President’s Message
Fall 2011

Dear fellow members of AAHN,

As you will read elsewhere in this Bulletin, the meeting hosted with TCU, Harris College of Nursing in Fort Worth, Texas, was a stunning success. Thank you to the scores of people who made it possible. It’s only since I became president, at the end of last year’s conference, that I realized some of the scope of the behind-the-scenes work that goes into these conferences. These included major concerns like moving the date, down to small issues such as finding the best place to put our AAHN banner or to moving the posters to one side so that people could access the silent auction items. But it sure was worth it. For example, I received a lovely email from Kara Smith, our Teresa E. Christy Award winner. Kara wrote, “The conference was very nice, and everyone was so warm and welcoming. I am very proud to be a member of such an association.” Thanks Kara. We are very proud to have you!

The conference was impressive in many ways. Seeing the well-deserved standing ovation for Laurie Glass, as she received the President’s Award for her contributions to nursing history, was fantastic. The organization’s decision to elect the chair of the Research Review Panel and have that person sit on the board speaks to the AAHN’s commitment to scholarship. And, in support of our membership, the organization has approved a new award, the Mary Roberts Award, for an exemplary edited historical work.

Lastly, the AAHN board and membership found a way to honor one of our most esteemed members. The annual keynote address will now be called the Eleanor Krohn Herrmann Lecture. Dr. Herrmann’s husband, Larry Herrmann, then generously pledged his financial support of this named lecture as long as a matching amount is raised by the organization. Please see the separate article within this issue. What a conference!

The weekend after the conference, I attended the annual retreat of the Illinois Association of Colleges of Nursing. Everyone—there were about 25 of us—stood up and gave an update of our schools. Of course—I was still bathed in a historical glow and had to tell them about AAHN. What delighted me was that one person stopped by afterwards and said that she had been a member and would rejoin and she also shared that she was reading Pat D’Antonio’s book American Nursing: A History of Knowledge, Authority, and the Meaning of Work (Johns Hopkins University Press, 2010). Then another person came by and said that she was also
The Eleanor Krohn Herrmann Lecture

The AAHN is delighted and proud to announce that the annual AAHN conference keynote address will now be called the Eleanor Krohn Herrmann Lecture. At the September 2011 AAHN Board Meeting, the board strongly voiced its unanimous desire to honor one of our most illustrious members and past-president Eleanor Krohn Herrmann, EdD, RN, FAAN. Dr. Herrmann, Professor Emeritus at the University of Connecticut and the recipient of multiple awards in nursing, is a leader who is renowned as a nurse educator and a nurse historian. Among other work in support of nursing’s history, Dr. Herrmann was instrumental in preserving the Josephine A. Dolan nursing history collection at the University of Connecticut. Naming the annual keynote address in her honor will exemplify the breadth of her scholarship, the warmth of her leadership, and the depth of her involvement in nursing’s history.

At the conference banquet, it was announced that Dr. Herrmann’s husband, AAHN member Larry Herrmann, had volunteered a matching pledge of $30,000 to support the Eleanor Krohn Herrmann Lecture. This generous pledge is contingent upon the AAHN matching it within two years. In this way, future speakers will be totally supported through the lecture funds.

Naturally, the AAHN is hugely appreciative of this very substantial pledge. We have prized the Herrmann’s support over the past several years—their part in the AAHN auction has probably increased our awards account by thousands of dollars—but this gesture is stunning. Thank you.

Now it is up to us to match Larry Herrmann’s pledge. We can do it and we will keep you posted on our efforts.

Reading Pat’s book—she actually pulled it out of her bag. It really brought home to me the fact that many others appreciate nursing’s history, its meaning, its lessons, and its great stories. We are certainly not alone!

Of course, not everyone knows about nursing history. I bought an enema can at the auction and have it proudly displayed on my desk. One person, the supervisor of our nursing laboratories no less, could not figure out what it was. When I told her she looked horrified—I needed to explain that rubber tubing was involved 😊

With best wishes,

Brigid Lusk
From the Archivist’s Corner

What a wonderful conference it was in Fort Worth. The accommodations and camaraderie were wonderful and all the papers I heard were of excellent quality. As an archivist and public historian, I want to salute all the presenters for their use of archives to obtain all those rich photographs as well as primary and secondary sources for research.

I would like to thank the current Board for re-appointing me for another two-year term (2011-2013). This first two years really flew by and during that time, my contacts with many of you have deepened.

The AAHN has a deep archive of its own – presently occupying 22 cubic feet at the Howard Gottlieb Special Collections in the Mugar Library at Boston University. Within that collection are the founding papers of the AAHN and so much more.

If you are a past officer or committee chair and have records spanning the previous 5 years or from your completed years in any of these positions and don’t know what to do with the records, please do not throw them out – PLEASE SEND THEM TO ME AS YOUR ARCHIVIST.

Last year, I made several additions to the collections and plan to continue to do so. You can mail papers, minutes, folders binders, cds or dvds (of minutes, publicity brochures, The Bulletin or anything else “born digital” to me at:

Gertrude B. Hutchinson, MSIS, MA, RN, Foundation of NYS Nurses, 2113 Western Avenue, Suite 1, Guilderland, NY 12084.  
ATTN: FOR AAHN ARCHIVES

This recent conference showed the increasing importance of oral as part of our historical fabric. It is also one of my passions. Words are powerful tools to convey and preserve the historical record and the impact of history on the lives of everyday people. My thanks to the Board for supporting my idea to start an oral history project within the membership of AAHN.

We are an historical organization, which states as its mission to preserve history and foster understanding and learning in the present and for the future. One of my goals when I became your archivist was to develop an oral history project to interview the past and present leadership – board members, presidents, committee chairs, conference attendees and members to learn about AAHN and how it has changed over time in “our own words.” These oral histories will augment the history written by Laurie Glass.

If you would like to participate in this project, please contact me by mail at the address noted above or by email at ghutchinson@fnysn.org or by telephone at 518-456-7858, ext. 24. Please let me know if you would like to be an interviewee and/or would you be willing to be an interviewer as well?

Until the next issue

Trudy Hutchinson

AAHN 2011 Conference

Plenary Speakers, Claire Chatterton, Julie Fairman, Susanne Kreutzer, & Gerard Fealy.  

Teresa E. Christy Award for excellence in historical research and writing completed by a student: Kara Dawn Smith with Barbara Brodie.

Photos: Diane Mancino
National Library of Medicine • History of Medicine Division Seminar

Review by: Janice L Hinkle, RN, PhD, CNRN
Associate Professor, Catholic University of America, School of Nursing, Washington, D.C.

“Nursing and Medicine at the Crossroads: A Civil War Nurse’s Candid Testimony”

Jane E. Schultz is an English professor at Indiana University and regarded as one of the nation’s leading experts on Civil War nursing. On Tuesday, May 17, 2011, at the National Library of Medicine she discussed the researching and writing of her book, The Birth Place of Souls, The Civil War Nursing Diary of Harriet Eaton for a History of Medicine Division Seminar. In addition to Eaton’s uncensored nursing diary, Professor Schultz provided extensive background materials including letters and newspapers of the day, pension records, and a biographical dictionary of those named in the diary.

Harriet Eaton was not a nurse but a “relief worker” as there was no organized profession of nursing during the Civil War. Schultz’s main premise is that these workers were the beginning of the nursing profession, as we know it today. The crossroads Dr. Schultz discussed allude to the fact that medicine was an established profession while nursing, as a profession, was in its formative stages during the Civil War.

Schultz used extensive materials from the NLM. Nurse historians interested in the Civil War period should know of this rich source of materials about relief workers. The NLM has an on-going project to scan documents of the civil war period and make them available on-line. The site is: http://www.virginiacivilwar.org/legacy/index.php. For future historical programs at the NLM, consult the NLM History of Medicine Division Seminar webpage: www.nlm.nih.gov/hmd/happening/seminars/index.html.

NHR Editor note

I regret that volume 20 of the Nursing History Review did not recognize Brigid Lusk’s Presidency of the American Association for the History of Nursing. Dr. Lusk has provided strong leadership of our organization and I take this opportunity to thank her and to apologize for the mistake.

Patricia D’Antonio, PhD, RN, FAAN

Danish Society of Nursing History and the Danish Museum of Nursing History

We are pleased to invite scholars from all over the world to an international conference on the history of nursing, August 9 - 11, 2012. The conference is run jointly by the Danish Society of Nursing History and the Danish Museum of Nursing History. The conference will be comprised of plenary sessions and concurrent sessions. Keynote speakers include Professor Julie Fairman, USA; Professor Anne Marie Rafferty, Kings College London, England; Professor Christine Hallett, University of Manchester, England; and Associate Professor Susanne Kreutzer, University of Osnabruck, Germany.

Further information about the conference fee and program will be available when registration for the conference opens on 16 January 2012 on the conference website www.dsr.dk/dsh

The call for abstracts closes at midnight 15 November 2011.

Abstract themes

The conference language will be English and abstracts from all disciplines are welcome. Abstracts are invited for paper presentations on the eight conference themes.

1. Medieval and Renaissance Nursing
2. Nursing in Modern Times
3. Religious and Secular Nursing
4. Gender, Culture and Ethnicity
5. Professionalization and Education
6. Disaster and War
7. Clinical Nursing
8. Nursing Ethics

Guidelines for submission of abstract

Abstracts should not exceed 400 words. Margins must be one and one-half inches on left, and one inch on the right, top and bottom. Center the title in upper case and single space the body of the abstract using 12-point font Times New Roman. In upper case on left state the author’s name(s), credentials, institutional affiliation, address, telephone number and e-mail address. In lower case on left state the chosen theme for the abstract. The abstract should fit on one side of one page in a single Word document. Abstracts will only be accepted by e-mail to Secretary of the Conference Mariann Bay mbay@health.sdu.dk. Abstracts received after the closing date will not be considered.
Nursing History in My Own Backyard

The Oregon-California Trails Association

Shannon E. Perry, RN, PhD, FAAN

For those scholars interested in childbirth on the Oregon, Mormon, or other trail, the role of women, diseases and injuries encountered in the westward expansion of the United States, the Oregon-California Trails Association (OCTA) is a wonderful resource (www.octa-trails.org). The non-profit association was founded in 1982 for the preservation, study, and enjoyment of all migration trails to the west. The dues are only $45/year. Members receive a quarterly journal. The annual meetings are held in a trail location and are informative and entertaining with real scholars of the period presenting various topics. There are also field trips to actual trail sites. There are also local chapters so that members can learn more about and work to preserve the trails that pass close to their homes. I have been a member of OCTA for several years and enjoy learning about all aspects of the trails including the people who traveled on the trails, the problems encountered, and the impact of the western migration of U.S. history.

An excellent source of information on the trails is the Paper Trail, a website created by OCTA from thousands of documents related to trails written by pioneers traveling west. The database includes all known original accounts of travel related to trails from 1820 to 1899. This amounts to over 3,500 documents. The documents come from library collections, published books, and from private sources, e.g., family diaries and letters. The information extracted from each document contains five major elements:

1. Names of the emigrants and members of their parties; over 70,000 names are logged to date.
2. Document titles and the location of each original document.
3. Routes traveled by emigrants.
4. Locations noted by the travelers.
5. Indian encounters

There are three main ways to access the database: (1) the paper trail website which is a subscription service (www.paper-trail.org). The first search for names is free; (2) purchase the Emigrant names II CD disc that is available through OCTA; and (3) request a full database search by the research specialist of OCTA (octa@indepmo.org).

One of my research interests is Childbirth on the Oregon Trail. I had a search run for the word “birth.” The database contained records of 399 births. I received the name of the author, the document, and the page number so that I could locate the documents and read them. While I have not progressed that far with my research, I was thrilled to receive the information.

Reference

Member News

Martha Highfield, PhD, RN

Professor of Nursing, California State University, Northridge

Presented two research posters during the Joint Southern California Chapters of Sigma Theta Tau International Odyssey 2011 Conference, October 20-21, 2011 in Cerritos, California:


Highfield, M., & Urena, C. “BSN History at CSU Northridge: A window to the future.”

Cynthia Urena, RN, BSN, is a CSUN Presidential Scholar. Her research project was directed and co-authored by Dr. Highfield.

Gertrude B. Hutchinson, MSIS, MA, RN, AAHN Archivist

Presented a session at the Tenth Anniversary Underground Railroad Public History Conference in Troy, New York, on April 9, 2011. Ms. Hutchinson spoke on the legacy of the Underground Railroad Movement and about the impact African American nurses have had – and continue to have – on the nursing profession. The title was:

“Freedom Through Leadership: Courageous Individuals Who Made Profound Differences in the Nursing Profession”.

Dr. Martha Mathews Libster

Appointment: Director and Chair of Nursing, Governors State University, University Park, Illinois

Publication


Ruth Crothers, PhD, RN, GCNS, AHCNS, CNOR

Completed her dissertation at the College of Nursing, Villanova University, Villanova, Pennsylvania. It is titled:

The Development of Organized Continuing Education for Registered Nurses in the United States 1957-1974: Challenge for a Maturing Profession


Deborah Sampson, Ph.D., FNP-BC, APRN, FAANP

Assistant Professor, Boston College, Boston, MA


Family Nurse Practitioner Coordinator at Boston College.

Massachusetts General Hospital Alumnae Day: Presentation on MGH Nurses who responded to the Halifax Disaster of December 1917.

AAHN: Received H15 Grant at the 2010 conference, London, England. (Eds. Note: We apologize for not recognizing Deborah at the time.)

Phoebe Pollitt, PhD., RN,C

The website for the history of nursing in North Carolina, written about in the Bulletin in a previous issue is now LIVE!! The site is: www.nursinghistory.appstate.edu.

Bonnie Pope, PhD, ARNP

Assistant Professor, School of Nursing, Brooks College of Health, University of North Florida, Jacksonville, Florida

Appointed: Assistant Professor


Cynthia Toman, B.Sc.N., M.Sc.N., PhD

Associate Professor, School of Nursing, University of Ottawa, Ontario, Canada

Award:

Publications:


Book Reviews:


Conference Presentation:

Associated Medical Services (AMS) Nursing History Research Unit at the University of Ottawa:
The AMS Nursing History Research Unit welcomed a new faculty member and a new post-doctoral fellow to our unit. Dr. Thomas Foth completed his PhD in September 2011 with research interests in the history of German nursing, moral history, and ethics. Dr. Isabelle Perreault’s postdoctoral work is on psychiatric institutionalization and deinstitutionalization policies, supervised by Dr. Marie-Claude Thifault, our Associate Director, who was recently named University of Ottawa Research Chair in Canadian Francophonie and Health. Supported also by a major Canadian Institute of Health Research grant, Dr. Thifault’s research focuses on the impact of psychiatric deinstitutionalization on francophone minority communities, particularly in Eastern Ontario, from the early 20th century to today. She recently received a new grant for a second version of the French online nursing history course (Formation 2.0 des infirmières Franco-Canadiennes).

Julie Fairman, PhD, RN, FAAN
Professor, School of Nursing, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Appointed to the Sigma Theta Tau International Hall of Fame, July 14, 2011 at the 22nd International Nursing Research Congress, Cancun, Mexico.

Publication:

Jean C. Whelan, PhD, RN
Adjunct Assistant Professor of Nursing, School of Nursing, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Elected as a member to the Pennsylvania State Nurses Association Cabinet on Nursing Practice and Professional Development for a two-year term.

Patricia O’Brien D’Antonio, PhD, FAAN, RN
Associate Professor of Nursing, Chair, Department of Family & Community Health, School of Nursing, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Cynthia Connolly, PhD, FAAN, RN
Associate Professor of Nursing, School of Nursing, University of Pennsylvania
And

Barbara Mann Wall, PhD, FAAN, RN
Associate Professor of Nursing, School of Nursing, University of Pennsylvania
Drs. Connolly and Wall were inducted as Fellows of the American Academy of Nursing on November 13, 2010, in Washington, D.C.

Carol Helmstadter and Judith Godden
Nursing Before Nightingale 1815-1899 will be released by Ashgate in November, 2011.
The 2012 Annual CAHN/ACHN Conference, to be held in Medicine Hat, Alberta, on June 15-17, marks the 25th anniversary of our association. Founded in 1987, CAHN/ACHN has an ongoing commitment to stimulate and promote historical scholarship of nursing and health. We are pleased to invite you to this conference.

The conference theme is: **Places and People’s Health: Exploring Nursing in Diverse Contexts.** We welcome papers that explore diversity and contingency of nursing knowledge and practice. Aiming at a critical understanding of connections between place and practice, the conference seeks to examine the history of nursing and health care in diverse geographic, social, and political contexts, including rural and remote locations, specialty areas, and various communities. How did communities engage with health politics or respond to professional claims? What tensions arose as health services had to be established or transformed and professional identities changed? How did nurses pioneer new practice domains? How did local, regional, and global contexts of health care shape nursing? Abstracts addressing other questions are also welcome.

The conference will bring together scholars, professionals, and students from different fields and various areas of nursing and health care history. Longstanding members are especially invited to attend.

The Hannah Lecturer at the conference will be Carol Helmstadter, Adjunct Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Nursing, University of Toronto. She is an award-winning nurse historian and expert on the history of 19th century nursing. She has published widely on Florence Nightingale and nursing in Victorian Britain, including a recent chapter in *Notes on Nightingale* (2010). Her new book, *Nursing before Nightingale*, co-authored with Judith Godden, will be released in Nov. 2011 by Ashgate.

Please submit your one page abstract (350 words max.) and one page CV for consideration by Dec. 1, 2011 to geertje.boschma@nursing.ubc.ca. Submissions by email are strongly encouraged. If submitting by mail, please send one original and 3 blind copies to Geertje Boschma, UBC School of Nursing, T201 2211 Wesbrook Mall, Vancouver V6T 2B5, Canada. Abstracts will be peer-reviewed.

Notification of acceptance will be sent out in Feb. 2012. All presenters must be members of CAHN/ACHN.

For information on local arrangements you may contact Florence Melchior (florence@mhc.ab.ca) or visit our website at: http://cahn-achn.ca/

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**AAHN 2011 Conference**

Sandy Lewenson, Annemarie McAllister, and Diane Mancino.

Brigid Lusk presents President’s Award to Laurie Glass.

Photos: Diane Mancino
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Barbara Bates Center For The Study Of The History Of Nursing

Alice Fisher Society Fellowship

The Barbara Bates Center for the Study of the History of Nursing offers a fellowship of up to $5,000 to support research and ongoing collaboration with Center nurse historians. Selection of Alice Fisher Society scholars will be based on evidence of interest in and aptitude for historical research related to nursing. The scholarships are open to those with masters’ and doctoral level preparation. It is expected that the research and new materials produced by Alice Fisher Society scholars will help ensure the growth of scholarly work focused on the history of nursing. Fisher scholars will participate in Center activities and will present their research at a Center seminar. We are grateful to the Alumni of the Philadelphia General Hospital School of Nursing, who established this fellowship.

Recipients of the award who are foreign nationals must comply with U.S. State Department, immigration, and university regulations.

Deadline for submission of applications: December 31, 2011.
Date of awards: March 31, 2012.

Application

The application should be sent via e-mail to Barbra Mann Wall, PhD, RN Cwallbm@nursing.upenn.edu. The application should not exceed 6 pages double spaced. The outline below specifies the information which should be included in your application. The form and length of your application should be adapted to the research that you propose to do.

Aim(s): Begin with a concise statement of the aims of the research. You wish to do in the Center and relate these aims to your own long-term historical research goals.

Background Significance: Give a brief background of your research idea; this will enable reviewers to place your proposal within the context of the present state of historical knowledge about the study area. Explain the importance you expect your results to have. Please be sure to cite the published work of others which relates to your topic.

Previous Work: Describe briefly any work that you have done in this area or in closely related studies. Cite personal publications, if any. Be sure to enclose a sample of your writing, whether published or unpublished.

Methods: Explain how you intend to approach your study and, where appropriate, the parts of the Center’s collections that you will use to achieve your aims. The Center’s collections are listed at www.nursing.upenn.edu.history/collections.htm.

Facilities: Describe existing resources at your disposal-such as other collections-which will help you in carrying out this project. Note whether other collections in the Philadelphia region might be helpful in your research.

Other Research Support: Include an overview of your existing and pending research support.

Budget: Outline and itemize budget detailing the ways that you will be using the fellowship and briefly justifying the items.

Curriculum Vitae: Please include a resume of professional accomplishments including education, research publications and other publications relevant to the project you propose.

Process of Review

Each application will be reviewed by the members of the Barbara Bates Center for the Study of the History of Nursing Fellowship Review Committee. The committee will make its decision about the 2012 winner of the Alice Fisher Society Fellowship as promptly as possible. Every effort will be made to notify the applicants of the committee’s decision by March 31, 2012.

Barbara Bates Center For The Study Of The History Of Nursing

Fall Seminar Series

November 2, 2011
Speaker: Arlene Keeling (University of Virginia)
Title: The Second Line Of Defense: Philadelphia Nurses And The Influenza Epidemic, 1918
Abstract: This talk describes and analyzes the nurses’ role in responding to the 1918 influenza epidemic in Philadelphia, the city with the highest flu mortality rate in the United States, focusing specifically on the response by hospital nurses and the Philadelphia Visiting Nurse Society during the months of September to December, 1918, and considering nurses roles within the social, political, medical and nursing context of the period. Issues of race, class and gender are considered as the city addressed the epidemic in the midst of a severe nursing shortage while maintaining segregated facilities and at times demonstrating cross class cooperation.

November 16, 2011
Speaker: Pat D’Antonio (Penn Nursing Science)
Title: TBD
Abstract: TBD

November 30, 2011
Speaker: Hilary Acquino (Albright College)
Title: TBD
Abstract: TBD

Unless specified otherwise, all Seminars take place from 12:00 to 1:30 PM in the 2U Conference Room, Room 2019, Claire Fagin Hall. Seminar dates may change or be cancelled. Notification would go out if this occurs. For further information about the History Center and the Seminar series, or to RSVP, please visit www.nursing.upenn.edu/history, e-mail nhistory@nursing.upenn.edu or call 215-898-4502
Karen Buhler-Wilkerson
Faculty Research Fellowship For Historical Research In Nursing

The Barbara Bates Center for the Study of the History of Nursing is offering an award of up to $2,000 to faculty from all disciplines from colleges and universities, to support historical research in nursing. Selection of faculty scholars will be based on evidence of preparation and/or productivity in historical research and/or teaching related to nursing. It is expected that the research and new materials produced by Buhler-Wilkerson scholars will help ensure the growth of scholarly work focused on the history of nursing. Recipients will participate in Center activities and will present their research at a Center seminar.

Recipients of the award who are foreign nationals must comply with U.S. State Department, immigration, and university regulations.

Deadline for submission of applications: December 31, 2011.
Date of awards: March 31, 2012.

Application
The application should be sent via e-mail to Barbra Mann Wall, PhD, RN (wallbm@nursing.upenn.edu).

The application should not exceed 6 pages double-spaced. The outline below specifies the information which should be included in your application. The form and length of your application should be adapted to the research that you propose to do.

Aim(s): Begin with a concise statement of the aims of the research that you wish to do in the Center and relate these aims to your own long-term historical research goals.

Background Significance: Give a brief background of your research problem: this will enable reviewers to place your proposal within the context of the present state of historical knowledge about the study area. Explain the importance you expect your results to have. Please be sure to cite the published work of others which relates to your topic.

Previous Work: Describe briefly any work that you have done in this area or in closely related studies. Cite personal publications, if any. Be sure to enclose a sample of your work whether published or unpublished.

Methods: Explain how you intend to approach your study and, where appropriate, the parts of the Center’s collections that you will use to achieve your aims. The Center’s collections are listed at www.nursing.upenn.edu/history/collections.htm.

Facilities: Describe existing resources at your disposal-such as other collections–which will help you in carrying out this project. Note whether other collections in the Philadelphia region might be helpful in your research.

Other Research Support: Include an overview of your existing and pending research support.

Budget: Outline and itemize budget detailing the ways that you will be using...
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the fellowship and briefly justifying the items.
Curriculum Vitae: Please include a resume of professional accomplishments including education, research publications and other publications relevant to the project you propose.

Process of Review
Each application will be reviewed by the members of the Barbara Bates Center for the Study of the History of Nursing Fellowship Review Committee. The committee will make its decision about the 2012 winner as promptly as possible. Every effort will be made to notify the applicants of the committee’s decision by March 31, 2012.

Lillian Sholtis Brunner Fellowship For Historical Research In Nursing

The Barbara Bates Center for the Study of the History of Nursing offers an annual fellowship of up to $5,000 to support research and ongoing collaboration with Center nurse historians. Selection of Brunner scholars will be based on evidence of preparation and/or productivity in historical research related to nursing. Candidates with doctoral preparation will be preferred but the fellowships are open to those with pre-doctoral preparation. Brunner scholars will participate in Center activities and will present their research at a Center seminar. It is expected that the research and new materials produced by Brunner scholars will help ensure the growth of scholarly work focused on the history of nursing. Recipients of the award who are foreign nationals must comply with U.S. State Department, immigration, and university regulations.

Deadline for submission of applications: December 31, 2011.
Date of awards: March 31, 2012.
Application
The application should be sent via e-mail to Barbara Mann Wall, PhD, RN (wallbm@nursing.upenn.edu). The application should not exceed 6 double-spaced pages. The outline below specifies the information which should be included in your application. The form and length of your application should be adapted to the research that you propose to do.

Aim(s): Begin with a concise statement of the aims of the research that you wish to do in the Center and relate these aims to your own long-term historical research goals.

Background Significance: Give a brief background of your research problem: this will enable reviewers to place your proposal within the context of the present state of historical knowledge about the study area. Explain the importance you expect your results to have. Please be sure to cite the published work of others which relates to your topic.

Previous Work: Describe briefly any work that you have done in this area or in closely related studies. Cite personal publications, if any. Be sure to enclose a sample of your work whether published or unpublished.

Methods: Explain how you intend to approach your study and, if appropriate, the parts of the Center’s collections that you will use to achieve your aims. The Center’s collections are listed at http://www.nursing.upenn.edu/history/collections.htm.

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Budget: Outline and itemize budget detailing the ways that you will be using the fellowship and briefly justifying the items.

Curriculum Vitae: Please include a resume of professional accomplishments including education, research publications and other publications relevant to the project you propose.

Process of Review
Each application will be reviewed by the members of the Barbara Bates Center for the Study of the History of Nursing Fellowship Review Committee. The committee will make its decision about the 2012 winner of the Brunner Fellowship as promptly as possible. Every effort will be made to notify the applicants of the committee’s decision by March 31, 2012.

Research/ Funding Opportunities

The University of Virginia School of Nursing
The Center For Nursing Historical Inquiry

Barbara Brodie Nursing History Fellowship

The Center for Nursing Historical Inquiry Barbara Brodie Nursing History Fellowship is open to doctorally prepared nurse historians. Applications for the $3000 award are due October 15th each year, and the recipient will be announced in early 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 its significance, and the ability of the researcher to complete the work.

The application should be no more than six pages, single-spaced. It should begin with the purpose and aims of the research, followed by a section on the background and significance that includes a review of the published work on the topic. It should also include a section on methods in which you identify collections or archives that you will use to achieve the aims. A timeline and an itemized budget and justification should also be included. Funds may be used for travel to archives, duplication, purchase of photographs, salary support and/or materials needed (e.g.: recording devices). It is expected that publications from the research acknowledge funding from the Brodie Fellowship and the Center for Nursing Historical Inquiry. The application and a curriculum vitae should be sent to the Center for Nursing Historical Inquiry’s Director, Arlene Keeling, PhD, RN, FAAN, by email to awk2z@virginia.edu.
The Irish Nursing Journals Digitisation Project is a collaborative project between the UCD Irish Centre for Nursing & Midwifery History, UCD Library at University College Dublin and the Irish Nurses and Midwives Organisation (INMO). It aims to produce and preserve journal content by digitising and describing historic nursing journals that are currently held at the INMO Library. This content will be added to the UCD Irish Virtual Research Library and Archive (IVRLA) a digital repository initiative in UCD Library, thus ensuring greater visibility and increased access for this valuable resource.

The Digitisation Project is being undertaken with grant assistance from the Irish Research Council for the Humanities & Social Sciences (IRCHSS) Targeted Co-fund Initiative. The grant is part funded by IRCHSS and part funded by the INMO. The project commenced in December 2010 and will be completed in spring 2012. Audrey Drohan is the Operational Project Manager, IVRLA, and Ríoghnach Ahern is the Metadata Librarian for the project. For further information visit: www.ucd.ie/icnmh