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President's Message

Dear AAHN Members and Friends,

It has been a very busy winter for us at AAHN! As many of us cruise to the end of an academic semester, we begin to enjoy the sights, sounds and fragrances of Spring. I certainly hope that it soon will be here to stay!

I want to share with you some significant accomplishments over the last 6 months. We hired and have transitioned to a new management firm, Riggs Enterprise, at a considerable savings to our former company, Kellen. Brian and Jennifer Riggs are our CEO and Account Executive respectively. They have been working hard to learn about our Association, and hit the ground running with a new website. Within a week of taking over, Jennifer was accepting abstracts for our fall meeting and transitioning memberships. At the same time, Brian and Jennifer were setting up our infrastructure on the new site, relocating our records and banking to New Jersey and generally (quickly) getting to know us. We have cleared many hurdles – including troubleshooting the new login and securing our members' online connection to the Nursing History Review, among others. As with any new enterprise, there will be bumps as we move forward. We are delighted to be working with the Riggs!

Many of you have renewed your membership, but those who haven't should understand that you will have to create a new login (your email) and password on the new website. Please contact Jennifer if you have problems renewing – we need your membership to keep our Association viable! Our membership numbers are currently at 242 members, down from over 340 last year, despite e-blasts and > 150 personal phone calls to encourage renewals.

Our financial situation from last year was tenuous, but even after anticipating a significant deficit, we did come out of 2017 in the black by > \$16,000. Our conference also made money. While this is good news, we cannot be complacent. We must continue to responsibly manage the resources of AAHN and bolster our



Mary E. Gibson

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membership if we want to remain viable. Without financial stability, we cannot continue the Association successfully and offer our members the advantages of our journal, research dollars and awards.

Our planning for the 35th Annual AAHN Conference in San Diego is progressing beautifully. Our Local Arrangements Committee from San Diego State and Samuel Merritt Universities has been working with Brian, Melissa and myself to make it the best one yet! The preconference, Engaging in Social Media for Scholarship, will be led by members Kylie Smith and Amanda Mahoney, and

our keynote, Julie Fairman's topic will be "Service is the Rent we Pay": the complex history of nursing and social justice. Forty-eight papers, 4 thematic sessions and 7 posters have been accepted, so this conference promises to offer significant scholarship! Be assured that we are working hard to keep our costs down while offering you a fabulous conference. Registration will be available soon and will be announced by e-blast and on the website. Please plan to join us September 13-15, 2018 in San Diego and invite a friend!

In the next month you should be receiving a ballot for AAHN

elections. The Nominating Committee is nearing a complete slate for the board offices of President, 1st Vice President, Treasurer, Awards, Communications, Research Review, and Bylaws/Policies. Stay tuned!

I look forward to seeing all of you at the conference in San Diego by the harbor – make plans now to join us! May your summer be restful!

Yours truly,
Mary E. Gibson, PhD, RN
AAHN President

In Memoriam



Sadie Marian Smalls July 21, 1942 - January 30, 2018

Sadie Marian Smalls died in New York City on January 30, 2018. Sadie was a longtime AAHN member and friend - always a friendly and interested presence at our conferences.

Originally from Georgetown, SC, where she studied at AT&T College for her BSN, she also earned an M.A., an M.Ed. and a PhD in Education from Columbia University. She made New York her home and worked there until her retirement.

Members recall her engagement in our sessions and her frequent sharing of her own experiences. Her presence and contributions, deep voice and ready laugh will be missed. Jeannine Uribe remembers that Sadie knew Michelle Obama and her family before her marriage to Barack.

For her full obituary, go to <http://www.wildsfh.com/obituary/sadie-marian-smalls>. May she rest in peace.



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AAHN Member Receives Lifetime Achievement Award from Marquis Who's Who



Dr. Shirley H. Fondiller
(photo courtesy of David Fondiller)

NEW YORK, November 27, 2017—Dr. Shirley H. Fondiller—a longtime educator, journalist and historian in the field of nursing—has won the prestigious Albert Nelson Marquis Lifetime Achievement Award from Marquis Who's Who, publisher of Who's Who in America.

The award recognizes individuals who "have achieved greatness in their industry," according to Marquis Who's Who. It honors those listed in a Marquis Who's Who publication "who have achieved career longevity and demonstrated unwavering excellence in their chosen fields." Less than 5 percent of Marquis listees qualify for the distinction.

Dr. Fondiller, who is retired and

lives in New York City, had a long and distinguished career in nursing, working in both clinical and administrative roles. After starting as a staff nurse at hospitals in Boston and New York, she switched to writing about nursing and, in 1975, became editor of *The American Nurse*, the official news publication of the American Nurses Association. Four years later, she joined Rush-Presbyterian St. Luke's Medical Center (now Rush University Medical Center) in Chicago as an assistant (and later associate) professor and Assistant to the Dean for Special Projects.

In 1986, she moved back to New York, where she had spent much of her early career, to become executive director of the Mid-Atlantic Regional Nursing Association. Four years later, she founded her own company, Publishing for Health Dimensions (pdf), an editorial consulting service for health professionals.

Her books include *Go, and Do Thou Likewise: A History of Cornell University-New York Hospital School of Nursing, 1877-1979* (2007); *The Writer's Workbook: Health Professionals' Guide to Getting Published* (1999); *Health Professionals Style Manual* (2006); *Nursing: The Career of a Lifetime* (1995); and *The Entry Dilemma: The National League for Nursing and the Higher Education Movement, 1952-1972, with an Epilogue to 1983* (1983).

In addition, she has written hundreds of articles, papers and monographs, and contributed to numerous professional journals and books on the history of nursing and medical institutions, leaders in nursing, careers in health care, and other professional issues.

Dr. Fondiller is a Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing and a member of: Sigma Theta Tau International, the honor society of nursing; Kappa Delta Pi, the international honor society in education; the American Nurses Association; the American Association for the History of Nursing; and The Nursing Archive Associates at Boston University, where her professional papers are housed and made available for research.

She has been listed in various Marquis Who's Who publications for more than three decades, including *Who's Who in the World*. Her designation as an Albert Nelson Marquis Lifetime Achievement Award honoree can be found at <http://bit.ly/2zw1TP3>.

To get in touch with Dr. Fondiller, please contact her son David Fondiller at dfondiller@hotmail.com or 917 620-0314.

About Marquis Who's Who

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Calling One and All

SAVE THE DATE!

Save March 14-17, 2019 for the Joint Meeting of the 4th Agnes Dillon Randolph International Nursing History & 21st Southern Association for the History of Medicine & Science Conferences. This collaboration promises to offer a great variety of papers of interest to AAHN members. The conference will be held at the University of Virginia School of Nursing. Information about abstract submissions to come this summer.



Rima Apple shares the following from the National Library of Medicine:

1. March 29, 2018: NLM Launches 2017-2027 Strategic Plan to carry out its congressionally mandated mission and support the important work of the National Institutes of Health by creating a future in which data and information transform and accelerate biomedical discover and improve health and health care. Read the complete news release here: https://www.nlm.nih.gov/news/NLM_Launches_2017_to_2027_Stratgic_Plan.html.
2. Online on Saturday, April 7, and in print on Tuesday, April 10, the Washington Post Science and Health section featured the NLM History of Medicine Division's successful blog, Circulating Now. If you do not already subscribe to Circulating Now, we welcome you doing so—just look for the "Follow us via email" box on the right-side of the main page, and we welcome you being in touch if you would like to guest-author a piece for our blog drawing on your own engagement with NLM's historical collections. Read the complete news release here: <https://circulatingnow.nlm.nih.gov/2013/07/01/welcome-to-circulating-now/>
3. April 30, 2018: NLM Welcomes Applications to Its Michael E. DeBakey Fellowship in the History of Medicine for 2019. In cooperation with the Foundation for Advanced Education in the Sciences, the NLM has announced the call for applications to its Michael E. DeBakey Fellowship in the History of Medicine for 2019. The fellowship includes a stipend of up to \$10,000 to support research in the historical collections of the NLM including but not limited to NLM's collection of Michael E. DeBakey papers which encompass the diverse areas in which DeBakey made a lasting impact, such as surgery, medical education, and health care policy. Read the complete news release here: https://www.nlm.nih.gov/news/faes_debakey_fellow_program_application_2019.html.

History of Nursing Research Colloquium

University of Chester, 10th July 2018



The 21st UK Association for the History of Nursing Research Colloquium will be held on Tuesday 10th July 2018 at the University of Chester's Riverside Building, Castle Drive, Chester, CH1 1SL from 9am – 5pm.

The colloquium will be hosted by the University of Chester's Faculty of Health and Social Care's Historical Society and during the day there will be the chance to visit the Riverside Museum

There will be a full day of papers covering a wide variety of national and international nursing history topics. The Colloquium has a proud tradition of providing a supportive environment and space for researchers to present work in progress and obtain feedback for further development of their research. The programme will be available from May on the UKAHN website <http://ukahn.org/web/colloquium.html>

The fee for the Colloquium is £30 (£15 for students and unwaged) and includes lunch and all refreshments. Places must be booked in advance on Eventbrite <http://ukahn.eventbrite.com/>

Further details for the day including directions and suggestions for accommodation can be found by visiting the UKAHN website at <http://ukahn.org/web/colloquium.html>.

In case of any queries please contact the 2018 organiser, Dr Claire Chatterton on c.s.chatterton@open.ac.uk

During the same week the Society for the Social History of Medicine will be holding their biennial conference in Liverpool (11-13 July 2018) <https://sshm.org/upcoming-sshm-conferences/> and the Chester Mystery Plays will be taking place in Chester Cathedral <http://chestermysteryplays.com/>

AAHN members – If you are going to a professional meeting or conference and are willing to distribute AAHN promotional materials, please contact Lisa at Riggs Enterprise Corp. at lisa@riggsenterprisecorp.com. Help us spread the word about the benefits of joining the

AAHN!



Research Connection Corner

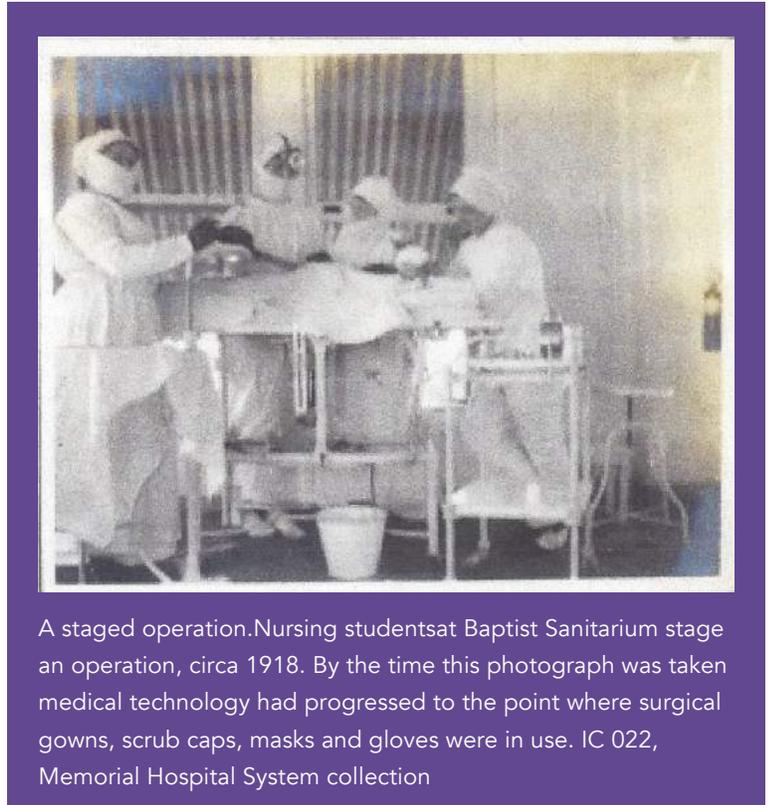
The Black Bag: Foundations of Medicine

By Philip Montgomery, Head of McGovern Historical Center

Nursing scrapbooks from the beginning of the 20th century and 1930s-era photos of the Hermann Hospital donkeys are just a few of the items you can find at The Black Bag: Foundations of Medicine, a medical history blog from the archive of the Texas Medical Center Library.

The Black Bag is a blog covering the history of medicine with a focus on Houston and Texas. Topics range from the Atomic Bomb Casualty Commission to the works of Andreas Vesalius, the 16th century anatomist. The Black Bag is produced by the staff of the Texas Medical Center Library's McGovern Historical Center, which is the archive and special collections department of the library.

A nursing student created a scrapbook from her school days at Houston Baptist Sanitarium nursing school about 1918. The scrapbook is part of the Memorial Hospital collection. It shows nurses in playful poses on top of the building, on the Galveston Seawall, and other locations.



A staged operation. Nursing students at Baptist Sanitarium stage an operation, circa 1918. By the time this photograph was taken medical technology had progressed to the point where surgical gowns, scrub caps, masks and gloves were in use. IC 022, Memorial Hospital System collection

The photo of the Hermann Hospital donkey captures an unusual period in the hospital's history. Coyotes were a big problem in the early days of Hermann Hospital. Administrators introduced donkeys, which are natural enemies of all canine-like creatures, on the grounds to discourage coyotes.

To learn about the Black Bag or to read blog postings, visit <https://mcgovernhrc.wordpress.com/>.



Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing (Sigma) will induct Patricia D'Antonio into the International Nurse Researcher Hall of Fame. Created in 2010, the International Nurse Researcher Hall of Fame recognizes nurse researchers who have achieved significant and sustained national or international recognition and whose research has improved the profession and the people it serves.

Patricia D'Antonio, PhD, RN, FAAN
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Member News

The following article was written by a student of Lydia Wytenbroek

My Oma's Nursing Cap: How a Research Project Taught Me More Than I Could Have Imagined

By Laura Williamson

In the spring of 2017, I took a history of nursing course. I was a third year nursing student and had never taken a history course before. One of the course requirements was to write a nursing history research paper using a primary source. I wasn't sure what to write about. Both of my grandmothers had been nurses and I thought it might be interesting to write about their experiences. I mentioned this to my mother and she reminded me that my family still had my Oma's nursing cap. When my Oma (maternal grandmother) began working as a nurse, the nursing cap was an important part of her nursing identity. Through my research on the history of the nursing cap, I learned more about my Oma's nursing experience than I could have imagined.

Growing up, my sister and I used to play dress up with my Oma's white nursing uniforms, so I had always known that she had worked as a nurse. But it wasn't until I undertook this research project that I came to understand her career as a whole. My Oma completed her nursing training at a psychiatric hospital in the Netherlands in 1949. After immigrating to Canada in 1952, she embarked on a "cross Canada nursing adventure." She worked as a nurse in rural and remote



areas of Canada, like Cudworth and Duncan, and in big city hospitals, like Mount Sinai Hospital in Toronto. Her nursing career spanned two countries, three provinces – British Columbia, Alberta and Toronto – and many different towns and cities (Teerling, 2014). She was also highly mobile within nursing and worked in many different fields. She began her career as a psychiatric nurse, but worked on medical units, in the recovery room and in long-term care before she retired in 1995. Nursing was an important part of her life.

My Oma retired from nursing before I was born and I never had the chance to talk with her about her nursing career. After she passed away in 2014 (a week before I began nursing school) my

family received an outpouring of condolences and support from her former co-workers and patients who expressed how much they appreciated her nursing care. This was a very inspiring moment for me as I realized that a good nurse could impact the lives of others. As I begin my nursing career, I now aspire to be a fantastic and caring nurse like my Oma was. Thanks to my research on the history of the nursing cap, I was able to see my Oma in a new light and learned so much more than I could have imagined!

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Nurses in the History of Medicine

A number of AAHN members recently attended the American Association for the History of Medicine conference in Los Angeles. It was a terrific conference for the history of nursing: the program co-chair was Professor Pat D'Antonio (the Director of the Barbara Bates Center for the Study of the History of Nursing at the University of Pennsylvania) and along with Peter Kernahan she had compiled a wonderful program of diverse and stimulating papers.

The Garrison lecture – one of the most prestigious invited keynotes in American history associations – was delivered by Professor Julie Fairman (Director Emerita of the Bates Center) and she gave a powerful and moving talk about the nurses who “went” to Mississippi as part of the Medical Committee for Human Rights’ activities in the Freedom Summer and beyond. As Fairman demonstrated, nurses were a central part of the Civil Rights movement, and faced a number of challenges in their activism, and care giving. In this lecture, Fairman asked us to consider the way in which medical professionals ‘go’ to places to ‘help’ and what this means for the people there, and for their own lives. Significantly, Fairman argued that writing nurses back into the history of the Civil Rights movement, or of health activism more broadly, highlights the

central role of nurses, and women, in the fight for health care equity and for human rights more broadly. During her talk, the hashtag #histnursing was trending on Twitter, which indicates a large number of people following along and sharing her insights to the world. Professor Fairman’s lecture was the first time a nurse had been invited to present the Garrison at AAHM, and is a huge milestone for nursing history. We were so pleased to celebrate her in a special reception organised by the Bates Center on Saturday night. Don’t worry if you missed out, you can catch Professor Fairman give the key note at this year’s upcoming AAHN meeting in San Diego.

We were also thrilled to see our Board member, Chair of the Research Grants Committee and tireless advocate for the history of nursing Professor Rima Apple (University of Wisconsin-Madison) receive the Genevieve Miller Lifetime Achievement Award. The award was named for Genevieve Miller in 2014 to honor of her contributions to the history of medicine and the Association. The award is given annually to a member of the Association who has retired from regular institutional affiliation or practice, with a distinguished record of support for the history of medicine over many years, and who has made continuing scholarly contributions of a distinguished nature. This is

certainly true of Professor Apple’s contribution to women’s and nursing history and we are proud to see her recognized in this way and to have her so active in our own association.

A number of other exciting and challenging papers were delivered by members across a number of topics. For example: Lydia Wytenbroek from York University presented “Professional Nursing in Twentieth-Century Iran: Nursing Work, Social Mobility and Transnational Nurse Migration”; Professor Sandra Lewenson from Pace University presented her new work on the “The ‘A’ List: African-American Nurses and the American Red Cross Town & Country Nursing Service, 1912-1949” and Dr Winifred Connerton from Pace University gave a terrific paper about nurses impact in American territories called “Nursing the Transformation Zone”. Newly minted Doctor Erin Spinney presented her new work as part of her post-doc at Oxford (UK) Hospital Ships within a System of Care and Control: British Naval Medicine 1790-1815 and Dr Kylie Smith from Emory University also presented new work called Jim Crow in the Asylum: Silence, Segregation and Psychiatry in Alabama 1945-1980.

We were particularly pleased to see papers about nurses from non-AAHN members: Shenglan Li, Wheaton College gave a great paper about ‘Nursing, Gender,

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and State Medicine in Wartime China, 1925-1945 'and Brendan McHugh from the University of Minnesota presented on "Neither Nurse Nor Volunteer: Shanti Project's Hospital Counselors Program and the Place of Spirituality in AIDS Care, 1983-1995". Also, of great interest was the Women in History

Breakfast where a number of people (especially grad students) identified as studying the role of nurses in various aspects of medicine and public health history. We hope that this signals a rising awareness of the central role of nurses in the history of health care and we look forward to seeing more of this work

emerge. This is a great conference to present our work to a wider audience, and we hope to see more of you there from April 25-28, 2019 in Columbus Ohio.

Report from Dr Kylie M. Smith, Chair of Communications AAHN.

2017 Research Grant Update

by Elizabeth Ann Hundt

Currently there is great interest in using naturalistic elements to create a therapeutic healthcare environment. Following Roger Ulrich's landmark 1984 study View through a Window May Influence Recovery from Surgery which demonstrated improved patient outcomes when post-surgical patients were assigned to recover in a hospital room with a view of nature, architects and designers of modern healthcare facilities have strived to incorporate nature to promote its healing benefits. Following the publication of Ulrich's study, randomized control trials have suggested that the therapeutic effects of nature within the healthcare environment include: reduced anxiety, reduced blood pressure and/or heart rate, reduced pain, and reduced biochemical markers for stress. While incorporating nature in healthcare design seems innovative to healthcare architects of the twenty-first century, writings from the nineteenth century abound in the discussion of nature and architecture in the treatment of ill persons.

My research analyzed the intentional design of nineteenth century Kirkbride asylums, and specifically examined the incorporation of nature in the treatment of mentally ill patients. As one of the earliest Kirkbride hospitals, St. Elizabeths Hospital in Washington D.C. was central to the American Asylum Movement and designed to be a model institution. This case study examined the history and design of St. Elizabeths Hospital, and the ideas and actions of the leaders of the time, including reformers, politicians, physicians, architects, landscape gardeners, and nurses; the focus being the interaction between the patient and the environment for health and well-being.

This research incorporated an architectural history framework in addition to traditional historical methods. In the study of architectural history, buildings, assemblages of buildings and entire landscapes serve as primary source evidence for research. Performing an analysis of the structure and grounds of St.

Elizabeths using the documentary evidence, provided a rich narrative detailing the interaction of the patients with nature in their treatment of mental illness.

The reform work of Dorothea Dix was central to the American Asylum movement in the nineteenth century; however my research revealed a unique connection between Dix and St. Elizabeths Hospital. Primary sources for this study included Dix's letters and papers at the Houghton Library at Harvard University. Building on previous biographical research, analysis of Dix's papers revealed her interest in nature and naturalistic treatments, Dix's specific influence on the architectural landscape of St. Elizabeths Hospital, and her lifelong interactions with the physicians, nurses, and patients of the hospital.

While all who contributed to the design, construction, and care provided at the hospital were optimistic that nature and architecture could cure mental

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illness, the overcrowding at St. Elizabeths following the American Civil War proved that a cure was elusive. As the nineteenth century came to a close, the overcrowding impacted the landscape of the hospital and the care provided to those suffering from mental illness. The care of persons with mental illness moved away from naturalistic treatment within the therapeutic environment of the asylum, to medicalized treatment in hope of a cure and return to the community. The history of St. Elizabeths Hospital revealed much about the use of the environment in nineteenth century American asylums. That history also

provides a foundation for critical examination of the therapeutic environment of hospitals today.

The case study for my dissertation is complete but my interest in many aspects of this place and period is enduring. I am active in groups focused on the preservation of the few remaining nineteenth century Kirkbride hospitals, and continue to collect data regarding the use of naturalistic elements in the design of hospitals: old and new, large and small.

The funding from the AAHN H-31 grant supported data collection and preliminary dissemination of

my dissertation research, including presenting a portion of my work at the 34th Annual AAHN Nursing & Healthcare History Conference in September, 2017. Beyond the financial support, I am eternally grateful for the expert guidance I have received and continue to receive from the scholars and fellow members of AAHN. I am proud to be a part of an organization that supports the work of novice researchers, and hope to make a meaningful contribution to the organization and to future historical research in nursing and healthcare.

**GET READY FOR ANOTHER EXCITING AUCTION!
WHO KNOWS WHO OUR AUCTIONEER WILL BE THIS YEAR?**

AAHN has begun to collect items for the live and silent auctions, so send in your donations! The auctions help support research grant funding for the H15 and H31 grants. Please check your offices and homes and second hand stores for items we can sell! Any and all items of nursing and health care history relevance (but not limited to) will be accepted. Please send anything you wish to contribute to the mailing information below. In your package, please include a note with your name and contact information, a description of the item(s), and perceived value.

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