



Society for the Social History of Medicine

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SSH M Membership News

As we enter autumn, we know that our minds immediately turn to one vitally important recurring event: renewing your SSH M membership!

We, therefore, have exciting news.

From 2027, the Society will manage membership in-house.

Instead of renewing with Oxford University Press, as in previous years, you will renew directly with the Society via our new membership and payment platform.

The new system will be ready for 2 November. So please keep an eye out for further updates via email and the Gazette in the coming weeks!

We have been exploring a transfer of membership management for some time and are excited by the possibility of having a more direct, personal relationship with members.

The change will give the Society control over pricing, membership categories, and membership data. We will also be able to respond directly to queries and potential membership issues, rather than triangulating with OUP.

Above all, for subscriptions and renewals, we hope this will remove the challenges that have arisen from a third party handling membership administration.

We understand, of course, that membership transition may raise some concerns.

However, please rest assured that our priorities are:

- **Making renewals as straightforward as possible.**
 - You will receive your traditional renewal email in November, containing our renewal letter and email link to renew your membership with us.
 - From there, you will be taken directly to our new membership platform (Membermojo) to complete a short form and collect payment (via Stripe).

- **Protecting your data.**

- OUP will share your data only with our Exec, to upload to our secure database.
- Membermojo has been chosen for this purpose because its servers are based in the UK, are GDPR compliant, and guarantee your data will not be shared with any third party or used in advertising.

- **Providing personal, detailed support throughout the transition.**

- The Society will share guidance on the renewal and subscription process via email, the Gazette, and the SSHM website in October and November.
- Our Membership Secretary and Executive Secretary will be available to answer any questions.

Over the coming months, we will share updates on our progress, the advantages and mechanics of the new membership system, and 2027 membership prices. Please keep an eye out for these on our website, by email, and in the Gazette.

However, one consequence of this process is that OUP are no longer offering personal subscriptions to the Society via their website as they update their systems. **If you require a membership for 2026, please contact admin@sshm.org.**

We hope you will be as enthused about this change as we are!

If you have any queries, however, please do share them with us at admin@sshm.org (FAO Justine Pick and Martin Moore).

More to come very soon!

The SSHM Exec.

Membership information

History of Medicine Events

Royal Society of Medicine

History of Medicine events/webinars, 2026-2027

These events are relevant to a variety of healthcare professionals and members of the public interested in medical history, as well as researchers and historians.

- **21 October 2026:** [Retrospective diagnosis: Medicine, history and the art of the human head](#)

- **13 January 2026:** [Two revolutions in medicine: The history of open-heart surgery and beta cell therapy](#)
- **10 February 2027:** [Medicine through a historical lens: Surgical innovation and the history of addiction](#)
- **3 March 2027:** [Norah Schuster Prize and Bynum Lecture: Arm transplantation](#)
- **13 May 2027:** [Guy's Hospital: Shaping medicine, education and clinical practice](#)

Upcoming Events

SSHM Funded Conference Reports

The Caring Communities: Rethinking Histories of Care, Class and Kinship, c.1800-present

The conference, held between 3 and 4 September at Newcastle University, brought together delegates and speakers across six sessions over two days:

- **Report 1.** [Written by Tanmay Kulshrestha, University of Leeds.](#)
- **Report 2.** [Written by Dr Sonia Knapczyk-Tomalka.](#)
- **Report 3.** [Written by Dr Ruchika Sharma, University of Delhi](#) (awarded an SSHM bursary to attend)

Conference Reports

Previous SSHM Funded Conference Reports

UK Disability History and Heritage Hub 2024 and 2025
Connecting + Sharing events.

Written by Samuel Goldstone-Brady, Alexandra F Morris, Louise Bell, Kirstie Stage, and Alice Conibere.

Across 2024 and 2025, the UK Disability History and Heritage Hub (UKDHHH) organised two networking events to connect academics, researchers, heritage professionals, artists, activists, and others interested in histories of disabled, neurodiverse, and D/deaf people. The first was a hybrid conference on 6 June 2024 at the Manchester Deaf Centre. The second event, on 25 June 2025, was hosted online.

[See Report](#)

For support to host an academic event, please see our [Conference Funding](#) for more information. For examples of the previous events that SSHM has supported, please see the [Conference Reports](#).

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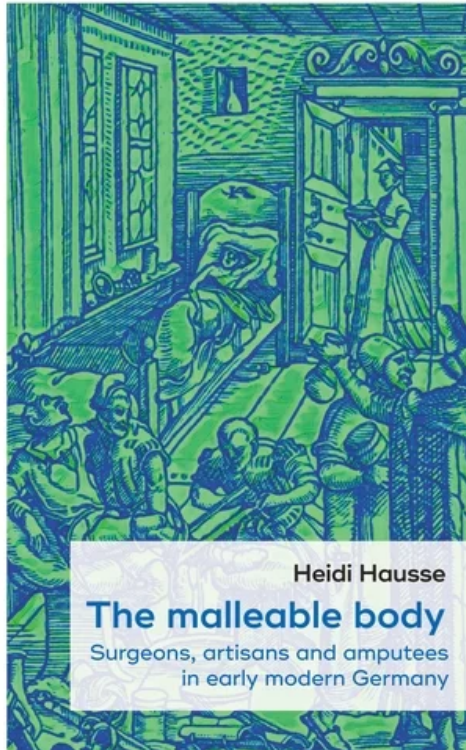
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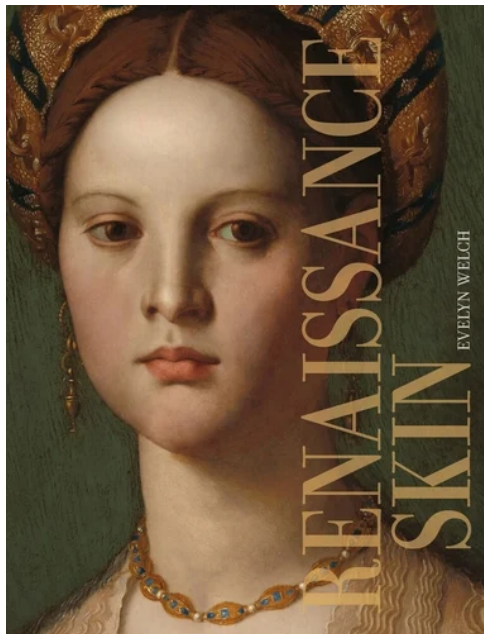


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If so, we would love to promote coverage via our social media channels to increase visibility of SSHM publications.

Keep tagging us with the details on [LinkedIn](#) or [Bluesky](#), post directly to our [Facebook](#) page, or send an email (admin@sshm.org) so we can share.

If you would like to share your [Call for Papers](#) or [Other Events](#) via the [SSHM website](#) and/or [The Gazette](#), please contact the Gazette's editor, Dr Fabiola Creed: fabiola.creed@glasgow.ac.uk or Dr Justine Pick: admin@sshm.org

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