

Dear AAHN members,

First, please let me introduce myself. I am Jane Brooks and the new Editor-in-Chief for *Nursing History Review*, taking over from Arlene Keeling. I am a senior lecturer at the University of Manchester in the UK and a researcher in the history of nursing, particularly the history of nursing in the Second World War. I officially do not start until September but because of the timing of the journal, I need to start the work for my first volume – 2025, now.

I feel very privileged to have been appointed to this position, especially as I am the first incumbent from outside the USA. I hope that I can do justice to those who selected me and follow in the excellent footsteps of my predecessors. Sadly, Christine Hallett has stepped down as Associate Editor, as she has retired. I am pleased to announce that Michelle Hehman has agreed to take over the role. Christine's retirement is a great loss to the editorial board, but Michelle is the perfect successor and her knowledge of the journal will be invaluable to me. Erin Spinney has taken over as Assistant Editor.

I am making a few changes to *NHR* from 2025 and establishing some new sections.

1. We are reducing the word count. This in no way diminishes the rigour, it simply places the journal on a more equal footing with comparable journals, such as *Social History of Medicine* and *Bulletin of the History of Medicine*, both of which have an upper limit of 12,000 words (including endnotes). The new word limit for *NHR* will be 7,000-15,000 words (including endnotes);
2. We are introducing a new doctoral student/post-doctoral section. Manuscripts for this section will be between 4,000-5,000 words (including endnotes). Whilst the word limit is lower, again this will not reduce the research excellence expected or the rigour of the peer review process. The editorial team will however, offer mentorship to the chosen author to ensure the final paper is of the quality required for *NHR*. It is requested that any postgraduate student or early career researcher – within three years of their doctorate, submit their manuscript by 1 October 2023. A review board will then choose the best for *NHR*. This section will become a regular feature, so if you are not ready for this October, please consider for future volumes.

The editorial board has liaised with the Editor of the Bulletin of AAHN and the runner/s up will be given the opportunity to publish in the Bulletin;

3. We will no longer have a section 'In plain sight'. Drs Keeling, Hehman and I have discussed this and feel that the importance of more diverse and inclusive scholarship has been raised and the time is now right for that to be an expectation of the scholarship of nursing history;
4. We will be introducing a topical section each year. The section for 2025 is 'Nursing History in the Curriculum', following the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) 'Essentials' document which outlines the expectations for nurse education:

'Understand the historical foundation of nursing as the relationship developed between the individual and nurse.' I am aware that there are a number of papers on this topic for AAHN conference this year and hope you will all consider submitting to *NHR*;

5. Finally, we will be re-introducing sections for methodological papers and Keynote talks as appropriate.

I do hope that together we can continue in the excellent tradition of this critical international journal.

Best wishes to you all,

Jane Brooks.