

1000-1030hrs: Coffee break

1030-1230hrs: Panel Two: Race and Welfare

Prof Dónal Hassett (Maynooth University, Ireland)

'Towards a History of the Systems of Care for War-Wounded Veterans in France's African Colonies'

Francis van Berkel (University of Essex, UK)

"Sympathetic Treatment" and Sepoy Loyalty: the Indian Army, paternalism and welfare provision'

Dr Micah Bellamy (Valencia College, USA)

'Separate and Unequal: medical welfare for African-American soldiers in World War I'

Col (Retd) Dr Soundararajan 'Jag' Jagdish (Independent, UK)

'Misadventures in Mesopotamia: when health and welfare went awry'

1230-1330hrs: Break for lunch

1330-1500hrs: Keynote Address – Prof Jessica Meyer (University of Leeds)

'Returning to Health: the legacy of British disabled ex-servicemen of the First World War'

1500-1600hrs: Panel Three: Care for caregivers

Anna Elisabeth Gehl (Freie Universität Berlin, Germany)

"But the sadness of it all worked its way into my very soul": treating the mental and physical wounds of World War One medical volunteers'

Michael Robinson (University of Birmingham/National Army Museum)

"He Now Sees the Same Sights He Saw Then": studying the Great War veteran in 1930s Britain'

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