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forthcoming events

As part of their History and Health seminar series, the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine would like to announce **The field of psychiatric contention: mental health activism in Britain 1960–2000**. Funded by the Wellcome Trust, this seminar will take place on Tuesday 21 October 2003 at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, Keppel Street, London. The speaker will be Dr Nick Crossley, from the University of Manchester's Department of Sociology. The paper focuses upon the history of protest and social movement activism within the field of psychiatry/mental health between 1960 and 2000. The central question addressed in the paper is how we can best understand this protest/activism. The answer suggested is a 'field' model, which draws upon the work of Pierre Bourdieu. Activism, it is suggested, takes shape in a 'field of contention'. The first part of the paper seeks to elaborate this model of 'fields of contention'. The larger part of the paper then seeks to show how the model illuminates our understanding of the recent history of

mental health politics. For further information please e-mail the organiser, Dr Ornella Moscucci, at: Ornella.Moscucci@lshhtm.ac.uk.

The **First International Conference on Psychiatry, Law and Ethics** will take place on 23–25 March 2004 at the Hilton Queen of Sheba Hotel, Eilat, Israel. The deadline for receipt of 250-word abstracts is 10 December 2003. For further information please contact the Conference Secretariat, P.O. Box 574, Jerusalem 91004, Israel (tel: +972-2-6520574; fax: +972-2-6520558; e-mail: seminars@isas.co.il) or visit the following web site: <http://www.isas.co.il/psychiatrylaw2004>.

Keele University, Academic Psychiatry Unit would like to introduce **Adolescent Addiction Studies**. This Postgraduate Certificate/Diploma/MSc/Short Course is a part-time course commencing in January 2004. For further details, please contact Louise Alston (tel: 01782 441662;

fax: 01782 441650; e-mail: pca00@keele.ac.uk).

Celebrating Women and Psychiatry: Inspiring Research, Teaching, Practice and Policy is the title of a national conference taking place on 29–30 April 2004 in Stoke-on-Trent. The conference has been organised by the Mental Health Research Group at Keele University to highlight high-quality research achievements in British psychiatry by women, advances in understanding gender related issues, and innovations in practice and policy related to services for families. A number of prominent leading psychiatrists in their field on a broad range of topics have been invited to provide seminars and workshops over the two days. The event is aimed at mental health professionals, psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers, nurses and general practitioners. To receive a conference leaflet or booking form, please e-mail either j.deaville@kfm.keele.ac.uk or c.y.hancock@kfm.keele.ac.uk, or telephone Keele Facilities Management on 01782 584259.

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The Psychotherapy Prize 2003

The Psychotherapy Faculty of the Royal College of Psychiatrists is pleased to announce the winner of the Psychotherapy Prize 2003: Dr Joanne Stubbley of the Tavistock Clinic, London, for her submission 'Bearing the unbearable: melancholia following severe trauma'. As one of the reviewers wrote: 'This is a very moving account of the therapy of a

traumatised woman which covers in depth the therapy and considers the clinical work within the framework of psychodynamic theories of loss and trauma. The author shows a remarkable capacity for self-reflection on her clinical practice and a willingness to explore and share these insights in the case report'. There were eight high-quality submissions for this prize. We were pleased to arrange advisors from the Faculty for five of the submissions to assist in the final

preparation. There were three assessors from different institutions, representing specialist expertise in different areas of psychotherapy, who independently reviewed the scripts. The prize, which has a value of £500, will be presented to Dr Stubbley at the Annual Meeting of the Royal College of Psychiatrists in 2004.

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