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Creating History...through Research and Dialogue

Steven Berlin Johnson, keynote speaker at our recently completed 26th Annual Conference, urged readers of his book *The Ghost Map* to keep our minds open, because as in the search for the cause of the cholera epidemic that terrified London in 1854, dominant paradigms unfailingly make finding truth difficult. As we gathered in the historic St Paul Hotel, we found abundant opportunity to examine old paradigms by exploring research findings and by raising new questions stimulated by the work of the keynote speaker and the presenters at the conference.



We celebrated old and new friendships linked by the interest and commitment we share to researching the fascinating world of the history of nursing. Over 20 students participated in the doctoral luncheon. These students, as well as our established scholars, bring the promise of ever-more stimulating investigations into the dialogue surrounding the history of nursing. And the beauty of historical research is that there is never an end to the new understandings awaiting us! The dialogue with our colleagues and friends has the potential to unseat dominant paradigms and shed fresh light on our views of the past. I look forward to participating with you in this ongoing adventure.

You'll be pleased to know that generous bidders at both the silent and the live auctions gave \$5,300.00 to support our awards program. Sales of shop items and "treasures" in the \$5.00 and \$1.00 boxes added \$1,000.00, and gifts and pledges totaling \$7,000 were added to the endowment for our historical research grants. Even in these difficult economic times, you are helping build the future of AAHN with your generosity.

And it's not only money you are giving. For example, at the business meeting on Sunday morning, I was particularly pleased when Barbara Gaines alerted me that her neighbor, Teresa Stone, was present and is a Registered Parliamentarian. Teresa gently and expertly guided me down the correct parliamentary path to help us address the business of AAHN in an efficient manner. You are a group with varied gifts and a willingness to use your experience and ideas to promote the work of AAHN. Your energy and collaboration are essential as we face the challenge of making our association meaningful and relevant to our members. I am thankful to be the President of such a group.



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Appalachian State University History of Nursing in NC Website

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In October, 2008 an interdisciplinary team of faculty and librarians at Appalachian State University in Boone, North Carolina (NC) met to discuss the history of nursing in NC. Inspired by the web site developed at Virginia Commonwealth University, they decided to create a web site dedicated to the history of nursing in NC. We were inspired by the work of nursing faculty and librarians at VCU and their "Virginia Nursing History" web site.

Mission Statement

Our mission for the NC Nursing History website is to provide a searchable online resource of information about the history of nursing in the state of NC. We have selected content to be viewed by anyone who has an interest in learning how NC nursing developed over the years, from its beginnings in the late 19th century to the present day. This website is offered as a tribute to the dedicated service of NC nurses and their contributions to the health and well-being of citizens of this state.

Our Primary Goals

1. Educate citizens about the historical development of nursing in NC and the influence of these nurses on health care in NC that continues today.
2. Offer primary sources in digital form to assist scholars with research on NC nursing history.

Web Site

The web site will be comprised of 3 primary sections.

1. An umbrella section with links to other archives and library collections related to NC nursing history, articles about NC nursing history published in professional journals, NC schools of nursing and professional nursing organizations in NC. This portion of the web site will also have original research and articles about NC nursing history.
2. A section devoted to oral histories/conversations with older nurses as well as historians of nursing history. Members of the ASU team will work collaboratively with faculty at sister schools in NC to encourage students to collect these oral histories in the Spring Semester of 2010. We are apply-

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“The Book of Psalms in Other Words” Reflections on a Mentor, a Book, and an Inspired Career

Joy Shiller, RN, BSN, MS, CAPA

It is now approaching the end of my career. It's hard to believe that almost half a century has passed since I became a nurse. I become rather sentimental as I reflect back upon so many nursing memories. The trunk I used when I left for nursing school contains items such as my organdy nurse's cap, my graduation uniform, my antiquated nursing texts, a copy of my New York State Board results and the letters I received from countless patients. Among all my nursing treasures there is one that is the most significant of all – a little faded beige book.

In the summer of 1962, my best friend and I decided to become ‘Candy-Strippers’ at St. Elizabeth Hospital, Elizabeth, New Jersey. Sister Ellen Patricia of the Sisters of Charity of St. Elizabeth was our supervisor. She taught us to take temperatures, make beds, fill glass water pitchers, and wash glass urinals and steel bedpans. We reported to Sister Ellen Patricia's office daily for a thorough inspection of our uniforms. Spotless white canvas shoes and meticulously starched and ironed uniforms were required. The hem of the uniform was checked to ensure compliance with rules. Any deviation resulted in dismissal for the day.

Sister Ellen Patricia was one of the strictest people I ever knew and she terrified me. One day, she called me into her office. She was standing at the door with her hands on her hips when she said, “Young lady, do you know what you did?” I thought my career as a volunteer was over. “No Sister, did I do something wrong?” “How would you like to be your patient's son walking into his mother's room and see the

‘OPEN SIDE’ of the pillowcase facing the door?” she said.

Now trembling, I said, “I wouldn't like that, Sister.” Scolding me, she said, “Don't you ever forget to always place the ‘CLOSED SIDE’ of a pillowcase facing the door!”

Not long after the pillowcase incident she arrived in the nursing unit where I was assigned with her hands on her hips. She didn't appreciate the way I had answered the telephone and came to personally reprimand me. I was sitting in the nurses' station when she asked me what I was doing. “I'm finished with my work, Sister.” Towering over me with her white habit she authoritatively said, “First, young lady, when you answer the phone always have an upbeat, helpful-sounding voice. Secondly, young lady, may you never forget, when you work in a hospital your work is ‘NEVER DONE.’ There is always something to do and patients who would like to have someone to talk to. You should go to them and not sit in the nurses' station.” As punishment for my lack of telephone manners and work ethic, she assigned me to scrub every IV pole. Each one had to then pass her inspection. Looking back I am amazed I tolerated such treatment.

The following summer I accepted a part-time position at the same hospital as a nurse's aide at a rip-roaring salary of \$1.00 per hour. My uniform was now a solid pale pink but I still fell under the domain of Sister Ellen Patricia and her rigid inspections. She continued to terrorize me, reducing me to tears on more than one occasion. I had nightmares about her. Although I thought she hated me, I still withstood her



because I wanted nothing more in my life than to be a nurse.

One Friday afternoon when I arrived on my unit after school, my head nurse informed me my mother had called. I had been accepted into the nursing school of my choice – scholarship included. I was ecstatic. But my bliss was short-lived. That evening, as I was preparing to test urine samples I dropped a tray of several bottles filled with urine. Only one bottle broke but every patient's urine spilled all over the floor. I became hysterical thinking Sister Ellen Patricia would kill me before I ever had the opportunity to attend nursing school. My patients took mercy on me and each willingly produced a new specimen.

The day after the urine bottle calamity Sister Ellen Patricia arrived on my unit looking for me. Unbeknown to me, my head nurse had informed her of my good news. Instead of chastising me for the previous day's mishap, she presented me with a little beige book titled “The Psalms in Other Words.” She even

had a little smile on her face. On the first page of the book in her elegant penmanship she wrote:

“Dear Joy,

May the Lord direct you and make you an excellent nurse.

Sister Ellen Patricia.”

I was stunned by this gesture. It was one of the most unexpected and monumental events of my life. This precious gift was the first item I packed in my trunk when I left for nursing school. I know I have reread those sixteen words at least 1,000 times.

So much has changed in nursing since my ‘Candy-Striper’ days. Glass speci-

men bottles, steel bedpans and urinals, glass thermometers and water pitchers are no longer a source of nightmares for young nursing students. But Sister Ellen Patricia’s wisdom is as fundamental today as it was almost half a century ago. In spite of her ways and everything she put me through, I realize that she laid the foundation for who I would become as a nurse. She instilled that indelible mark on my career for an unwavering work ethic and the requirement in nursing to always do things the right way. Throughout my life I have mentored and preceptored a myriad of students and novice nurses. Although I never

terrorized anyone, I have shared Sister Ellen Patricia’s wisdom to those I have educated and hope they have passed it on as well:

I know when I die the nursing relics that I have cherished throughout the years will mean nothing to anyone else. Most likely, they will not even be worthy of a garage sale and will be discarded. That is precisely the reason why my little faded beige book entitled, “The Psalms in Other Words” is coming with me.

Editor’s Note: Ms. Shiller has practiced nursing in Houston, Texas since 1970.

APPALACHIAN STATE UNIVERSITY HISTORY OF NURSING IN NC WEBSITE — CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3

ing for a NC Humanities Grant to underwrite the costs of travel and hopefully provide a small honorarium to our interviewees.

3. The creation of lesson plans for middle school and high school students, health occupations students and nursing students so they can learn this valuable and inspiring history.

Funding

We recently secured a \$12,000 planning grant from the NC Exploring Cultural History Online (NC ECHO) to organize the process of digitizing documents from the NC Nurse Association, NC Board of Nursing, NC NLN and other organizations who have played a pivotal role in the development of nursing in NC. We will submit a NC ECHO Implementation grant for \$75,000 a year for 3 years to process and digitize annual reports, conference agendas, minutes of meetings, legislation, publications and other documents from key NC nursing organizations. The NC Nurse Association and NC Board of Nursing are active partners in the digitization work and are supportive of the web site project.

We are actively seeking original articles, scrapbooks, yearbooks, photographs and other documents from nurses and other parties that can be added to the web site so that it will be as inclusive as possible. NC nursing history is relatively unexplored. We have many topics that need to be researched and written about. These include individual nursing schools, biographies of outstanding NC nurses, nursing by geograph-

ic region (Appalachian mountains, Outer Banks, etc.), nursing by cultural/ethnic/ religious groups (Lumbee /Cherokee nurses, Moravian/ Catholic nurses, etc.), types of nursing such as the history of psychiatric/mental health nursing in NC, nursing by disease—such as the hookworm crusades or HIV/AIDS nursing. As you can see, there is a topic for anyone interested in nursing history. If you are willing to write for the web site, or know of resources that might be helpful please contact Dr. Phoebe Pollitt at pollittpa@appstate.edu. The members of the ASU web site team are:

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We would like to thank the Virginia Commonwealth University faculty and staff who inspired us to create this web site. Their work on the history of nursing in Virginia is located at <http://www.library.vcu.edu/tml/speccoll/nursing/>

26th Annual Conference, St. Paul, Minnesota

More than 125 participants gathered in St. Paul, Minnesota from September 24-27, 2008 for the 26th Annual Conference of the American Association for the History of Nursing. Co-sponsored with the University of Minnesota School of Nursing, the four day conference was filled with scholarship, networking, business, and just plain old fun. The conference began with a pre-conference entitled "Oral History: More Than Just an Interview!" featuring speakers from the University of Minnesota and the Minnesota Historical Society.

On Friday the Board of Directors met in the morning while other members enjoyed the optional tours. The official opening of the conference took place at the St. Paul Hotel with Sylvia Rinker, President, presiding. Dean Connie Delaney of the University of Minnesota welcomed the participants. Dean Delaney noted the dual anniversaries of AAHN and the School of Nursing at the University of Minnesota. While AAHN is celebrating 30 years as an association Minnesota is celebrating its 100th year as a provider of nursing education in a university setting.

The opening ceremony featured the annual awards ceremony followed by the Keynote address delivered by Steven Berlin Johnson, author of *The Ghost Map, The Story of London's Most Terrifying Epidemic—and How It Changed Cities, Science, and the Modern World*. A plenary session of exceptional historical scholarship set a high scholastic tone for the remainder of the conference. At the end of the plenary session, conferees enjoyed a wonderful welcome reception.

Saturday began as a day of scholarship as participants enjoyed an array of concurrent sessions filled with cutting edge research. As always the doctoral student luncheon offered opportunities for new researchers to discuss their work and network. Throughout the day attendees had the opportunity to bid on silent auction items. This year the LAC placed some items on a \$1.00 table and others on a \$5.00 table. This was a great success.

By Saturday evening, everyone was ready for celebration at the Annual Banquet and Live Auction. After a delicious meal at the Great Hall Banquet & Conference Center, a short bus ride or walk from the hotel, participants were ushered into the auction hall. The Jolly Green Giant was in town to push vegetables and fruits on Minnesotans and stopped by with his wife, Sprout and daughter, Merlot, to conduct the live auction. Many thanks go to Larry Hermann, Sandy Lewenson, Jen Telford and Eleanor Hermann

for once again tossing aside their real lives to raise money for Association's Research Endowment Fund. Thanks to the efforts of the Giant, Sprout, and Merlot, and to those donating \$30.00 for the 30th, more than \$13,000 was raised.

On Sunday morning the annual membership meeting was held. Reports from the various committee heads and updates on Association business were heard. The meeting ended with a wonderful presentation from the European Nursing History Group, co-sponsors of the 2010 AAHN conference in London, England. The conference fees and bed and breakfast accommodations promise to be consistent with prices we have experienced over the past few years in the U.S. Air fare obviously is additional. Visit the AAHN website for further details about the 2010 conference. Additional tours will include Windsor Castle, Central London, the Tower of London, and a service at St. Paul's Cathedral to mark the 100th anniversary of Florence Nightingale's death.

AAHN New Members

June 1–October 21, 2009

Becky Brodin, Minneapolis, MN
 Melissa Carbone, West Nyack, NY
 Vicki Condie, Marcellus, NY
 Jennifer Elison, Helena, MT
 Kim Federici, Pipe Creek, TX
 Dorrie Fontaine, Charlottesville, VA
 Thomas Foth, Hamburg, Germany
 Janice Fulmer, Green Lane, PA
 Lisa Hill, Fountain Valley, CA
 Linda Jacks, Fallon, NV
 Jessica Keim, Charlottesville, VA
 Jacinta Kelly, Dublin, Ireland
 Jaime Lapeyre, Toronto, ON, Canada
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 Mario Ortiz, Valparaiso, IN
 Deborah Palmer, Yelverton, Devon, United Kingdom
 Bonnie Pope, Jacksonville, FL
 Karen Price, Cleveland, OH
 Carla Walby, Alexandria, VA

International Perspectives on Nursing History

14–16 September 2010

European Nursing History Group and American
Association for the History of Nursing, Inc.

London, England

The AAHN's 27th Annual Conference will be held in conjunction with the European Nursing History Group at the Royal Holloway Conference Center. Only a 20 minute train ride from Heathrow airport and a 30 minute train ride to the center of London the conference will highlight nursing historical research on an international level. The conference is open for registration now. Go to www.nursesvoices.org.uk/conference to register and for detailed information. Register before June 16, 2010 to get the early bird rate. The conference package rate will include the conference fee, all meals, and accommodations and is commensurate with fees of recent conferences in the U.S. You must make (and pay for) your own airline reservations.

Fly in to Heathrow airport as it is the closest to the Conference Center. Passports for all American and Canadian citizens are required for entry into Great Britain and for re-entry into the U.S. or Canada. If you do not have a passport, or if your passport has expired, you should apply for a new passport now. Passport offices get busy after the start of the year, and processing times vary.

Attendees are encouraged to arrive early. The conference center accommodation rates will be in place before and after the conference. On Monday September 13th sightseeing trips will include tours of Windsor Castle, central London, the Tower of London, a walking tour with a nursing history guide, a service at St. Paul's Cathedral commemorating Florence Nightingale and finally a tour of the recently refurbished Florence Nightingale Museum.

The call for abstracts for the conference opens on **15 September 2009** and closes at midnight (Eastern Standard Time) on **15 February, 2010**. Abstracts that do not adhere to the guidelines and/or are received after the due date and time will not be reviewed. All abstracts must be submitted using the form provided on the conference web site.

The Irish Centre for Nursing & Midwifery History: New academic centre at UCD

Established in 2009 with a grant from the Irish Research Council for the Humanities & Social Sciences, the UCD **Irish Centre for Nursing & Midwifery History** is an academic centre located at the UCD School of Nursing, Midwifery & Health Systems. The Centre is aligned with the Centre for the History of Medicine in Ireland and is part of the European Nursing History Group. The Centre is a locus for research and education in the history of nursing and midwifery in Ireland. A programme of research is being conducted at the Centre in a number of distinct areas, including a history of hospital sanitation in Ireland and aspects of disciplinary development and nursing identity. A study of the history of the General Nursing Council for Ireland is also in preparation. The Centre provides opportunities for graduate research training, to master's and doctoral level, into aspects of nursing and midwifery history and welcomes inquiries from those interested in pursuing graduate research in association with the Centre. The Centre Director is Dr Gerard Fealy and the Principal Associate Investigator is Dr Martin McNamara. The Research Assistant is Ruth Geraghty and Carol McCubbin, University of Kingston, is special advisor on oral history. The Centre is governed by an Advisory Board and a three-member International Advisory Group (IAG) advises the Board. The members of the IAG are Dr Julie Fairman, Director, Barbara Bates Center for Nursing History at the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing, Dr Christine Hallett, Director, UK Centre for the History of Nursing & Midwifery, and Dr Tom O'Donoghue, Professor of Education, University of Western Australia. At the time of going to press, the Centre website was being developed. For further details, visit: <http://www.ucd.ie/nmhs/index.html>



UCD School of Nursing,
Midwifery & Health Systems.

Nettie Birnbach “Renaissance Woman”

Nettie Birnbach, a long-time member of AAHN, was recently awarded Honorary Recognition from the New York State Nurses' Association. This award, the highest honor bestowed on an individual by the NYSNA, is reserved for those who have “rendered distinguished service to the nursing profession.” Nettie was president of NYSNA from 1991 to 1993, and influenced directly the establishment of a peer assistance program for nurses, formed the NYSNA Political Action Committee, and approved plans for a new association headquarters building.

Dr. Birnbach's career as a nurse researcher and educator spans many years and includes a deep interest in public health nursing as well and nursing history. She was president of AAHN from 1998–2000 and has served the organization in many other capacities as well. In addition to her work with NYSNA, she served the American Nurses Association in numerous roles, pioneered curriculum development at the baccalaureate and graduate level, edited books, published influential papers and presented her findings to her peers. One colleague fondly remarks, “Nettie Birnbach, a Renaissance woman, has extended the profession's boundaries and truly enhanced its services to society. She richly deserves NYSNA's honorary recognition.”

Dr. Birnbach is retired and living in Florida (although she is professor emerita at the State University of New York, Brooklyn Campus). She frequently attends AAHN conferences where she is always willing to help out and pass along her wisdom to nursing history researchers at any level. The AAHN congratulates Nettie for this award from the NYSNA. It is well deserved and a timely acknowledgement of what one can do to advance the profession of nursing.

(Information gathered from Nettie Birnbach and the New York Nurse: September 2009).

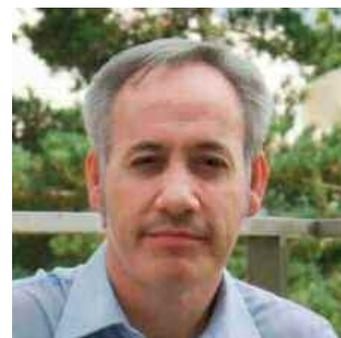
AAHN Members Edit Special Issue of *Journal of Clinical Nursing*

In October 2009 the *Journal of Clinical Nursing* published a special themed issue on historical scholarship. AAHN members Dr Christine Hallett (Director, UK Centre for the History of Nursing & Midwifery) and Dr Gerard Fealy (Director, Irish Centre for Nursing & Midwifery History) compiled and edited the special issue, which contains eleven commissioned papers from some of the leading scholars in the field, among them AAHN members Geertje Boschma, Joy Buck, Pat D'Antonio, Carol Helmstadter, Arlene Keeling, and Jean Whelan. In their editorial, Doctors Hallett and Fealy write: “In compiling this special issue we wanted to include topics

that represent the wide range of research questions, issues and concerns that nursing historians are currently researching, and to convey to the reader some sense of the range of methods used in the discipline of historical inquiry. The papers published in this issue illustrate the variety of methods and approaches to sourcing and interpreting historical primary sources, and illustrate how high-quality critical scholarship can be represented in and through the medium of historical narrative. “The special issue is available at: <http://www3.interscience.wiley.com/journal/122591193/issue> or through your library service.



Dr. Christine Hallett



Dr. Gerard Fealy

News from Academe

University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing

The Barbara Bates Center for the Study of the History of Nursing is pleased to offer a Faculty Research Award and two Brunner and Fisher Fellowships to support research in the history of nursing.

The Karen Buhler-Wilkerson Faculty Research Fellowship provides \$1,500 of support to selected scholars based on evidence of preparation and/or productivity in historical research and/or teaching related to nursing. Scholars are expected to present the findings of their work at the Center's seminar series.

The Alice Fisher Society Fellowship and the Lillian Sholtis Brunner Fellowship for Historical Research in Nursing both offer \$5,000 to support two weeks in residence at the Center and ongoing collaboration with nurse historians associated with the Center. The Fisher Fellowship is open to those with masters and doctoral level preparation. Candidates with doctoral preparation will be preferred for the Brunner Fellowship but fellowships are open to those with pre-doctoral preparation. Both Fisher and Brunner Fellows will participate in Center activities and will present their research at Center seminars. It is expected that the research and new materials produced by each of the awardees will help ensure the growth of scholarly work focused on the history of nursing.

The deadline for submission of applications for awards and fellowship is December 31, 2009 with a projected award date of March 1, 2010. For further information and application guidelines please visit the Center's

website at <http://www.nursing.upenn.edu/history/>. Bates Center Associate Directors Patricia D'Antonio (dantonio@nursing.upenn.edu), and Barbra Mann Wall (wallbm@nursing.upenn.edu), and Betsy Weiss, Center Administrative Assistant (215-898-4502) are also available to help with any questions you might have.

The University of Virginia School of Nursing Center for Nursing Historical Inquiry (CNHI)

Barbara Brodie Nursing History Research Fellowship, a post-doctoral award, is open to doctorally prepared scholars engaged in historical research. Applications for the \$3000 award are due October 15th each year, and the recipient will be announced each December. The selected Barbara Brodie Nursing History Fellow is expected to present a paper from the funded project in the Center's History Forum series within two years of receiving the award. Selection of the fellow will be based on the scholarly quality of the investigator's project including: the clarity of the project's purpose, its rationale and significance, and the ability of the researcher to complete the work.

For more details:
<http://w3.nursing.virginia.edu/research/cnhi/fellowship/>

CNHI Calendar of Events November 17, 2009

A "Roar Like a Thousand Niagaras": The Monongah Mine Disaster and the Care of Victims, Rescuers, and Sur- vivors, December 1907.

John C. Kirchgessner, PhD, RN, PNP, CNHI Assistant Director, Assistant Professor of Nursing, U.Va. School of Nursing

February 9, 2010

"Contrary to Approved Methods of Practice": Massage Therapy, Polio, and Nursing, 1900-1945.

Audrey Snyder, PhD, RN, ACNP, CEN, FAANP, Assistant Professor of Nursing, U.Va. School of Nursing

March 16, 2010 4:30 p.m.

The Agnes Dillon Randolph Award & Lectureship

Competence, Coolness, and Control: Rethinking the Trope of Disciplined Obedience in the History of Nursing

Patricia D'Antonio, PhD, RN, FAAN, Associate Professor of Nursing and Associate Director, the Barbara Bates Center for the Study of the History of Nursing, University of Pennsylvania, and Editor, the Nursing History Review

Patricia D'Antonio was selected as this year's recipient of the CNHI's Agnes Dillon Randolph Award & Lectureship. This award, named in honor of one of Virginia's early nursing leaders, is given to an individual who has contributed significantly to the intellectual rigor and scope of the discipline of nursing history. Dr. D'Antonio was chosen for her sustained contributions to nursing and health care history, particularly with regard to psychiatric nursing, historical methodology, and nursing in the community.

University of Michigan School of Nursing

AAHN member and Associate Professor Barbara L. Brush, PhD, APRN, BC, FAAN, has been selected as a member of the Leadership Council for the Robert Wood Johnson funded initiative Valuing Diversity: An Action Oriented Agenda. Professor Brush joins 27 other senior-level decision makers, who are distinguished in their respective fields, to develop an action agenda which accomplishes the goals of a diverse and inclusive workforce.

Announcements

Web Site Updating

The AAHN is in the process of updating the web site. Carla Schissel has asked that members research the opening and closing dates (where applicable) of nursing schools in their area. Include Diploma schools, Associate degree programs and college and university programs. You can e-mail the information to Carla. (scooter-mae1942@yahoo.com) Please also notify Carla of anything you would like to see on the site, or about anything you feel needs updating. Thank you.

Publishing a Book?

Please let AAHN know when you or other members publish a new book. We would like to acknowledge your accomplishment in the Bulletin. You can also send the information to Barbara Mann Wall, Nursing History Review Book Review editor (wallbm@nursing.upenn.edu). She will be happy to coordinate a review.

American Academy of Nursing Living Legend—Barbara Brodie

On Thursday, November 5, 2009, Barbara Brodie, AAHN member and former President of the association will be designated a Living Legend by the American Academy of Nursing, during its 36th Annual Meeting & Conference in Atlanta, Georgia. The Living Legend designation recognizes extraordinary Fellows of the AAN who serve as reminders of the proud history of the nursing profession and as amazing role models. Living Legends have been dedicated Fellows for over 15 years and have demonstrated impressive and sustained contributions to nursing and health care throughout their careers. Although these Fellows have transitioned from a formal work role, they continue to have a profound influence

AAHN Writing and Research Awards 2009

The following awards were announced by Rima Apple, Chair of the Awards Committee of AAHN, during the opening festivities of the annual conference.

The distinguished Lavinia L. Dock Award for Exemplary Historical Research and Writing was presented to Dr. Julie Fairman for *Making Room I the Clinic: Nurse Practitioners and the evolution of Modern Health Care*, published by Rutgers University Press. In it, Dr. Fairman investigates the significant ways in which the evolution of nursing shaped the delivery of modern medical services. Fairman documents the historical roots of the very critical partnership of nurses and physicians in today's health care system. Dr. Fairman is a Professor of Nursing at the School of Nursing at the University of Pennsylvania and Director of the Barbara Bates Center for the Study of the History of Nursing. Her work has been funded by an RWJ Investigator in Health Policy fellowship, the NLM, and the NEH.

The Mary Adelaide Nutting Award for Exemplary Historical Research and Writing was presented to Dr. Barbra Mann Wall for the article "Catholic Sister Nurses in Selma, Alabama, 1940-1972," which was published in *Nursing History Review* in 2009. The article astutely analyses the complex roles that race, gender, and religion played in the practice of health in the southern United States in the mid-20th century. Dr. Wall is an Associate Professor of Nursing at the School of Nursing at the University of Pennsylvania and an Associate Director of the Barbara Bates Center for the Study of the History of Nursing.

The Teresa E. Christy Award recognizes excellence in historical research and writing done while the researcher was a doctoral student. This year it was presented to Jacqueline Margo Brooks Carthon for her dissertation "No Place for the Dying: A Tale of Urban Health Work in Philadelphia's Black Belt," which she completed at the University of Pennsylvania in 2008. Dr. Brooks Carthon is currently a post-doctoral fellow at the Center for Health Policy and Outcomes at the University of Pennsylvania.

on the profession. Congratulations Barbara—you are truly a source of inspiration for us all.

New Process for Receiving The Bulletin

At the business meeting the membership agreed that from now on members with an e-mail account will receive the Bulletin via an attachment to an e-

mail. Because we all get many e-mails a day, a postcard will be sent by regular mail to alert you that the Bulletin will shortly be in your in-box. Members without an e-mail address will continue to receive the Bulletin by regular mail. E-mailing is better for the environment and will help save money as postage rates continue to rise.

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Professional Opportunities

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<http://www.cahn-achn.ca>

Call for Abstracts: 2010 Annual Meeting Winnipeg, June 18-20

The Canadian Association for the History of Nursing is pleased to announce Continuities, Contingencies and Fault Lines: Nursing 100 Years After Nightingale as the title theme for its 2010 Annual Meeting, to be held in Winnipeg, June 18-20, 2010. The Program Committee invites proposals for papers which explore the diversity of practitioners who have performed

caring work and laid claim to the title "nurse"; the nature of their practices; and the ways in which ideas about nursing have been challenged, transformed, dissolved and reconstituted across space and time. Abstracts on other topics are also welcome. We invite proposals in English and French for presentations in either language. Abstracts should be no longer than 350 words and should be accompanied by a one-page curriculum vitae. Submissions by e-mail are strongly encouraged, or they can be mailed to the address below. Abstracts will be blind peer reviewed, and the Program Committee will notify applicants of its decision by February 15, 2010

Submission information:

Abstracts must be received by January 8, 2010 to be considered. Abstracts should be sent via e-mail to:

CAHN2010@UManitoba.CA

or mailed to:

CAHN 2010, c/o Marion McKay,
Helen Glass Centre for Nursing
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Winnipeg, MB, CANADA R3T 2N2.

For further information and updates, please visit the conference web-site at:

<http://www.umanitoba.ca/nursing/CAHNconference2010>

American Association for the History of Medicine (AAHM)

2010 Annual Meeting

The AAHM will hold its 83rd annual meeting at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota from Thursday evening April 29, 2010 through Sunday May 2, 2010. For further information please visit the conference web-site at:

http://www.histmed.org/annual_meetings.htm

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Opportunity for Adventure

Immediately following the London conference Arlene Keeling will be leading a trip to Turkey to see the Crimea and other historic sites where Florence Nightingale introduced professional nursing to the Royal Army and the world. The tour will include round-trip airline tickets from London to Turkey, all meals, all accommodations in 4-star hotels, and a cruise up the Bosphorus, among other activities. It is scheduled for 4 days. Please let Arlene know of your interest soon. At this time there is no obligation to go, but a rough number of people interested will help her organize and plan. E-mail Arlene at awk2z@virginia.edu.

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Plan now to come to London, September 14-17, 2010 as we join with our international colleagues for a certain to-be-unsurpassed celebration of the 27th AAHN conference and the 100th anniversary of Florence Nightingale's death. In addition to scholarship from all over the world, we'll be treated to two keynote speakers: Dean Afaf Meleis of the University of Pennsylvania and Mark Bostridge, Nightingale scholar. Check your latest NHR for Carol Helmstadter's review of Bostridge's latest book: *Florence Nightingale: The Making of an Icon*. See information on our website and elsewhere in this newsletter about the conference and an option for an extension trip to Turkey following the conference that will explore some of the sites surrounding Nightingale's Crimean War experiences. This is truly a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, and I hope to see you there.

As members of AAHN, we have much to anticipate! Encourage your friends to join you as together we learn more about who we were.

Your President,
Sylvia Rinker



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