Changing Context: Continuity of Purpose

As historians of nursing we often discover that there are persistent themes that emerge over time, despite constant change in the social, political, and economic context of various periods of our history. So it is, I think, for AAHN. Over the past year, AAHN has seen changes in leadership and board members; shifted its center of operations from New Jersey and Jan Fiekeissen (Thank you again!) to the Colorado team at the Resource Center for Associations led by Francine Butler and Dave Stumph; and set goals to expand our international connections as well as to fund more research in nursing history. These changes have not occurred in isolation.

Both the social and political context of globalization and the economic situation in the United States will no doubt be of serious consideration as we move forward as an organization. From my perspective, the “Tipping Point” for an international interest in nursing and health care history has already been attained, in part due to the ease and speed of internet communication, and in part due to the personal connections our members have made throughout the world. Most recently, under the leadership of Siobhan Nelson and Barbra Wall, AAHN and CAHN members representing countries from around the world will meet in Toronto this June and again in Philadelphia next September to discuss the possibility of organizing a “History of Nursing Interest Group” as part of the International Council of Nurses. (By the way, contact either Barbra or Siobhan if you are interested in participating).

Meanwhile, we must pay attention to the economic context in which AAHN exists. Today, the limited federal funding for historical nursing research, and the possibility of an economic recession in the U.S. will no doubt effect our work. That said, it is clear to me that we must take steps as an organization not only to ensure our financial survival by increasing our membership and increasing dues, but also to increase our ability to fund historical research by considering financial investment strategies and initiating a capital campaign. To that end, I challenge each of you to recruit a new member to join us in Philadelphia for our conference in September and once again consider giving $25.00 (or multiples of that amount) for our 25th conference anniversary. I will also ask the Finance Committee at this year’s Spring Board meeting to develop a financial investment plan for the future. In addition, I will ask the Board...
members to consider the idea of initiating a “Research Capital Campaign” with the goal of raising a $300,000 endowment to ensure our ability to fund historical nursing research in the future.

Amid the changes of the past year and the changes to come, one thing is certain however — our mission to investigate and disseminate the history of nursing remains steadfast.

As always, I welcome your thoughts and ideas for accomplishing these goals. I can be reached at awk2z@virginia.edu; by phone at 434-924-5906; or by mail at: 1410 Gate Post Lane, Charlottesville, VA 22901.

Have a wonderful summer! I look forward to seeing many of you in Philadelphia this Fall!

Arlene W. Keeling, PhD, RN
President
American Association for the History of Nursing  
25th Annual Research Conference  
September 25-28, 2008 • Philadelphia, PA

The Conference features an exciting Pre-Conference titled “Crossing the Digital Divide” which will focus on demonstrating new digital media and technology for historical research and teaching. Faculty for the preconference are from the Center for History and New Technology at George Mason University. 

Auction
As those who have attended past conferences know, a major highlight of the conference is the Annual Auction. The Local Arrangements Committee is currently seeking auction items. Please sort through your desk drawers, shelves, closets, attics, and archival collections. Is there something special gathering dust that you have not looked at in years? Is there some treasure of which you or your schools have many copies? Do you have a house in the country (or city) that you want to auction off for a weekend visit, a dinner that you can host, or some wonderful event that you can auction? Think AUCTION! You may have the perfect item(s) to help AAHN raise funds for the annual awards for exemplary historical scholarship. If you would like to donate items for auction, please send them to Janet Tomcavage, University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing, Room 4014 Fagin Hall, 418 Curie Blvd., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19104-6096. (Please do not send anything through the mail that contains mercury or any possible hazardous material). Please send your items by August 1, 2008.

Lodging
The conference will be at Hyatt Regency Philadelphia at Penn’s Landing, 201 S. Christopher Columbus Blvd., Philadelphia, PA 19106 (www.pennslanding.hyatt.com) Please mention group code “AAHN” when making reservations. Room rate is $199.00 single or double occupancy. Hotel phone numbers are: 215-928-1234 and 800-233-1234. Fax Number is 215-521-6600.

Further Information
For further information regarding the conference please visit the AAHN website at http://www.aahn.org.

Queries and requests for information can also be directed to the Barbara Bates Center for the Study of the History of Nursing. Please contact Betsy Weiss at e-mail: echeiss@nursing.upenn.edu or 215-898-4502.
In Memoriam
Mary Elizabeth Carnegie,
DPA, RN, FAAN

April 19, 1916-February 20, 2008

Mary Elizabeth Carnegie, ground-breaking nurse, educator, author, champion of the cause of African American nurses, and longtime member of AAHN died at the age of 91 at her home in Chevy Chase on February 20, 2008. We remember her fondly as a tireless leader in obtaining quality education and full recognition for the contributions of African American nurses. She graciously served as a mentor to generations of African American nurse leaders. In any open discussion of history presentations, she unfailingly alerted the audience to what African American nurses were doing in the area under discussion. She actively participated in AAHN up to the last year of her life, attending the 2007 AAHN Conference, co-sponsored by Pace University, in White Plains.

Mary Elizabeth Carnegie initiated the baccalaureate nursing program at Hampton University, where the archives are named in her honor. She was inducted into the American Academy of Nursing in 1976, serving that group as president from 1978-1979. Dr. Carnegie was named a Living Legend of the Academy of Nursing, the highest honor the profession offers, in 1994. She chaired the American Nurses’ Association’s Minority Fellowship Program Advisory Committee from 1988 to 1999, and was dean and professor of the school of nursing at Florida A&M University from 1945 to 1953.

She was the author of three editions of The Path We Tread: Blacks in Nursing Worldwide, 1854-1994, spent the years from 1953-1978 on the editorial staff of The American Journal of Nursing, was a senior editor of Nursing Outlook, and was the first editor of Nursing Research. She is credited with writing 85 articles including editorials in 30 journals, chapters and forewords to 20 books; she delivered over 400 speeches since 1943!

During the thirty years since her retirement in 1978, Dr. Carnegie has served as an independent consultant and as distinguished visiting professor for the schools of nursing at Hampton University, the University of North Carolina, Pennsylvania State University, Indiana University, University of Massachusetts, University of Michigan, and Virginia Commonwealth University. She also occupied endowed chairs at Adelphi University in New York and Memphis State University in Tennessee.

Among awards she received are the Agnes Dillon Randolph Award from the Center for Nursing Historical Inquiry at the University of Virginia, the George Arents Pioneer Medal from Syracuse University, the President’s Award from Sigma Theta Tau international, and the Living Legend Award from the Association of Black Nursing Faculty in Higher Education. She was inducted into the American Nurses Hall of Fame in 2000, and received honorary doctorates from at least eight colleges and universities.

Although we will deeply miss her, Mary Elizabeth Carnegie’s legacy will not be forgotten. The nursing profession is much the better for having had her among us.
AJN Department: “Looking Back”

Mission Statement and Author Guidelines

The American Journal of Nursing has launched a new department called “Looking Back.” The Department seeks submissions of brief, well-written essays, with pictures, that capture a moment in nursing history. The moment need not be a crucial moment; it may be just an ordinary moment of human interest. Submissions can be photo essays in which the photo is the primary focus and/or essays in which the narrative takes priority but is accompanied by a photo. Photos should be of strong visual and historical interest to a wide audience. All submissions are peer-reviewed.

The Department’s mission is two-fold:
1. To make the nursing public more aware of the richness and relevance of history.
2. To serve the nursing community by providing a forum for scholars to engage in the synthesis of text, photograph, and research.

Please use the following guidelines:
1. Essays are to be submitted electronically by following the AJN Author Guidelines at http://ajn.edmgr.com. Submit under the Article Type: “Looking Back.”
2. Photographs also must be submitted electronically and accompany the submitted text. They should be at least 5" x 7" but not larger than 11" x 14". Resolution of digital images that are 5" x 7" or larger must be at least 300 dpi; a higher resolution is required for smaller images. We can accept files saved in JPEG, TIFF, PICT, or PDF format.
3. Submissions will generally be 200-900 words in length (2-4 double spaced typed pages), but can be longer or shorter as negotiated with the editors of the AJN.
4. Quotations should be kept short and should include the page number(s) in parentheses.
5. Do not embed photos or figures in the word processing program; they must be attached as separate documents on the Web site.
6. Authors are responsible for getting all appropriate permissions for text and photos from the copyright owner.
7. For questions about content, contact Barbra Munn Wall at wallbm@nursing.upenn.edu. For questions about the mechanics of submission, contact Alison Bulman, Editorial Coordinator, at alison.bulman@wolterskluwer.com.

Barbara Bates Center for the Study of the History of Nursing Seminar Series

Each year the Barbara Bates Center for the Study of the History of Nursing at the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing holds a bi-monthly seminar series at which cross-disciplinary scholars present topics of interest to the history of nursing and health care community. Researchers, from the across the University as well as from other institutions, present their work followed by stimulating and engaging discussions. Attendees represent a cross section of the University community. As the seminar series is open to all, scholars and other interested individuals either from or visiting the Philadelphia area are welcome and encouraged to attend.

This year the seminar series attendees enjoyed outstanding presentations from 22 scholars including AAHN members, Christoph Schweikardt, Suzanne Kreutzer, Anne Marie Rafferty, Jean Whelan, Sandy Lewenson, Cynthia Connolly, Keith Mages, Allison Squires, and Deborah Sampson. Seminar topics represented a multitude of areas related to historical scholarship such as, international influences on the nursing profession both historically and contemporarily, the historical context of treatment and care of individuals with infectious diseases, health care during civil and global conflicts, the educational evolution of the nursing profession, the history of nurse practitioners, the historical context of the working lives of nurses, the African-American historical experience, and the geography of health care. The seminar series also provides an opportunity for the Bates Center’s doctoral students to present their current research and future plans. This year Doctoral Student Keith Mages presented an illuminating talk entitled “Print Culture and Nursing” which is the subject of his dissertation.

For those who would like further information on the Seminar Series please contact Betsy Weiss at the Bates Center at ehweiss@nursing.upenn.edu or call 215-898-4502.
Canadian Association for the History of Nursing
International Conference
June 5 – 7, 2008

As we draw closer to June the Local Arrangements Committee is really excited about this fourth international nursing history conference. Our invited speakers come from Australia, Germany, Switzerland, the United States, Sweden and Canada. We are also delighted with the presenters who submitted abstracts. They come from Colombia, the United States, Great Britain, Germany, Australia, New Zealand, Iceland, Italy, Ireland, Israel, Denmark and Brazil as well as Canada and we have delegates from Austria and Japan as in addition. There will be fifteen students, both graduate students and undergraduate, and we hope to have more register between now and June. We are especially pleased to have so many students for their attendance fulfills one of CAHN’s fundamental missions, encouraging the study of nursing history. It is a great pleasure to see nursing history becoming so widely studied and truly international.

The conference will be held at the University of Toronto’s Faculty of Nursing and the banquet will be held in the Library of Osgoode Hall, a historic Georgian building which houses the Supreme Court of the Province of Ontario. The Welcome Buffet and all breakfasts and lunches are included in the modest $140 registration fee. CAHN is underwriting these meals in order to facilitate delegates meeting each other and networking.

The tentative program is now up on our website www.cahn-achn.ca, with information about registration and accommodation.

Attention Members:
At the spring board meeting, the AAHN Board discussed the need to raise membership dues. The proposed dues increase is necessary to support the changes in organizational management but more importantly to place the Association in a financial position to carry out the activities that allow us to achieve our goals to foster the scholarly study of nursing history, to disseminate the knowledge gained through research broadly through publications and vibrant annual conferences, to encourage the preservation of historical materials and to infuse nursing history within nursing curricula. A motion to accept the recommended dues structure will come to the annual business meeting of the association at the fall conference.

By the AAHN Treasurer, Kathy Hanson.

National Nurses Week Celebration

AAHN members on Martha Stewart Show

AAHN members Eleanor Herrmann and Mary Ann Cordeau will be featured on a Martha Stewart Show honoring nurses to air May 8, 2008. The six-minute segment will highlight student nurse uniforms of 1910, 1950, and 1970. It will include discussion of nursing artifacts such as invalid feeders, syringes, and bedpans from the 1700s and 1800s. The artifacts are from the Josephine A. Dolan Collection located at the school of nursing at the University of Connecticut.

This event occurs during National Nurses Week, which begins on May 6th and ends May 12th, Florence Nightingale’s birthday. In 1993, following a 40 year effort, the ANA Board of Directors designated May 6-12 as permanent dates to observe National Nurses Week.

New Funding Source

Thanks to the work of Clarann Weinert, Barbra Mann Wall, and Lynn Sommers, the joint Sigma Theta Tau / Council for the Advancement of Nursing Science Research Grant has added historical research to the proposals it will consider funding. More information on the grant can be found on the link below. Key information: the deadline for the $5000 award is July 1st. http://www.nursingsociety.org/Research/SmallGrants/Pages/CANS.aspx
CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

The Agnes Dillon Randolph Inaugural International Nursing History Conference

Joan Lynaugh, PhD, RN, FAAN
Keynote Speaker

March 20-21, 2009

HISTORICAL ROADS TRAVELED, NEW PATHS TO EXPLORE

In recognition of the growing diversity and quality of the nursing scholarship appearing across the world, the Center for Nursing Historical Inquiry is inaugurating the Agnes Dillon Randolph International Nursing Research Conference. We are seeking nursing abstracts of current research from historians across the globe to highlight in this new conference.

Guidelines for Submission: A one page abstract of a completed study will be accepted by e-mail. Submit two copies of your abstract: one must state the complete title, author(s)’s name, credentials, institutional affiliation, phone/fax and e-mail. The second abstract copy should include the title and mode of presentation with no other identifying information. Indicate whether a paper or poster is sought. If more than one author is listed, indicate who is serving as the contact person.

Abstracts must include: Purpose of study, rationale and significance, description of methodology, identification of major primary and secondary sources, findings and conclusions. Each section of the abstract should be clearly identified. Abstracts will be selected on the basis of merit through blind review.

Abstract preparation: Margins must be one and one-half inches on left, and one inch on right, top and bottom. Center the title in upper case, and single space the body using 12 point Times (New Roman) font. Use on one side of one 8.5" x 11" paper. Accepted abstracts will be printed as submitted in the conference program.

Submission date: Abstracts must arrive on or before November 15, 2008. Late abstracts will not be reviewed. Applicants will be notified of their acceptance by December 15, 2008.

Submit to: nurs-hxc@virginia.edu

For further information:
The Center for Nursing Historical Inquiry
PO Box 800782, Charlottesville, VA 22908-0782
Tel: 434-924-0083; International tel: 001-1-434-924-0083
Welcome Resource Center

As a professional association management company (AMC), the Resource Center for Associations’ (RC) model is different in that their staff offers expertise in a wide variety of areas and there will be several of their staff members involved in handling our day-to-day affairs. These individuals specialize in such areas as executive management, membership and database management, publications, and financial services. While David Stumph will be our Executive Director, primary contact for general membership questions will be with the following personnel:

- Chris Henson, Member Services Coordinator-Chris will be responsible for receipt and processing of all new member applications, membership renewals, Shop orders, and accounting/balancing all related financial transactions. You may contact Chris at: AAHN@aahn.org

- Kristi Klinke, Member Services Director-Kristi will coordinate all communication related to membership renewal notices, new member development, and oversee all other membership related issues. You may contact Kristi at: kklinke@resourcenter.com

Other key staff specialists who will be supporting AAHN include:

- Ruth Gleason Roth, Information Services Director-Ruth manages and oversees all computer operations including management and/or coordination of website content, network and software issues, and the membership database.

- Carlos Fierro, Staff Accountant-Carlos will be responsible for the day-to-day financial operations of managing bank deposits, accounts payable, producing the monthly financial statements in coordination with the Executive Director and the Treasurer, and overseeing all financial operations.

- Barbara Trumbo, Executive Assistant/Association Administrator-Barbara will be responsible for coordinating the production and distribution needs for the AAHN newsletter and journal.

Other RC staff members are likely to interact with AAHN from time to time but the above is a listing of those who have been assigned primary responsibilities. We look forward to a long and productive relationship with the Resource Center for Associations, as our AAHN organization continues to grow and progress.

Welcome New Members!

Anne Borsay, Lampeter, United Kingdom
Nancie Bruce, McLean, VA
Thomas Christenbery, Nashville, TN
Patricia Cleveland, Birmingham, AL
Jim Costello, New York, NY
Patricia Dittman, Pompano Beach, FL
Natina Dudley, Auburn, WA
Christine Hallett, Oldham Lancs, United Kingdom
Marie Kelly, Springfield, PA
Kristi Klinke, Wheat Ridge, CO
Aurelie Knapiik, Buckingham, VA
Amy Knowles, Knoxville, TN
Katheren Koehn, Saint Paul, MN
Mary Lavelle, Portland, OR
Linda Maldonado, Philadelphia, PA
Marie Manthey, Minneapolis, MN
April Matthias, Hubert, NC
Patrice McCarthy, Westlake, OH
Taka Oguisso, Sao Paulo, Brazil
Phoebe Pollitt, Boone, NC
Mary Ramos, San Antonio, TX
Geri Rosato, Phoenix, AZ
Jennifer Ruffner, Baltimore, MD
Lisa Schuelke, Raymond, NE
Kimberly Vondras, Newburgh, NY
Mai Yamashita, Kyoto, Japan
Deidre Yuknavich, Keller, TX
Member accomplishments

This list is just a sampling of the recent achievements of our members. See the website http://www.aahn.org/news.html for ongoing recognition of our members’ achievements. Congratulations to all!

Articles

Brush, Barbara


D’Antonio, Pat


Fairman, Julie


Wall, Barbara Mann


Awards

American Journal of Nursing: 2007 Book of the Year Award in History and Public Policy to:


Books


Lewenson, Sandy


Dissertations


Grants


Fairman, Julie. Robert Wood Johnson Investigator award in health policy fellowship for 3 years.
Lewenson, Sandy: Funding from Lienhard School of Nursing for study titled *Transforming Nursing Education in the Twentieth Century: The History of the Phasing out of the Bellevue Mills Schools for Nursing and the Expansion of Hunter College Department of Nursing,* 1967.

Samson, Deborah: Funding from the Institute of Research on Women and Gender at The University of Michigan to support her ongoing research “An historical analysis of state legislation and nurse practitioner practice acts: Professional nursing, gendered work autonomy and health policy.”

Presentations

Bae, Ellen. “‘Do trained nurses work for love, or do they work for money?’ Nursing and Altruism in the 21st Century,” Zula Mae Baber Bice Memorial Lecture, The University School of Nursing and Medical Center Hour, Charlottesville, VA. November 7, 2007.


Wall, Barbara Mann

- “Disaster Narratives in Early 20th Century Texas.” Invited to present at the Susquehana University Medical Humanities Initiative Seminar, Selinsgrove, PA, March 2008.


Second International Conference on Nursing History

AAHN Members John Kirchgessner, Arlene Keeling, Julie Fairman, Pat D’Antonio, Susan Benedict, Christine Hallett, and Susanne Kreutzer were invited presenters at the Second International Conference on Nursing History, at the Bosch Foundation, Stuttgart, Germany, March 12-14, 2008.

Sigerist Circle Panel

Pat D’Antonio, Barbara Mann Wall, Arlene Keeling, Julie Fairman, Meryn Stuart, and Cynthia Connolly were invited presenters on a panel on “Nursing and Activism,” American Association for the History of Medicine, Rochester, NY, April, 2008.

Run for Office in AAHN

Nominating Committee Chair, Deb Sampson, welcomes your willingness to be a candidate for any of the following positions of service to AAHN. Terms of office are for 2 years, beginning at the close of the conference in the fall 2008 to the end of the conference in 2010. Elected officers are expected to attend two board meetings per year. The specific duties are outlined in the AAHN bylaws: http://www.aahn.org/bylaws.html

Open positions and the primary responsibility for each are as follow:

- President: Organization leadership
- 1st VP: Chair, Strategic Planning Committee
- Treasurer: Chair, Finance Committee
- Director: Chair, Bylaws and Policy Committee
- Director: Chair, Awards Committee
- Nominating Committee (2 positions open): Develop next year’s slate of candidates.

All interested candidates should submit a nominating form, which can be found at http://www.aahn.org/nominating.html

Questions may be addressed to Nominating Committee Chair, Deb Sampson: sampsnd@umich.edu

Volunteer to serve on a Committee

If you would like to volunteer to serve on a committee, visit the AAHN website: http://www.aahn.org/volunteer.html

and submit the form indicating the committee you’d like to serve. The deadline for this is September 1, 2008.
I want to Join AAHN!

Membership Application and Renewal

You may join online at http://www.aahn.org, or use the form below: aahn@resourcenter.col

Please indicate your category and number of years to determine the amount of your dues payment. All membership dues include the Nursing History Review, the AAHN Bulletin and member rates for the annual conference.

Regular Member – Individuals interested in the purposes and work of the association. Membership includes full voting privileges, all newsletters and notices, right to hold office and/or serve on committees and inclusion in searchable online Membership Directory.

Student Member – Full-time students with an interest in the purposes and work of the association. Membership includes, all newsletters and notices, and inclusion in searchable online Membership Directory.

Retired Members – Individuals who have been members of the Association and have retired from professional employment. Membership includes, all newsletters and notices, and inclusion in searchable online Membership Directory.

Supporting Member – Individuals interested in the purposes and work of the association. Membership includes, full voting privileges, all newsletters and notices, right to hold office and/or serve on committees and inclusion in searchable online Membership Directory.

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Credit Card Payments may be faxed to AAHN at 303-422-8894.

MAIL application to: AAHN 10200 West 44th Avenue Suite 304 Wheat Ridge, CO 80033
AAHN Calendar
Important Dates to Remember

September 1, 2008:
Deadline to indicate interest in serving on an AAHN Committee

September 25, 2008:
25th Annual AAHN Research Pre-Conference, Philadelphia, PA

September 26-28, 2008:
25th Annual AAHN Conference, Philadelphia, PA

September 28, 2008:
Annual General Membership Meeting, Philadelphia, PA

September 24-27, 2009:
26th Annual AAHN Research Conference, Minneapolis, MN

September 14-18, 2010: