

“Thomas Willis and the first work of Neurology”

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Louis Caron completed his PhD here at Cambridge, under the supervision of Scott Mandelbrote; it was entitled 'The philosophical reception of Thomas Willis (1621-1675) with particular reference to John Locke (1632-1704)'. Most broadly, his work examines the interactions between science, religion and politics in late seventeenth-century England.

The paper he is presenting to the seminar argues for an important and overlooked religious and theological dimension to the medical and natural philosophical works of Thomas Willis, one of the key players in the growth of English experimental science, whose "Cerebri anatomy" (1664) is often considered the first neurology.