

American Association for the History of Nursing Research Grant Committee

Dear AAHN Grant Committee:

I am writing to express my deep appreciation for the grant opportunities offered by the American Association for the History of Nursing. (AANH). As a PhD candidate in the History of Medicine at Northern Illinois University Dekalb, Illinois, the support provided by AANH grant was indispensable. I am writing my dissertation on the history of Provident Hospital in Chicago, Illinois. Provident Hospital was established by Dr. Daniel Hale Williams who is known for performing the first open heart surgery. My dissertation focuses on several issues among them being the extreme racism African American nurses and Black nursing students encountered during their education and careers. However, the most significant is the role of Provident Hospital in the prevention of diseases that affected African Americans in Chicago due to racial disparities. This grant enabled my research into Chicago's archives by covering the costs associated with archival research, travel, and project implementation, but the grant also allowed me to dedicate myself fully to my dissertation.

In conclusion, I would like to express my gratitude for the ongoing commitment of the American Association of Nurse Historians to support scholarly research in nursing history. The grants provided by your organization have a profound and lasting impact, promoting the understanding and appreciation of nursing's rich heritage.

Thank you once again for supporting nursing and medical historians that contribute to our collective knowledge of the past.

Sincerely,

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