

Board Member Spotlight: Dr. Monica Gordon Pershey

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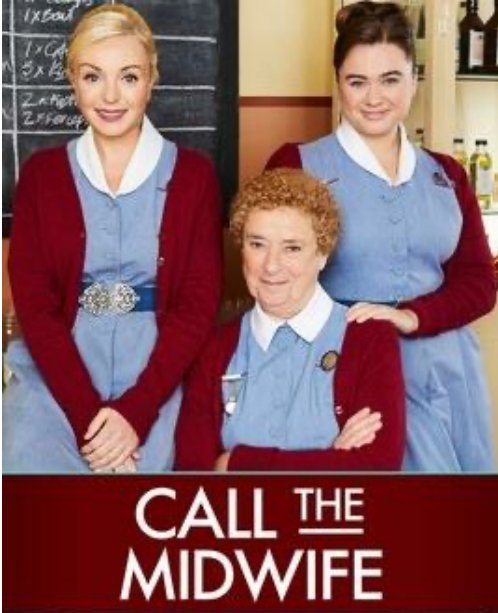
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Meet Dr. Monica Gordon Pershey, a dedicated Orange Effect Foundation Board Member, as she lets us in on her fascination with British TV shows. She'll take you on a journey through her favorite shows, and she's got some great recommendations too!

Confessions of a British TV Fan

Don't call me on Sunday evenings. Don't bother me when I am reading the *Ideastream Public Media Program Guide*. Yes, I troll many Facebook fan groups, eager for news but wary of spoilers. But I can't help it – I'm a British TV fan.

I think it started when I was in college and *Upstairs, Downstairs* aired in its gloomy, gritty, black-and-white glory. The 80s brought *Brideshead Revisited* on air, and three-day videotape rentals that let *The Flame Trees of Thicka* play on repeat. Year after year, and increasingly available on demand, I could escape from reality by watching *Midsomer Murders*, *Downton Abbey*, and *Call the Midwife*.



If you'd like to try a few episodes from the shows available now, I recommend *All Creatures Great and Small* (totally family-friendly), *Sanditon*, *Grantchester*, *My Mother and Other Strangers* (kind of odd, but stick with it), and *Atlantic Crossing*.

Thanks for reading my blog, but I need to go. I have to rewatch *Unforgotten*, get started on *Broadchurch*, and finally watch the episodes of *Poldark* in the right order!

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