Rosemary Baird Andreae – Huguenot Apothecaries and the Royal Hospital Chelsea: Isaac Garnier (1631-1712) and Family

2) Pierre Lack (LSE) - Opium Prices and Demand in the Nineteenth Century

3) Frank James and Anna Simmons (UCL) - A Multiple Post-Holder in Nineteenth-Century Scientific London: William Thomas Brande

4) John Ford (Society of Apothecaries) – The Chase Family: Royal Spies to Gin Distillers

15:00PM

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Anna Marie Roos (University of Lincoln) - The Royal Society Repository: Museum, Library, and Working Laboratory



15:50

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Groups viewing archive material including laboratory glassware, pharmacopoeias, drug jars, process books, plans, photographs and sketches of laboratories and apparatus, plus chemical, pharmaceutical and trade records from the Hall Laboratory

16:40

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Discussion and Closing Comments

17:00-18:00

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Drinks & networking

## Biographies & Resources

### Anna Simmons

Anna Simmons works on production, trade, and science in the pharmaceutical marketplace, with a particular focus on London. Her research and numerous publications explore various aspects of the history of British chemistry and pharmacy from c. 1650 onwards, with a particular focus on the laboratories and pharmaceutical trade at the Society of Apothecaries and the development of chemical careers and professional organisations. She is Course Director for the History of Medicine at the Worshipful Society of Apothecaries and an Hon. Research Associate in the Department of Science and Technology Studies at University College London. She is also an Officer and Trustee of the Society for the History of Alchemy and Chemistry (SHAC), on the Editorial Advisory Board for Ambix and Editor of the Royal Society of Chemistry Historical Group Newsletter.

For publications related to the laboratories and chemists of the Society of Apothecaries please visit the Ambix Article Collection which accompanies this symposium.

<https://www.tandfonline.com/journals/yamb20/collections/the-apothecary-beyond-the-shop>

For a broader study of Wholesale Pharmaceutical Manufacturing in London c. 1760-c.1840 visit:

[https://doi.org/10.1163/9789004325562\\_014](https://doi.org/10.1163/9789004325562_014)

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### **Patrick Wallis**

Patrick Wallis is Professor of Economic History at the London School of Economics. He has worked extensively on the social and economic history of medicine from the sixteenth to the twentieth centuries, with a long-standing interest in early-modern apothecaries, as well as guilds, apprenticeship and other topics in economic and social history. His books include *Apprenticeship in the Early Modern Europe* (2019), *Medicine and the Market in England and its Colonies, 1450-1850* (2007) and *Quackery and Commerce in Seventeenth Century London* (2005).

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### **Peter Elmer**

In my most recent post before retirement, I was working and teaching at Exeter University in a post funded by the Wellcome Trust. There, with my colleague Prof Jonathan Barry and others, we set about creating a database of early modern medical practitioners in England, Wales and Ireland, covering the period from about 1500 to 1715. The work is still in progress and I continue to contribute as an honorary research fellow in the History department at Exeter.

My special areas of academic interest, research and publication include the history of witchcraft and the relationship between religion, politics, medicine and natural philosophy in early modern Britain. My latest book on the subject, *Medicine in an Age of Revolution*, is due for publication with OUP next year.

### **Briony Hudson**

Briony is an independent museum curator and pharmacy historian. Having worked at museums as diverse as Hereford Cider Museum, the Victoria and Albert Museum, and Wakefield Museum, she was Keeper of the Museum Collections at the Royal Pharmaceutical Society from 2002 to 2010, and Interim Director of the Royal College of Surgeons in England in 2010. Her publications include books on liquorice, English delftware drug jars, popular historical medicines, and the histories of UCL, Cardiff and Sunderland schools of pharmacy. Her recent exhibitions include "This Vexed Question": 500 years of women in medicine at the Royal College of Physicians, and Women at the heart of general practice at the Royal College of General Practitioners. She is a Past President of the Social History Curators Group, of the London Museums of Health and Medicine network, and of the British Society for the History of Pharmacy. She is current President of the Faculty of the History and Philosophy of Medicine and Pharmacy at the Society of Apothecaries.



### **Rosemary Baird Andreae**

Rosemary Baird Andreae MA (Cantab), Dip. Art History (Oxon), is an art and architectural historian specialising in Georgian houses and art collections. She is the author of three books of which the most recent is *Huguenots, Apothecaries, Gardeners and Squires: The Garniers of Rookesbury, Hampshire* published last year.

Rosemary Baird Andreae was Curator of the Goodwood Collection 1996-2009, restoring the state apartments and publishing many new findings on the house and contents. A Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries, she is also a trustee of the Georgian Group, the national society for preserving Georgian buildings and landscapes.

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### **Pierre Lack**

Pierre is a graduate of University College London (History) and the London School of Economics (Economic History), currently a Yenching Scholar at Peking University (History + Social Sciences). Pierre has published on using quantitative word analysis to track well-being in 19th century British pamphlets (<https://doi.org/10.1080/01615440.2021.1952915>).

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### **Frank James**

Frank James is Professor of the History of Science at University College London having previously worked at the Royal Institution. His main research concentrates on the physical sciences in the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries and how they relate to other areas of society and culture, for example art, literature, business, media, religion, medicine, engineering and the military. He edited the *Correspondence of Michael Faraday*, published in six volumes between 1991 and 2012 and served as an advisory editor for the four volume *Collected Letters of Humphry Davy* (2020). He is now a Co-I on the AHRC funded *Humphry Davy Notebooks Project* (<https://wp.lancs.ac.uk/davynotebooks/>). His *Michael Faraday: A Very Short Introduction* was published in 2010 by OUP who the following year also published his sesquicentenary edition of *Faraday's Chemical History of a Candle*. His current research is on the practical work of Humphry Davy, including his work on nitrous oxide, agricultural chemistry, mineralogy, the miners' safety lamp, analysis of ancient Roman pigments and his attempts to unroll chemically the papyri excavated from Herculaneum.

Frank has been President of the British Society for the History of Science, the Newcomen Society for the History of Engineering and Technology, the History of Science Section of the British Science Association and is currently chair of the Society for the History of Alchemy and Chemistry.



He was chair of the National Organising Committee for the XXIVth International Congress for the History of Science, Technology and Medicine held in Manchester in July 2013 and as a member of the Council of the European Society for the History of Science, he co-ordinated the programme of ESHS2018 held at UCL.

He was elected a Member of the Academia Europaea in 2012; he is also a Membre Effectif of the Académie internationale d'histoire des sciences.

For a list of recent publications see <https://orcid.org/0000-0002-0499-9291>

### **John Ford, MD, FRCP, MRCP DHMSA**

After a career as a GP in Kent, my medical history credentials were established as a Research Fellow at the Wellcome Institute for the History of Medicine and in being awarded a doctorate for a thesis on Victorian Medicine in Tonbridge.

For the Apothecaries I have catalogued the archive and edited a list of the members of the Society from 1617 to 1930. Publications include Gaining a Charter 1610-1625, how the Society of Apothecaries achieved independence, 2017, The Art of Apothecaries Hall, 2018 and a contribution to Celebrating 400 years. A history in 12 objects, 2017.

### **Anna Marie Roos**

Professor Anna Marie Roos is internationally recognised for her scholarship on the history of the Royal Society, the development of scientific illustration, and the evolution of the early science museum and its 'publics'. Roos also consults for professional taxonomists, her scientific and historical work featured in Nature News, Wellcome History, National Geographic, and the Guardian.

Author of 8 books and editions, Roos's work analyses the development of early scientific method and fieldwork, challenging current assumptions about the arts-science divide. As editor-in-chief of Notes and Records: the Royal Society Journal of the History of Science and co-creator of the Lisa Jardine Grant Scheme in the Royal Society of London, her role is to connect the work of Fellows of the Royal Society, historians of science, and more largely, to promote interdisciplinary work in science studies. Her latest book is Martin Folkes (1690-1754): Newtonian, Antiquary, Connoisseur with Oxford University Press (2021).

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## The Apothecary Beyond the Shop: Chemistry, Medicine and Laboratories from the 17th to the 19th Centuries

Contributors to Ambix have long been interested in examining the relationship between the apothecaries of London and their Society. Founded in 1617, the Society of Apothecaries had responsibility for examining apprentices and regulating apothecaries' activities in the City of London and within a seven mile radius. This collection from Ambix and Annals of Science marks the 350th anniversary of the opening of a laboratory for manufacturing chemical medicines at Apothecaries' Hall in 1672 and one hundred years since the Hall pharmaceutical trade's closure in 1922. It places pieces specifically about the Society alongside articles which explore the broader social, economic and intellectual contexts of chemistry, medicine and laboratories from the seventeenth to the nineteenth centuries. With its creation rooted in the burgeoning popularity of chemical medicines and the ongoing disputes with the College of Physicians, the Society's laboratory expanded during the eighteenth century to become a major supplier of medicines to the Navy and East India Company. In the nineteenth century, under the direction of William Brande (1788-1866), Henry Hennell (1797-1842) and Robert Warington (1807-1867), new directions of research and consultancy developed, whilst the Society of Apothecaries struggled to reconcile its new role as a medical licensing corporation with that of a wholesale drug manufacturer. Selected articles explore the wider contributions of Brande and Warington to nineteenth-century chemistry and focus on the site of chemistry at Apothecaries' Hall which served multiple functions over its lifetime and played a pivotal role in the development of British pharmaceutical manufacturing. The geographic perspective is broadened with studies of apothecaries in Nancy, Metz and Bologna and a discussion of the influence of Boerhaave's Mineral Chemistry on eighteenth-century pharmacy in the Netherlands and England, including its reception among apothecaries.

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