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## TORTURE OR TREATMENT: ELECTROCONVULSIVE THERAPY

The Museum of Health Care Presents a Free Public Lecture  
by 2010 Dr. Margaret Angus Research Fellow Sarah Xiao



KINGSTON, ON – The 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Dr. Margaret Angus Research Fellowship Evening promises to enlighten as this year's Research Fellow, Sarah Xiao, presents *Torture or Treatment: Electroconvulsive Therapy*. This free public lecture reflects Sarah's research findings after a six-month residency with the Museum of Health Care.

**The presentation will be held on Thursday, October 21 at 7:00 p.m. at the Glaxo Wellcome Clinical Education Centre (Louise D. Acton Building, 31 George Street, Queen's University).** Refreshments will follow. Admission is free and all are welcome. Free event parking will be available in Kingston General Hospital's GIDRU lot (George Street).

Among the many non-pharmacological techniques that have been used in psychiatry throughout history, electroconvulsive therapy has raised the most controversy and debate. Sarah Xiao's presentation will discuss the historical perspective of shock therapy, examine the uses and efficacy of ECT (particularly in the last 60 years), and consider how the medical profession envisions its use in the future.

The Museum of Health Care is Canada's only mission-specific health care museum and home to one of the largest collections of medical artefacts in Canada. Each year the Margaret Angus Research Fellow is selected by the Museum from a pool of qualified applicants. The appointed Fellow spends the duration of the six-month program researching and preparing a manuscript reflecting the history of health and health care as expressed by components of the Museum's collection. The Museum is privileged to have its Research Fellowship named after Dr. Margaret Angus, whose historical publications and contributions to the heritage community have been recognized throughout Canada. Dr. Angus died on February 15, 2008, a few months shy of her 100th birthday.

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