

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

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

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

10:00-11:30	<b>Concurrent Session 1</b>  <b>(3 papers)</b>  <b>1.5 contact hours</b>	<b>Session 1A</b> <b>Teaching Nursing History and Pedagogy</b> <b>Moderator:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Development of an Interdisciplinary, Undergraduate “Healthcare and the Holocaust” Course <b>Darcy Copeland, PhD</b></li> <li>2. Teaching Care: Creating and Evaluating a Nursing History Curriculum about Black Nursing and Healthcare <b>Gwyneth R. Franck, PhD, RN MPH</b> <b>Yu-Nah Lee, PhD RN</b></li> <li>3. Guess Who's Coming to Dinner? Having Fun Teaching Nursing History Research to Senior BSN Students <b>Patricia A. Connor Ballard, PhD, MSN, RN, ACNS-BC</b></li> </ol>	<b>Session 1B</b> <b>Colonialism, Empire, and Transnational Nursing</b> <b>Moderator:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. U.S. Women Medical Missionaries and Rural Nursing in Fujian, China, 1880–1937 <b>Dewen Zhang</b></li> <li>2. Imperial Recruitment and Colonial Labor: Nigerian Nurses' Pathway to Training in the UK, 1940–1960 <b>Mosunmola R Ogunmolaji</b></li> <li>3. Indigenous Midwifery and Maternal Healthcare in Ghana, 1970–1992 <b>Justina Akansor, MPhil</b></li> </ol>
11:30-1:00	LUNCH on your own		
11:30-1:00	<b>Graduate Student Lunch</b> <b>Moderator: Erin Spinney</b> <i>**Please order lunch in the morning at the AAHN desk.</i>		
1:00-2:30	<b>Concurrent Session 2</b>  <b>Panel Presentations</b>	<b>Session 2A</b> <b>Moderator:</b> <p>Saving Babies, 1890 -1975: Centering Nursing Practice in the Histories of the Boston Floating Hospital, the Seattle Children’s Orthopedic Hospital, and Operation Babylift <b>Mary E. Gibson, PhD, RN</b></p>	<b>Session 2B</b> <b>Moderator:</b> <p>Nurse Educators’ Experiences Teaching History: A Call to Action to Use Trauma-Informed Pedagogy <b>April D. Matthias, PhD, RN, CNE</b> <b>Anka Roberto, DNP, MPH, APRN, PMHNP-BC</b> <b>Kassandra Stoffer, MSN PMP-C</b> <b>Renata Conde-Zuege, DNP, APRN, FNP-C</b> <b>Crystal Earp, DNP, APRN, FNP-C</b> <b>Pamela Balogh, DNP, APRN, FNP-C</b></p>

		<b>Arlene W. Keeling, PhD, RN, FAAN</b> <b>Michelle C. Hehman, PhD, RN, NPD-BC</b>	<b>Kerstin Hudgins, EdD, MSN, RN, CCRN, CEN, FCCM</b>
2:30-2:45	Break and Silent Auction		
2:45-4:15	<b>Concurrent Session 3</b>  <b>(3 papers)</b> <b>1.5 contact hours</b>	<b>Session 3A</b> <b>Labor, Wages, and Activism in Nursing</b> <b>Moderator:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. We Paved the Way: Black Women and the Charleston Hospital Workers' Campaign <b>O. Jennifer Dixon-McKnight, PhD, MA, BA</b></li> <li>2. The Nurses Must Get Paid: A Historical Review of Select Cases in Which Nurses Fought for Wage Equity <b>Charlotte E. Swint, DNP, MPH, FNP-BC, CNE</b> <b>Stephen N. Knights, Jr., JD, PhD</b></li> <li>3. 80 Years of Collective Nurse Power: How the California Nurses Association Shaped U.S. Nursing History through Labor Organizing <b>Mary Bowman, DNP</b></li> </ol>	<b>Session 3B</b> Nursing, Public Health, and Community Care <b>Moderator:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Public Health Workers and Federal Indian Food Policy, 1924–44 <b>Laurel Sanders, PhD</b></li> <li>2. “Healthy Bodies are a Prerequisite for Healthy Minds,” The Greene County School-Based Primary Care Nursing Clinic, 1993–2008 <b>Bridget A. Houlahan, PhD, RN</b></li> <li>3. The North Carolina Textile Mill Village “Settlement House” Experiment <b>Sarah JW Craig, PhD, MSN, RN</b></li> </ol>
4:15 – 4:30	Break and Silent Auction		
4:30-6:00	<b>Concurrent Session 4</b>  <b>(3 papers)</b> <b>1.5 contact hours</b>	<b>Session 4A</b> Health, Ethics, and Memory in War and Atrocity <b>Moderator:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Visualizing the Past: The Chicago Nurses of World War I <b>Gwyneth R. Franck, PhD RN MPH</b></li> </ol>	<b>Session 4B</b> Race, Identity, and Health Justice <b>Moderator:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Hollywood and the Construction of Nurses' Identity <b>Rima D. Apple, PhD</b></li> </ol>

		<p>2. Navigating Crisis: The Role of Local and Foreign Nurses in World War I Palestine <b>Ronen Segev, RN, PhD</b></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 <b>April D. Matthias, PhD, RN, CNE</b> <b>Amanda Jeffries, MSN, RN</b></p>	<p>2. The Maywood Nursing Center, A Source of Racial Tension: 1938- 1942 <b>Karen J. Egenes, RN, EdD</b></p> <p>3. NP-SPEAK: An Oral History of Nurse Practitioners Sharing Personal and Professional Experiences and Knowledge Ravenne Aponte, BA, BSN <b>J. Margo Brooks Carthon, PhD, RN</b> <b>Jessica Martucci, PhD</b></p>
6:00- 6:30	Break		
6:30-8:30	Reception		

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

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

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