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President's message

Dear AAHN members, colleagues, and friends,

I hope that you are all enjoying a restful summer! I know that I'm looking forward to my upcoming vacation to Prince Edward Island and spending some time at the beach with a book I'm reading for fun and not for work.

As the AAHN begins to gear up for a busy Fall there are several events and items of interest for you to put on your calendar.

First the AAHN Annual Conference will be happening from October 16-18th in Wilmington, North Carolina! More information about the conference, including the Eleanor Herrmann Memorial Keynote, the preconference, field trips, and a draft of the program are included in this issue of the bulletin.

The AAHN Virtual Speakers Series, will start up again in September. We will have a virtual speaker in September, October, November, and December of 2025.

Networking Groups will also resume in September.

Finally, I wanted to extend congratulations to Julie Fairman, RN, PhD, FAAN, on her election to the American Philosophical Society!

With hearty best wishes,

Erin

*AAHN 42nd ANNUAL NURSING AND
HEALTHCARE HISTORY CONFERENCE*

WILMINGTON, NC

OCTOBER 16—18, 2025

Dr. Vanessa Northington Gamble will deliver the Eleanor Herrmann Memorial Lectureship, “A Wide Field is Open Before Her, and Many of Her Sisters”: Discovering Early African American Women Physicians”.

Don't miss the preconference on Thursday, October 16, 2025 from 1:00pm to 4:00pm

Cost: \$75 (register on the conference registration form)

Title: Trauma-informed Pedagogical Approaches: Enhancing Empathy and Safety When Teaching History to Prepare Students for Contemporary Nursing Practice

Presenters: April Matthias PhD, RN, CNE, Anka Roberto DNP, MPH, APRN, PMHNP-BC, FNAP, and Kassie Stoffer MSN, FNP-C.

Additional activity: WilmingtonColor Shuttle Tour, a 70 minute Black history tour of Wilmington, on October 16th.

We kindly encourage all attendees to book their stay at the Aloft, the official hotel for the AAHN Conference in Wilmington, NC, from October 16–18, 2025. Staying at the conference hotel not only enhances your experience with convenient access to all sessions and networking opportunities, but it also helps AAHN meet its contracted room block commitment. Meeting this commitment is crucial to avoid additional fees that could impact future conferences.

Stay tuned for the full conference agenda. For more information click [here](#). Don't wait, early bird registration ends September 15, 2025.

2025 CONFERENCE AGENDA

Thursday, 10/16:

8:30-11:30 - Board meeting. For board members only.

12:00-4:00 - Registration

1:00-4:00 - Pre-Conference: Trauma-informed Pedagogical Approaches **Prior registration required

4:15-6:15 - WilmingtonNCOLOR Tour **Prior registration required

7:00–9:00 - PBS Documentary: American Coup: Wilmington 1898 **Open to the public

Friday, 10/17

8:00-5:00 - Registration

7:30-8:30 - Breakfast

8:00-8:30 - Poster set up

8:30-8:45 - Welcome Address. Erin Spinney, AAHN President

8:45-9:45 - Eleanor Herrmann Memorial Lectureship. Dr. Vanessa Northington Gamble

9:45-10:00 - Break

9:45-5:00 - Silent Auction

9:45-5:00 - Posters on display

10:30 – 11:30 – Concurrent session 1

11:30 – 1:00 – Lunch on your own

11:30 – 1:00 – Graduate student lunch. Moderator: Erin Spinney, AAHN President

1:00 – 2:30 – Concurrent session 2

2:30-2:45 - Break and Silent Auction

2:45-4:15 – Concurrent session 3

4:15 – 4:30 - Break and Silent Auction

4:30-6:00 – Concurrent session 4

6:00- 6:30 - Break

6:30-8:30 – Reception

2025 CONFERENCE AGENDA (CONT'D)

Saturday 10/18

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 - Concurrent Session 5

10:00-10:30 - Break; Silent Auction Ends

10:00-10:30 - Poster Presentations

10:30 – 12:00 - Concurrent session 6

12:00-1:30 - Membership Meeting

1:30-2:00 - Check out for auction

2:00-3:30 - Concurrent Session 7

3:30 – 4:00 - Conference Wrap Up Erin E Spinney, AAHN President

For more information and to register, please see the AAHN website located [here](#).

NEW EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES ANNOUNCED FOR AAHN MEMBERS

We're excited to share that we've added a new Educational Resources tab to the AAHN website. This section gives you access to free and discounted recordings from AAHN events. Right now, it includes content from our 2025 programming, and we'll continue to add more recordings over time.

You can explore the recordings by clicking [here](#). We hope you find this new resource helpful and easy to use.

Dr. Margo Brooks Carthon receives prestigious Claire Fagin Award

Margo Brooks Carthon, PhD, RN, FAAN, is the recipient of the 18th Claire M. Fagin Distinguished Researcher Award in honor of Dr. Claire M. Fagin. Dr. Brooks Carthon is an acclaimed nurse scientist and is recognized both nationally and internationally for significant contributions in promoting greater awareness of policies and practices that support and advance equity and inclusivity. Dr. Brooks Carthon's innovative research includes the THRIVE model, which reduces disparities and supports transitions for low-income individuals with multiple chronic conditions. The THRIVE model was designated as an Edge Runner by the American Academy of Nursing in 2024. Dr. Brooks Carthon has received numerous awards, including the Teresa E. Christy Award for Exemplary Historical Research and Writing, the Academy Health's Learning Health System Challenge, and the Interdisciplinary Research Group on Nursing Issues (IRGNI) Mentorship Award.

Dr. Julie Fairman elected to American Philosophical Society

Julie A. Fairman, PhD, RN, FAAN, was elected to The American Philosophical Society (APS), the nation's oldest and most distinguished learned society. The APS was founded in 1743 by Benjamin Franklin to bring together creative thinkers in the sciences and other fields of study for the broad purpose of "promoting useful knowledge" and comprises a distinguished legacy including George Washington, John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, Albert Einstein, Robert Frost, and Sandra Day O'Connor, among many others. Dr. Fairman's distinguished contributions include innovative approaches such as the conceptualization of nursing as a key analytical category for understanding the history of health care and health policy post-World War II and leading a student-led seminar in which students use primary documents to explore the history of American health care. Dr. Fairman was the first nurse invited to deliver the Garrison Lecture at the American Association for the History of Medicine.

Links for more information on the above:

<https://www.nursing.upenn.edu/live/news/3057-penn-nursings-julie-a-fairman-phd-elected-to>

<https://www.amphilsoc.org/about/history>

<https://www.nursing.upenn.edu/live/news/2844-j-margo-brooks-carthon-phd-to-receive-the-18th-claire-m>

NEW OFFICERS ANNOUNCED

AAHN is proud to announce the selection of the following officers, who will assume their posts at the fall conference.

First Vice President: Gwyneth Franck, PhD RN MPH

Secretary: Shannon E. Perry, RN, PhD, ANEF, FAAM

Director, Member, Finance: Melissa Sherrod, PhD

Director, Chair Publications Committee: Dominique Tobbell, PhD

Director, Member, Strategic Planning: Jess Dillard-Wright, PhD, MA, RN, FAAN

Director, Chair, Diversity and Inclusion: Kylie M. Smith, PhD

Nominating Committee: Danielle Glynn, CA, DAS, MLS, MA

Nominating Committee: Marie O. Pitts Mosley, Ed.D, R.N

Current AAHN OFFICERS

Erin Spinney, President	Bill Cessato, Director: Communications
Brian Riggs, Executive Director	William Campbell, Director: Diversity & Inclusion
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Rima Apple, 2nd Vice President, Chair: Program Planning	Kim Curry, Director: Publications
Mary Gibson, Treasurer, Chair: Finance	Susan Armstrong-Reid, Director, Research
Valerie Sauda, Secretary	Gertrude Hutchinson, Director: Member/Strategic Planning
April Matthias, Director: Education	Nominating Committee: Oteka Jackson-Cenales, Mary E. Larkin, Ashley Graham-Perel, Liz Rogan (Chair).
Charlotte Swint, Director: Bylaws & Policies	
Lydia Wytenbroek, Director: Awards	

The AAHN Bulletin welcomes contributions from members. To submit announcements or features, please contact Kim Curry: akimbelcurry@outlook.com