

CENTRE FOR THE HISTORY OF MEDICINE SEMINAR SERIES 2012-2013

Tuesday, 15 January 2013 (Week 2)
5.00 pm – Ramphal Building Room R.014

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'White Coats and No Trousers: Situating Women in the Laboratory'

This paper will examine the careers of women scientists, with a particular focus on several women technicians, in a variety of medical laboratories. Female scientists and male technicians have been largely invisible in both contemporary and historical accounts of twentieth century biomedical research; women technicians doubly so. This account, derived from several different research projects, aims to locate and situate these contributors. Largely derived from oral accounts, the roles of women in the lab, their career options, restrictions and choices, will be examined, as will issues associated with employment, salaries, promotion and retirement.



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