

AAHN Conference Program
October 16-18, 2025
Wilmington, NC

Thursday, 10/16/25	
12:00-4:00	Registration (<i>Platform D</i>)
8:30-11:30	Board meeting (<i>Parlour</i>) <i>Lunch will be provided.</i>
1:00-4:00	Pre-Conference (<i>Platform B/C</i>) Trauma-informed Pedagogical Approaches: Enhancing Empathy and Safety when Teaching History to Prepare Students for Contemporary Nursing Practice April Matthias, PhD, RN, CNE, Anka Roberto, DNP, MPH, APRN, PMHNP-BC, FNAP, Kassie Stoffer, MSN, FNP-C <i>**Prior registration required (3 contact hours)</i>
4:15-6:15	WilmingtonColor Tour (<i>meet out front for bus</i>) <i>**Prior registration required; 28 people max; \$33.50 pp</i>
7:00–9:00	PBS Documentary: American Coup: Wilmington 1898 (<i>Platform B/C</i>) <i>This event is open to the public. Light refreshments will be served.</i>

Friday, 10/17/25	
8:00-5:00	Registration (<i>Platform D</i>)
7:30-8:30	Breakfast (<i>Platform A</i>)
8:00-8:30	Poster set up (<i>Hallway b/w Platform D and Atlantic</i>)
8:30-8:45	Welcome Address (<i>Platform B/C</i>) Erin Spinney, AAHN President
8:45-9:45	Eleanor Herrmann Memorial Lectureship (<i>Platform B/C</i>) “A Wide Field is Open Before Her, and Many of Her Sisters”: Discovering Early African American Women Physicians Dr. Vanessa Northington Gamble, MD, PhD
9:45-10:00	Break
9:45-5:00	Silent Auction (<i>Platform D</i>)
9:45-5:00	Posters on display (<i>Hallway b/w Platform D and Atlantic</i>)

10:00-11:30	Concurrent Session 1 (3 papers or 2 papers) 1.5 contact hours – 1A 1 contact hour – 1B	Session 1A (Platform B/C) Teaching Nursing History and Pedagogy Moderator: 1. Development of an Interdisciplinary, Undergraduate “Healthcare and the Holocaust” Course Darcy Copeland, PhD 2. Teaching Care: Creating and Evaluating a Nursing History Curriculum about Black Nursing and Healthcare Gwyneth R. Franck, PhD, RN MPH Yu-Nah Lee, PhD RN 3. Guess Who's Coming to Dinner? Having Fun Teaching Nursing History Research to Senior BSN Students Patricia A. Connor Ballard, PhD, MSN, RN, ACNS-BC	Session 1B (Atlantic) Colonialism, Empire, and Transnational Nursing Moderator: 1. U.S. Women Medical Missionaries and Rural Nursing in Fujian, China, 1880–1937 Dewen Zhang 2. Imperial Recruitment and Colonial Labor: Nigerian Nurses' Pathway to Training in the UK, 1940–1960 Mosunmola R Ogunmolaji
11:30-1:00	LUNCH on your own		
11:30-1:00	Graduate Student Lunch (Rooftop Bistro) Moderator: Erin Spinney <i>**Please order lunch in the morning at the AAHN desk.</i>		
1:00-2:30	Concurrent Session 2 Panel Presentations	Session 2A (Platform B/C) Moderator: Saving Babies, 1890 -1975: Centering Nursing Practice in the Histories of the Boston Floating Hospital, the Seattle Children’s Orthopedic Hospital, and Operation Babylift Mary E. Gibson, PhD, RN	Session 2B (Atlantic) Moderator: Nurse Educators’ Experiences Teaching History: A Call to Action to Use Trauma-Informed Pedagogy April D. Matthias, PhD, RN, CNE Anka Roberto, DNP, MPH, APRN, PMHNP-BC Kassandra Stoffer, MSN PMP-C Renata Conde-Zuege, DNP, APRN, FNP-C Crystal Earp, DNP, APRN, FNP-C Pamela Balogh, DNP, APRN, FNP-C

		Arlene W. Keeling, PhD, RN, FAAN Michelle C. Hehman, PhD, RN, NPD-BC	Kerstin Hudgins, EdD, MSN, RN, CCRN, CEN, FCCM
2:30-2:45	Break and Silent Auction (Platform D)		
2:45-4:15	Concurrent Session 3 (3 papers) 1.5 contact hours	Session 3A (Platform B/C) Labor, Wages, and Activism in Nursing Moderator: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> We Paved the Way: Black Women and the Charleston Hospital Workers' Campaign O. Jennifer Dixon-McKnight, PhD, MA, BA The Nurses Must Get Paid: A Historical Review of Select Cases in Which Nurses Fought for Wage Equity Charlotte E. Swint, DNP, MPH, FNP-BC, CNE Stephen N. Knights, Jr., JD, PhD 80 Years of Collective Nurse Power: How the California Nurses Association Shaped U.S. Nursing History through Labor Organizing Mary Bowman, DNP 	Session 3B (Atlantic) Nursing, Public Health, and Community Care Moderator: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Public Health Workers and Federal Indian Food Policy, 1924–44 Laurel Sanders, PhD "Healthy Bodies are a Prerequisite for Healthy Minds," The Greene County School-Based Primary Care Nursing Clinic, 1993–2008 Bridget A. Houlahan, PhD, RN The North Carolina Textile Mill Village "Settlement House" Experiment Sarah JW Craig, PhD, MSN, RN
4:15 – 4:30	Break and Silent Auction (Platform D)		
4:30-6:00	Concurrent Session 4 Session 4A (3 papers) 1.5 contact hours	Session 4A (Platform B/C) Health, Ethics, and Memory in War and Atrocity Moderator: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Visualizing the Past: The Chicago Nurses of World War I Gwyneth R. Franck, PhD RN MPH 	Session 4B (Atlantic) Race, Identity, and Health Justice Moderator: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Hollywood and the Construction of Nurses' Identity Rima D. Apple, PhD

	Session 4B (2 papers) 1 contact hour	<p>2. Navigating Crisis: The Role of Local and Foreign Nurses in World War I Palestine Ronen Segev, RN, PhD</p> <p>3. The Power of HIV/AIDS Care History: Student Reflections Align with the AAHN History Framework and Influence Professional Nurse Identity and Role Development April D. Matthias, PhD, RN, CNE Amanda Jeffries, MSN, RN</p>	<p>2. The Maywood Nursing Center, A Source of Racial Tension: 1938- 1942 Karen J. Egenes, RN, EdD</p>
6:00- 6:30	Break		
6:30-8:30	Reception (WXYZ + Patio)		

Saturday, October 18, 2025			
8:00-4:00	Registration (Platform D)		
7:30-8:30	Breakfast (Platform A)		
7:30-8:30	President's Breakfast (for past and current Presidents) (Parlour)		
8:00-10:15	Silent Auction Continues (Platform D)		
8:00-5:00	Posters on display (Hallway b/w Platform D and Atlantic)		
8:30-10:00	Concurrent Session 5 (3 papers) 1.5 contact hour	Session 5A (Platform B/C) Historical Foundations of Professional Nursing Education Moderator: <p>1. From Tradition to Innovation: How Nursing Education Was Formed in Interwar Czechoslovakia (1918–1938) Valerie Tothova, PhD</p> <p>2. Nursing Education in the United States and the Influence of Teachers College,</p>	Session 5B (Atlantic) Nursing in War, Wilderness, and Margins Moderator: <p>1. “On the Sick List”: Fur Trade Health Care and Confronting the Absence of Nurses Glenn Icton, PhD</p> <p>2. Health Monitoring in Early Nineteenth-Century: Health Inspections and Quarantine in New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island</p>

		<p>Columbia University Annemarie McAllister, EdD</p> <p>3. Fiscal Foresight: Boston Training School Endowment at 100 Years Mary E Larkin, MS, RN Susan Fisher, BA, RN Lucy Ross, BA Paula Milone-Nuzzo, PhD, RN, FHHc, FAAN</p>	<p>Erin E. Spinney, PhD Zachary Tingley, PhD (c)</p> <p>3. Count Backwards from Ten: The Use of the Ether Cone in Civil War Era Anesthesia William T Campbell, EdD, MSN, RN, CNE</p>		
10:00-10:30	Break; Silent Auction Ends				
10:00-10:30	<p>Poster Presentations (0.5 contact hour)</p> <p><i>(Hallway b/w D and Atlantic)</i></p>	<p>The History of St Anthony Hospital in Denver, Colorado Darcy Copeland, PhD</p>	<p>The Dynamic Trio of Nursing Education: Dock, Robb, & Nutting William T Campbell EdD, MSN, RN, CNE</p>	<p>Nursing History and Health Promotion Llynne C. Kiernan DNP, MSN, RN-BC, CHSE</p>	<p>Recipes and Remedies of Midwives and Families in Historical Appalachia Kristen S. Montgomery, PhD, CNM Kathryn L. Usedom, MSN, FNP, CNM</p>
10:30-12:00	<p>Concurrent Session 6</p> <p>Panel Presentations</p> <p>1.5 contact hours</p>	<p>Session 6A (Platform B/C) Moderator:</p> <p>From Their Story to Our Story: The Use of an Innovative Oral History Platform for The Study of the First Generation Nurse Practitioners Karen Anne Wolf, MS, PhD Patricia N Rissmiller, MSN, DNSc Zach Ellis, BS Kelsey Kolbet, MA, MLIS</p>		<p>Session 6B (Atlantic) Moderator:</p> <p>Reel Reflections: Digital Nursing History Storytelling as an Antiracism Intervention in Nursing Lydia Wytenbroek, BSN, MA, PhD</p>	

12:00-1:30	Membership Meeting – <i>Lunch provided (Platform B/C)</i> Erin Spinney Awards Susan Armstrong-Reid and Lydia Wytenbroek		
1:30-2:00	Check out for auction		
2:00-3:30	Concurrent Session 7 (3 papers) 1.5 contact hours	Session 7A (Platform B/C) Selected Topics in Nursing and Healthcare History Moderator: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A New Era in Healthcare: The Birth of a Modern Health System in the First Czechoslovak Republic (1918–1938) Andrej Toth, PhD 2. Beyond Borders, Beyond Disciplines: Unraveling the Complexity of Healthcare History Through Interdisciplinary Research Andrej Toth, PhD Valerie Tothova, PhD 3. A Call to Examine If Academic Tradition Has Become a Barrier to the Advancement of Nursing Education Raiden A. Gaul, PhD 	Session 7B (Atlantic) Image and Identity in Nursing Moderator: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. “That she may have the preference of being re-entered”: Port Communities, Nurse Recruitment and Seniority at Haslar Naval Hospital 1756–1794 Erin E Spinney, PhD 2. Resilient Nurses Rock the Boat: Redefining What It Means to Be a “Good Nurse” Teresa M Stephens, PhD, MSN, RN, CNE Jeffery Strickler, DHA, RN-BC 3. NP-SPEAK: An Oral History of Nurse Practitioners Sharing Personal and Professional Experiences and Knowledge Ravenne Aponte, BA, BSN J. Margo Brooks Carthon, PhD, RN Jessica Martucci, PhD
3:30 – 4:00	Conference Wrap Up (Platform B/C) Erin E Spinney, AAHN President		