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Contagious Diseases During the 19th Century: Kingston, a Canadian Case Study

A Free Public Lecture by Dr. James A. Low

Due to popular demand from Museum of Health Care Members, Dr. James Low will be delivering his new lecture “Contagious Diseases During the 19th Century: Kingston, a Canadian Case Study” at Queen’s University on February 24, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. This public lecture is free and will be followed by refreshments at the Museum of Health Care.



The 19th century was a great transition period in the knowledge and understanding of contagious diseases, and with this new understanding came many changes to diagnosis and treatment. James Low's presentation will examine the state of disease prevention and control at the beginning of the 19th century, the degree to which contagious diseases occurred in Kingston throughout the 19th century, and the local community's response to these issues. The presentation will demonstrate the level of control that had been achieved at the end of the 19th century, and how it was expressed in Kingston between 1900 and 1920.

Since 1991 Dr. Low has been the full time volunteer Executive Director of the Museum of Health Care at Kingston, which is today the only institution of its kind in Canada. According to Dr. Low, he founded the Museum because, “There were no similar museums preserving the legacy of health care. Understanding how medicine has evolved gives perspective to the present and insight into the challenges of the future.”

This lecture is one of many events in 2011 intended to celebrate the Museum’s 20th anniversary. The other events falling during Heritage Week are the *Nostrums & Nibbles Gala* on Saturday, February 19th and the *Teddy Bear Hospital Family Day Program* on Monday, February 21st. Details about all three lectures are at www.museumofhealthcare.ca.

Information: Call 613-548-2419 or e-mail museum@kgh.kari.net.

Location: Lecture at the Glaxo Wellcome Clinical Education Centre (Louise D. Acton Building, 31 George St., Queen's University) // Refreshments to follow at the Museum, 32 George St.

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