



AUCKLAND MEDICAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Thursday 4 July at 7pm 2024

Venue

Ernest and Marion Davis Library (EMDL)
Building 43, Auckland City Hospital

The James Newman Lecture

***Ageing Well in New Zealand:
Highlights from Past, Present and Future Research***

*NB. Lecture title has been revised

Presented by

Ngairé Kerse

Medical Students' presentations

Te Aka Whai Ora – historical perspective

Presented by

Ted Richards

How a parasite shaped human history

Presented by

Megan McPherson

America's opioid crisis

Presented by

Karan Govindpani

Abstracts and biographical details of presenters will be posted on the website (See 2024 Programme)

NB: No Special interest talk at 6.15pm

EMDL will be open from **6pm**

All welcome

Donations to enable the Society to continue are welcome & can be made on the night or online. (Eftpos available.)

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***See the AMHS website Latest News for links to the
2024 Programme & updates***



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Biographical details & abstracts

Lecture 1. Ngaire Kerse

Ngaire is a GP and professor at the University of Auckland and Joyce Cook Chair in Ageing Well. She is also Co-director of the Co-Created Ageing Research Centre. Her interests are wellbeing and function in ageing, those in advanced age, longitudinal and intervention studies and falls prevention in all settings with older people thrive.

Abstract

This talk will highlight aspects of research supporting ageing well based on studies in Aotearoa NZ including the LiLACs NZ longitudinal studies, falls prevention, and cognition research. It will conclude with a demonstration of the Ronnie Gardiner cognitively challenging exercise programme.

Lecture 2. Ted Richards

Ted is a third year Medical student, with an undergraduate degree in population health and health promotion from Victoria, University of Wellington. He is interested in the potential juggling of careers in Rural Hospital medicine, Otolaryngology, General Practice and house husbandry.

Abstract

This presentation is an examination of the threads that were interwoven to generate the Māori Health Authority, from a tauwiwi position.

Lecture 3. Megan McPherson

Megan is a third-year medical student interested in a career in Primary Care. Prior to starting medical school they worked 12 years in Humanitarian Aid, mostly in Africa. Megan is still involved in the aid sector on a part-time basis.

Abstract

This presentation gives a historical overview of the Malaria parasite, from its earliest identification in fossil records to the present day.

Lecture 4. Karan Govindpani

Karan previously completed a BSc in Biomedical Science and a PhD in Neuroscience at The University of Auckland, after which they held a postdoctoral research position at The University of Sheffield. As a third year medical student, Karan is interested in potentially pursuing a career in neurology, with particular interest in the management and treatment of neurodegenerative diseases and stroke.

Abstract

The United States is currently in the midst of a major opioid addiction epidemic with severe implications for public health. In this presentation I will be exploring the historical context in which the opioid epidemic emerged and describing some of the key factors responsible, with a focus on changing attitudes towards pain management in the 1980s-2000s and the irresponsible marketing of prescription opioid drugs by pharmaceutical companies for the management of chronic pain.



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