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**President's Message - Marg Gorrie**

Greetings to everyone!

It is a pleasure to bring to mind the CAHN/ACHN conference of this past June, organized and hosted by the British Columbia History of Nursing Professional Practice Group. The conference had exceptional displays, a wide range of paper presentations; time to enjoy discussions about nursing history and the opportunity to hear opera about Florence Nightingale. The opening remarks by Lynette Best, the Chief of Professional Practice and Nursing at St. Paul's Hospital where we were meeting, provided an interesting review of the development of this Catholic hospital. We had two Hannah Lectures this year. The first was by Dianna Dodd and the second by Glennis Zilm. Key aspects of Glennis' presentation "*Florence's Web*" *Links that help discover, preserve, and disseminate nursing history*" are available on the web (see the "links" section of the CAHN/ACHN website). Sandy Lewenson, the President of the American Association for the History of Nursing, gave a practical and interesting presentation on integrating history of nursing content into nursing education. The conference was well attended by a broad range of scholars and nurses from British Columbia, other parts of Canada and some from the United States and the United Kingdom. Thanks to Sheila Zerr and her team who created this event. A report on the conference is included in this newsletter.

Our annual general meeting provided an opportunity to thank Sonya Grypma who completed her term of office as membership chair on the executive. She has done a terrific job in managing the membership information and increased the number of members in the Association.

Florence Melchoir and the members of the Scholarship and Awards Committee have moved forward with planning for the Vera Roberts Endowment (VRE). We are very pleased to announce that applications for funding from the VRE can now be made. Funding can be requested for projects in the history of Northern and Outpost nursing. Specific guidelines for applicants wishing to be considered for a VRE award will be available on the CAHN/ACHN website. We hope to make the first award in 2007. If you have a project in mind don't hesitate to send an inquiry to Florence Melchior, chair of the Scholarship and Research Award committee if you like some more information. This is a significant milestone for our organization & a wonderful opportunity for those interested in the history of northern nursing.

Planning is underway for the 2007 conference to be held in Saskatoon in conjunction with the Canadian Society for the History of Medicine (CSHM). This is an opportunity to focus on nursing on the prairies. Maureen Lux has agreed to provide the Hannah Lecture. Her book, *Medicine That Walks: Medicine, Disease and Canadian Plains Native People, 1880-1940* won the Canadian Historical Association Clio Prize as well as the Royal Society of Canada's Hannah Medal for the History of Medicine.

Her research examines the health effects of colonialism Aboriginal people on the prairies. She is currently at work on a study of twentieth-century hospitalization and health care policy for Canadian Aboriginal people. The CAHN - CSHM conference will be held May 31 to June 2, 2007. We look forward to seeing you there! ( See Conference Announcement)

We continue to see restructuring in health care. The growth in nursing history scholarship and in membership in nursing history associations points to the centrality of history in understanding and helping to guide changes.

## Editors' Message -

Marilyn Beaton & Jeanette Walsh

The CAHN/ACHN conference in BC seems so long ago. We had a great time, and want to thank our hosts both for a marvellous event and for their hard work. It was good to meet other members of the executive; it does make a difference when you can put a face to the name. While our visit was short, it did provide an opportunity to meet others who share our interest in Canadian nursing history. We are back into the work groove following our short but beautiful summer.

Some local historical activities of interest include:

On Thurs, Oct 5 @ 2pm, a plaque commemorating Mary Southcott, founder of the first nursing school in NL was unveiled at the Signal Hill Interpretation Centre. In addition to her contribution to nursing in the province Mary was a strong advocate of the poor, particularly children, and for women's rights having been very active in the suffragette movement.

From September 2006 to January 2007, an exhibit entitled Cottage Hospitals: Celebrating 70 years of caring will be on display at The Rooms in St. John's. A unique system of nineteen cottage hospitals, six nursing stations and a clinic on a boat once provided health care all over Newfoundland. This exhibit takes you inside their walls to share the stories of the dedicated people who worked in these distinct hospitals.

Based on discussions at the meeting in Vancouver, we will continue to mail the newsletter. It is also posted on the CAHN/ACHN website.

Consider this an advanced notice. If you have any items of interest that you would like published please forward them to Marilyn or Jeanette and we will try our best to include them in the spring newsletter. While there are items that must be included such as committee reports, often there is space for items that would be of interest to the members.

## Treasurer's report -

Carol Helmstadter

Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) is holding a "roadshow" to give charities information on the changes in reporting which were introduced this year. I will be attending one of these three hour sessions on Tuesday October 24. As a registered charity CAHN/ACHN does not pay any tax on our revenues but we are required every year to file what is called an Information Return which details what our assets are (in our case our investments) what our revenue was and what and how we have spent it. CRA changed the rules for reporting last year. One of the new rules is that we have to spend a certain percentage of our assets on, in our case, forwarding the history of nursing.

The roadshow is actually a workshop in which CRA employees will explain the purpose of the new rulings and how they work. We spend far more than we are required to on our charitable activities (as opposed to administrative costs such as our telephone conferences).

## Scholarship Committee Report -

Florence Melchior

Chris Dooley is the recipient of the CAHN/ACHN Margaret Allemang Scholarship in Nursing History (2006). We look forward to the dissemination of his research: "Gender, Work, Skill and the Occupational Culture of Psychiatric Nurses in Western Canada, 1930-1975." Congratulations, Chris.

The Vera Roberts Endowment sub-committee has completed their work on developing guidelines in respect to title, committee awards structure, purpose of the endowment, application process, and management of the fund. The guidelines were presented and reviewed at the Annual General Meeting in June 2006. **Application forms for the endowment can be found on the CAHN/ACHN website.**

**Application forms for the CAHN/ACHN Margaret Allemang Scholarship in Nursing History can also be found on the website.** Students studying nursing history at the master's or doctoral level are encouraged to apply.

## Membership Renewal

Membership "Renewal time" is nearing. You will receive a reminder in the mail soon.

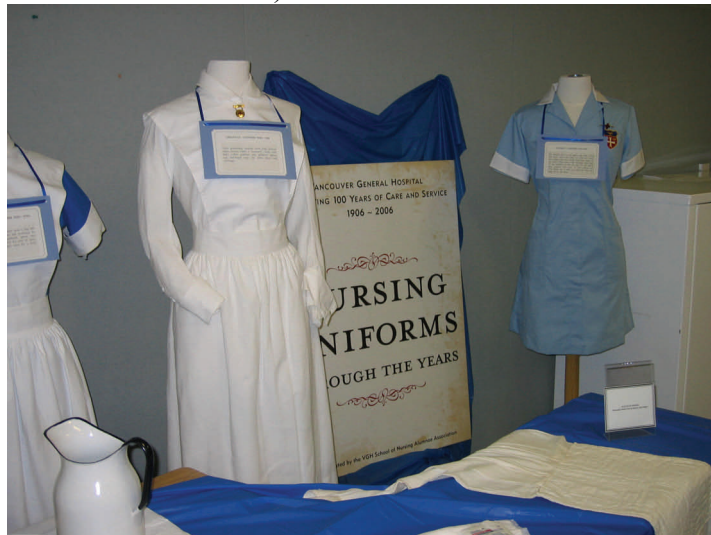
## Report of CAHN/ACHN 2006 Conference - Marg Gorrie

The CAHN/ACHN Executive Committee thanks the BC History of Nursing Group for hosting and organizing a very successful annual CAHN/ACHN History of Nursing Conference in St. Paul's Hospital, Vancouver in June. Their dedication and skillful organization made it a great, well-attended event. We were appreciative of the high scholarly level of the presentations from local, national and international scholars of the field. Noteworthy were a number of presentations analyzing the central role of religious women in the origins of modern nursing in Canada, addressing the work of sisterhoods in seventeenth century Quebec, but also in the place of the conference itself, St. Paul's Hospital. We learned about a wide range of topics from the history of nursing and a substantive number of students presented and attended, which may demonstrate that the field of nursing history is growing and thriving, providing an opportunity to analyze and reflect upon the critical role of nurses in a continuously shifting and changing health care system.

During the conference, the CAHN/ACHN AGM was held on June 9<sup>th</sup>. Much of the recent work of the organization has focused on the Vera Roberts Endowment. Florence Melchior, chair of the Scholarship and Awards Committee reviewed this initiative, through which interest from the \$200,000 endowment will be used to fund historical research and publication on the history of northern nursing. During the past year, an Ad Hoc Sub-Committee of the Scholarship Committee was formed (co-chaired by Judith Hibberd and Florence Melchior) to set up guidelines and new terms of reference. The main terms specify awards will be given for original scholarly research and publication of new knowledge on the history of Northern Nursing in Canada. Eligible applicants include graduate and post-doctoral students, established researchers in nursing history and persons with informal experience in historical research. The terms will be posted on the CAHN/ACHN website (<http://www.cahn-achn.ca>), along with the guidelines. The first award will be made in 2007, with a deadline for applications of February 1, 2007.

The 2007 conference will be held jointly with the Canadian Society for the History of Medicine at the Congress of Humanities and Social Sciences in Saskatoon.

The 2008 conference will be an international conference and will be held in Toronto. (See announcements for more information).



Display of various Nursing Uniforms in History.



People in Attendance



## Nurses of Note, Glennis Zilm

Acknowledgement: BC History of Nursing News, Vol. 17, Issue 2, July 2006).

Kwantlen University College celebrated its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year and during the celebrations their very own Glennis Zilm received an Honorary Doctor of Letters at the convocation Ceremony on May 30, 2006. The following is taken from the Convocation Connections: Special Edition May 30, 2006.

Over her 46-year career, Glennis Zilm has effectively combined nursing practice, education, and journalism into her work as a researcher and advocate of nursing history in BC and across Canada.

For her many immeasurable contributions to the betterment of her profession and her peers, Kwantlen University College recognized Glennis Zilm with an Honorary Doctor of Letters (Honoris Causa) at the 2006 convocation ceremony “I love being able to combine my careers as a nurse and a journalist. I have had many widely different work experiences since I graduated largely because I am willing to take a risk and try something a bit different. I am deeply honoured to accept this honorary degree.”

Glennis was born in Saskatchewan and was raised in New Westminster, BC. In 1958, she graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from UBC. A few years later she studied journalism at Carleton University and in 1982, received her Master of Arts and Communication from SFU. Now semi-retired, she continues to write and keeps herself busy with her own projects. When asked about her greatest

accomplishment, the Surrey/White Rock resident values many but considers her 2004 John B. Neilson Award from Associated Medical Services (formerly the Hannah Foundation) the most rewarding as it is given annually to a non-professional historian who promotes preservation of health care history in Canada. Glennis was the first Canadian nurse to be honoured in this manner. Other achievements she values relate to her work as a journalist with the Canadian Press (CP). Glennis worked with the wire service in various parts of Canada, including covering football games and figure skating in Edmonton and science on Parliament Hill. “It was a great opportunity and privilege to be one of the few women journalists on Parliament Hill at the time,” says Glennis. A highlight of those journalistic days was two trips to Canada’s far north. Glennis was one of a select group to accompany then – Governor General Roland Michener on a special summer tour of the Arctic. Even as a beginning journalist, Glennis had the honour of having some of her nursing articles appear in journals around the world – including one translated into Japanese.

“I hope that Kwantlen students take

**Skip Triplett,  
President, Kwantlen  
University College  
and Glennis Zilm.**

away a belief that they are agents of change,” says Glennis. “I look out over a room full of fledgling nurses, knowing that each and every one of them will likely save many lives.”

As a tireless advocate for nursing historical research, Glennis wants to instil a love of history in the next generation of health care professionals. Twice a year, she meets with Kwantlen nursing students, often in costume as Mrs. Miller, the first nurse to serve with Canada’s military forces. Her goal is to inspire students by making them aware of how individual nurses of the past have shaped nursing history.

Glennis is a shining example of what an “ordinary nurse” can do. Drawing from history, her experiences and those of her classmates 50 years ago, Glennis inspires students who may not realize that they have the power within themselves to be extraordinary. “I would like to tell all this year’s Kwantlen graduates that they possess this power – and to go out and make use of it! And remember to have fun too!”

Congratulations Glennis! well done!



## What has been the impact of A Caring Profession on: the public perception of nursing, nurses' perceptions of themselves and the dissemination of nursing history?

(Excerpts from Christina Bates' presentation at the 2006 CAHN conference in Vancouver).

*We need to make the general public aware that this history is relevant and interesting to them. It is the story of their mothers, grandmothers, and brothers – and it has yet to be told.*

Sioban Nelson, "The Fork in the Road: Nursing History Versus History of Nursing ?," *Nursing History Review* 10 (2002).

In her 2002 historiographical essay, Sioban Nelson asks who is the "audience" for nursing history, recommending that the inward-looking, "professional agenda, or self-serving basis," of nursing history research must reach outward to a broader public: I believe that the Caring Profession exhibition represents a milestone in this effort and based on visitor feedback, it is the mothers, grandmothers and brothers that drew them to the exhibition, and continue to privilege nursing in their worldview.

A survey of visitors last summer was conducted to determine who was most attracted to the exhibition, and what were visitors' levels of satisfaction with the exhibition. The visitation to date of 120,000 is satisfactory for our museum. What is exceptional, however, is the quality of the visitor experience in A Caring Profession. A survey of visitor behaviour revealed that a unique sub-group for the exhibition - 20 percent of the sample - spent 40 or more minutes, read most of the text, and stopped 25-35 times - more than is usual for an exhibition of its size, and they came specifically to see the exhibition. For many this was their first time in the museum, which is good news for the CMC. They were older adults, and not surprisingly, many were nurses.

About 50 % of visitors, non-nurses, spent between 15 – 20 minutes, and read quite a bit of text and stopped 10-25 times. The small remaining number just ran through the exhibition in 5 minutes. In the museum field, we call these three groups; scholars, strollers and streakers.

Surveys of 400 people showed that visitors were very favourable about the exhibition, virtually all rating it from excellent to good. Nurses, of course, chose excellent. It was found that if a member of the general public had a nurse in the family, or were cared for by a nurse, he or she

tended to rate the exhibition higher. Visitors who had a chance to meet a nurse in the nursing station rated the exhibition even higher showing that the nursing station volunteer program greatly enhanced their visit.

Strangely, when asked "What do you think this exhibition is saying about nurses," visitors were quite inarticulate. They mumbled something about how nurses are important. This does not worry us. A good experience in an exhibition is no longer judged on whether visitors can regurgitate the main messages.

The comments left in the nursing station attests to the passion they felt in A Caring Profession.

*"Nurses are a comfort in the night, an oasis in a desert of illness."*

*"To all those anonymous and selfless nurses out there, we thank you."*

*"The war stories and other dramatizations were gut-wrenching – they need to be told and retold."*

Perhaps most pleasing are the comments from children and youth:

*"I really never thought that history stuff would be so much fun, I never knew nursing went that far back in time."*

*"I am very proud of the people who become nurses. They have to study very hard and after that they work very hard to keep people healthy."*

*"Nurses r kool!"*

As expected, people who had nurses in the family, or had experienced a nurse drew great meaning from A Caring Profession:

*"My dad is the most important nurse in my life – facing many gender biases."*

*"My mother had polio and without the help of her nurses, she wouldn't be in the condition she is in now."*

*"My favourite nurse in my grandmother. She nursed through World War 2 and gave one of the penicillins."*

I hope that I have given you some lessons we have learned about public perception of nursing, and how we harnessed it to capture the public's imagination and passion, to relate it to their mothers, grandmothers and brothers.

**Rachelle Lovesy, nurse and volunteer in A Caring Profession**



## Announcement of Vera Roberts Endowment

The CAHN/ACHN Board of Directors is pleased to announce the establishment of the Vera Roberts Endowment for research into the history of northern and outpost nursing. Applications are invited for the first research competition to be held early in 2007. The initial offering of funds will be of interest to students and established researchers requiring grants for research and/or publication in the amount of approximately \$3000 to \$5000. An application form and further details about this research fund are available on the Association's website: [www.cahn-achn.ca](http://www.cahn-achn.ca). Vera Roberts was a former member of CAHN/ACHN and had spent most of her professional career nursing in the Canadian north. She received several awards during her distinguished career including the Order of Canada. She left a generous legacy to be invested in perpetuity for the purpose of stimulating research and publication into the history of outpost nursing with priority to be given to circumpolar nursing in Canada.

## Items of Interest

### Lisbeth Hockey collection -

Submitted by Shirley Stinson, OC, AOE, RN, EdD Professor Emerita, University of Alberta

The online collection on Dr Lisbeth Hockey (1918 - 2004), known as the world's top nurse researcher, has been contributed by the Royal College of Nursing (RCN) to The UK Centre for the History of Nursing and Midwifery, University of Manchester : [www.ukchnm.org/hockey](http://www.ukchnm.org/hockey)

This source "celebrates the life and work of Lisbeth Hockey and provides a gateway to her archives and publications." It includes three oral history tapes of interviews with her,

conducted by RCN Archivist Susan McGann, based on the Guidelines prepared by Dr Shirley Stinson, University of Alberta. The completion of the Collection was made possible through the Scotland-based Hockey Memorial Trust Fund, to which many Canadian nurses also made generous contributions.

"Knowledge has its starting point in ideas," said Dr Hockey. This online source is a beginning compendium of how she put her ideas into action.

### The Arden Theatre St. Albert, Alberta, Mar. 10, 2007.

The Arden Theatre is presenting *Tempting Providence* in March - the heartfelt portrayal of Myra Bennett, a British nurse who moved to Newfoundland's rugged coast in 1921 after hearing about the desperate need for medical services in rural Canadian communities.

### For further information please contact :

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## Looking for research participants

I am a Master of Nursing student at the University of Ottawa interested in the nursing labour supply in Canada during 1950-60s. I request your help in making contact with foreign trained nurses who *came to* Canada, or Canadian nurses who *left* Canada during this time frame. Information concerning secondary sources on this topic as well is appreciated. Please contact me either by telephone (collect) or by regular mail or email. With many thanks,  
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## Memorial University School of Nursing: The Early Years and Onward: An Anniversary Website and Virtual Exhibit—Shania Goudie

2006 marks the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Memorial University School of Nursing, and in honour of this milestone it has launched an online virtual at the Nursing Research Day Conference this September. This exhibit focuses on the initiation and development of the School of Nursing, and also on the work of Joyce Nevitt, the founding director.

The archives are from the Joyce Nevitt Collection, and shed light on her contributions as well as the history of the school itself.

This project involves the collaboration of the School of Nursing, the Archives and Manuscripts Division of the Centre for Newfoundland Studies and the Faculty of Medicine Founders' Archive. The site will initially contain a history of the School of Nursing, a biography of Joyce Nevitt, selections from her archives, an overview of the directors to date, some photos, and possibly early faculty and class lists.

This website has long term possibility that extends beyond the anniversary celebration, and could develop into a continuing project containing more detailed histories, resources and ongoing projects, expanded sections on all the directors, class pictures and lists for every year, and an alumni posting area. This project also addresses the importance of researching the history of nursing, and creating and maintaining nursing archives. ([www.med.mun.ca/testopd/nursing/default.htm](http://www.med.mun.ca/testopd/nursing/default.htm)).

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### First CAHN/ACHN Conference — PEI.

This photo was taken during the first CAHN Conference in PEI. See if you can identify the members of the group and what year it was held?



## Book Reviews

**Burden of Memory**, by Vicki Delany (2006) Scottsdale AZ: Poisoned Pen Press ISBN 1-59058-266-7 334 pgs. \$34.95 hard cover Reviewed by Shirley Stinson, OC, AOE, RN, EdD, Professor Emerita, University of AB

Novels about military nurses are relatively rare. This one is more so, because it's a story about a World War II Canadian military nurse - written within the reticulum of an upper-class Ontario family. Delany's military nurse, Moira, now in her eighties, engages a professional journalist to write her memoirs, and tells the journalist, "I want this to be a story of the life of one Canadian woman," adding, "it's hard to get women's stories told and once told, heard." Author Delany, who loves the Canadian wilderness, is a systems analyst who lives in Oakville, Ontario.

Not only is this a fascinating mystery, but to use Noah Richer's phrase, Delany gives the reader a real "sense of Canadian place" (*This is My Country. What's Yours?*). The setting in which the journalist interviews Moira is at an elegant, old family summer cottage in the Muskoka lake district of Ontario, complete with servants, an inter-generational family which comes and goes, dogs and police. The roots of the mystery took place at that cottage - many years ago.

But in this historical fiction, there is another "sense of place" given the feeling of being a Canadian military nurse in the UK and some parts of Europe during WW II. Chapters about those experiences and two years of post-war nursing in England are interwoven with those of decades of life at the cottage. The substance about military nursing written by Cynthia Toman (2003), *Officers and*

*Ladies' : Canadian Nursing Sisters ... Second World War*, and the depth and scope about First World War military nursing practice and military nursing leadership in Susan Mann's (2005) biography, *Margaret Macdonald, Imperial Daughter*, are far more enlightening, scholarly and wonderfully documented. But the mystery of the "burden" carried by this WW II nurse makes for utterly fascinating reading.

**Traditions and Transitions- A Photographic History of Nursing in Saskatchewan**, by Sandra Bassendowski, RN. A new book launched by Saskatchewan Registered Nurses Association (SRNA) Reviewed by Nikita Schmidt, Policy and Communications, SRNA

"History has been called an enormous jig-saw with a lot of missing parts" (Carr, E.H. (1961) *What is history?* Landon, Penguin Books).

I believe it is important to have an historical awareness of our past so that we can examine the issues that face us today. We have a great deal to learn from the thousands of RNs who have provided safe, competent care to the people of Saskatchewan. The images in the photos of this book tell the history of nursing in Saskatchewan. The photographs reflect people, events, places and experiences from a moment in time in nursing's past.

"With photography, people capture meaningful moments in their lives that later are reflected on and interpreted to reveal the meaning of these moments within their lived experience" (Hagedorn, 1994, p. 46). The photographs and stories in this book serve as a bridge between nursing's

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past and today's nursing practice. "History begins with the handing down of tradition; and tradition means the carrying of the habits and lessons of the past into the future" (Carr, 1961, p. 108). There are so many parts of the history of nursing in Saskatchewan that remain to be discovered. Our part is in our future. I hope you enjoy the book.

**Tears, trials and triumphs: A history of the Victoria general hospital school of nursing, 1891-1995**, by Carter, J. (2005). Tantallon, Nova Scotia: Glen Margaret Publishing. Reviewed by Nerrisa Bonifacio, RN, BSN, MSN student UBC School of Nursing.

This book describes the history of the inception of the Victoria General (VG) Hospital School of Nursing in 1891 until the school's closure in 1995 in Halifax, Nova Scotia. The manuscript is written by Joan Carter (nee Kennedy), a VG hospital graduate, Class of 1963A. The book begins by highlighting the humble beginnings of the VG hospital formerly known as the Provincial and City Hospital prior to 1887; this in turn sets the stage of the official opening of the School of Nursing in 1891. In the first following chapters, the focus is on the "life" of the student nurse. Emphasis is placed on the student rules of conduct in the hospital and in residence, significant changes in the nursing education and training program, and student nurses' experiences of living in residence and working in the hospital. The latter chapters discuss changes in the nursing profession at the VG School of Nursing in relation to some broader issues such as the inclusion of men in nursing, war, and technological advancements. Interestingly, men were accepted at the VG School of Nursing from the very beginning, and the first graduating class of 1892 comprised of two male graduates. Excerpts from oral history interviews from nursing graduates dating back to 1916-1993 are noted throughout the chapters which strengthen the book's appeal and credibility; as well as intensify the reader's interest and curiosity.

Joan Carter is successful in her quest to give voice to the VG graduates in order to share their stories with the public. A strong sense of ongoing and everlasting camaraderie among the VG graduates resounds throughout the book. The reader is kept constantly entertained through Carter's subtle humour and drawn to the pages of the book as fascinating facts are revealed. This book compiles, in a skillful way, a valuable and interesting documentary of an important piece of Canadian nursing history. Reading about the story of the VG School of Nursing will be of interest to nurses and health care professionals, but also to individuals interested in the regional and health care history of Nova Scotia.

## Conference Announcements/ Call for papers

**Canadian Historical Association Annual Meeting**, University of Saskatchewan Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, May 28-30, 2007

Building on the momentum generated by two recent centennials (the creation of the province in 1905 and city status for Saskatoon in 1906), the University of Saskatchewan will proudly host the annual meeting of the Canadian Historical Association in late May 2007 as part of its own centennial celebrations.

The overarching conference theme is "Bridging Communities: Making Public Knowledge, Making Knowledge Public." Scholars are encouraged to consider the connections between historical research and the public (such as the public impact of historical inquiry), as well as address how history can be made meaningful and accessible to the public.

The two sub-themes are "Aboriginal Peoples" and "The Circumpolar North." Preference will be given to those proposals that meet the target themes but a concerted effort will be made, where possible, to include paper proposals dealing with other areas of historical inquiry. International and comparative topics are strongly encouraged.

Anyone interested in presenting a paper (individual or part of a proposed session) or organizing a panel, roundtable or forum (with possible participants) should visit the Canadian Historical Association website at <http://www.cha-shc.ca/> and follow the links for information and instructions. The new forum format will be one of the key features of the Saskatoon conference.

All submission must be made electronically. The absolute deadline for submissions is October 31, 2006. **NO LATE SUBMISSIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

Questions about the CHA conference in general and the program in particular should be directed to Bill Waiser, chair of the program committee at [bill.waiser@usask.ca](mailto:bill.waiser@usask.ca) or 306-966-5801.

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## Conference Announcements/ Call for Papers continued.

### 2007 CAHN/ACHN conference at the University of Saskatchewan, May 31 -- June 2.

The 2007 CAHN/ACHN conference will be held in conjunction with the Canadian Society for the History of Medicine (CSHM). The dates of the meeting are Thursday, May 31 to Saturday, June 2, 2007. Lisa Smith and Sandra Basendowski at the University of Saskatchewan will co-chair the conference and Barry Edginton at the University of Winnipeg and Geertje Boschma at the University of British Columbia will co-chair the program committee.

The 2007 CSHM Paterson Lecturer will be Prof. Heinrich von Staden of the Institute for Advanced Studies in Princeton, NJ. Heinrich von Staden is a world authority on ancient Greek medicine so it should be a fascinating Hannah Lecture.

The AMS-CAHN-Hannah Lecturer will be Maureen Lux, Assistant Professor of History at Brock University and author of *Medicine that Walks: Disease, Medicine and Aboriginal People in the Canadian West 1880-1930*.

The CSHM meets once a year in conjunction with Congress of the Social Sciences and the Humanities. The theme of the 2007 Congress of the Social Sciences and Humanities will be, "**Bridging Communities: Making public knowledge, Making knowledge public.**" Abstracts on other topics are also welcome.

CAHN members and/or nursing history scholars may submit their abstract and a one-page c.v. for consideration by **15 December 2006** to:

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Abstracts must not exceed 350 words. **Submit abstracts by mail or e-mail.** By mail, send one original and 3 copies, typed single-spaced on one sheet of paper. The Committee will notify applicants of its decision by January 22, 2007. For students invited to present some travel support may be available. Indicate student status on your abstract.

N.B. If invited to present at the meeting, the author must undertake to provide a translation of the abstract in French

for the bilingual program book. Please visit the CSHM website for more information on the Congress arrangements:

<http://meds.queensu.ca/medicine/histm/cshmweb/cshhome.html>><http://meds.queensu.ca/medicine/histm/cshmweb/cshhome.html>

### 2008 International Conference on the History of Nursing

Plans for CAHN/ACHN's 2008 International Conference are moving forward. We are planning a two-and-a-half day conference to be held Thursday June 5 through Saturday June 7, 2008. CAHN/ACHN will be the main organizer. The Faculty of Nursing at University of Toronto, Women's Studies at York University, the Ryerson School of Nursing and the Allemang Centre for the History of Nursing have agreed to co-sponsor the conference.

The conference theme will be borders, boundaries and political context in nursing and health care history. There will be four sub-themes: (1) the colonial and political contexts of health care, (2) religious influence focusing on nursing sisterhoods and missionary nursing, (3) the political context of psychiatric practice, and (4) northern nursing and regionality. Translation will be provided only for papers given in languages other than English.

Two Hannah lectures are planned with two distinguished international scholars on nursing history. The first is Karen Schultheiss, Assistant Professor of History at the University of Illinois, Chicago, author of *Bodies and Souls: Politics and the Professionalization of Nursing in France 1880-1922*. The second is Catherine Choy, Associate Professor from the Department of Ethnic Studies at the University of California Berkeley; author of the highly acclaimed book, *Empire of Care: Nursing and Migration in Filipino American History*.

Accommodations will be available at the Delta Chelsea Hotel on Gerrard Street as the Conference Hotel. Student residence rooms at the university will also be available.

Included in the conference fee will be a cash bar and welcome buffet reception on opening night, continental breakfasts and buffet lunches on Friday and Saturday and tea and coffee breaks in the mornings and afternoons. On Friday there will be an optional banquet, which registrants must pay for themselves, with cash bar. On Saturday there will be an informal workshop for students during the lunch break.

Please check the CAHN/ACHN website for further information. The call for abstracts should be posted in the near future.

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