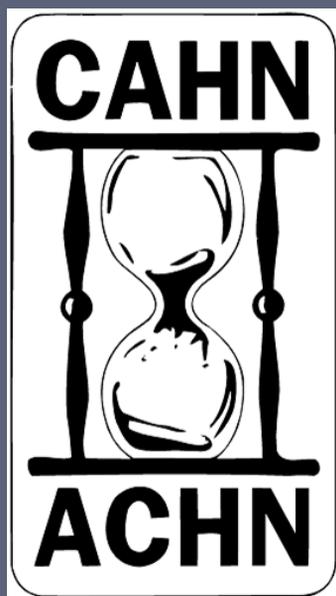


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President's Message: Lydia Wytenbroek Fall 2015

Greetings to all!

Where has the summer gone? It is hard to believe that we are already heading into the first week of October! For those of us who work in academic institutions, the fall is the beginning of a new year and offers a great opportunity to both reflect on the past and look toward the future. As I think about CAHN/ACHN's activities over the past year and its proposed future projects, I am excited about the important work of our organization in promoting the significance of nursing history and supporting and fostering nursing history scholarship in Canada.

CAHN/ACHN-CSHM/SCHM Joint Conference

From May 30th to June 1st, CAHN/ACHN joined with CSHM/SCHM for a conference at the University of Ottawa. The conference was well-attended by CAHN/ACHN members from across the country, as well as nurse historians from the United States, New Zealand and the UK. Several CAHN/ACHN members delivered interesting papers on a range of topics pertaining to the history of nursing and healthcare. *(continued on next page...)*

This year's Hannah Lecture was delivered by Christine Hallett, Professor of Nursing History at the University of Manchester and Chair of the UK Association for the History of Nursing. In her fascinating talk, "Le Petit paradis des blesés: Nurses, Nursing and Internationalism on the Western Front (1915-1918)," Hallett examined four published sources written by women who treated injured soldiers in L'Hôpital Chirurgical Mobile No 1, a military hospital near the Belgian front. She spoke to the "vagaries of the historical record" by looking at the works and writings of nurses from the United States, Canada and Britain who worked in the unit. Of special significance to the audience was Hallett's discussion of Canadian-born and United States-trained nurse Agnes Warner, whose letters home to her Mother were published without her knowledge in 1916 as *My Beloved Poilus*. Many thanks to Christine for delivering such a fascinating talk! I would also like to extend a big thank you to the Associated Medical Services for its contribution to the success of the conference. The Hannah Lecture is made possible through the generous support of AMS and it was a pleasure to meet AMS CEO Gail Paech at the conference this year. Ms. Paech attended many of the conference events, including the CAHN/ACHN AGM. You will have the opportunity to read more about Ms. Paech and her distinguished record in healthcare later on in this newsletter.

On Saturday evening, a group of about twelve CAHN/ACHN members gathered for dinner at the Southern Cross Grill to have dinner with Hannah Lecturer Christine Hallett. Also present at the dinner were two of our international members, Colleen Bowers and Kate Prebble. One of the highlights of attending conferences, such as this one, is the chance to catch up and converse with friends and colleagues. The dinner was a highlight of the conference for myself and I very much enjoyed the chance to chat about nursing history informally with other members of CAHN/ACHN.

The CAHN/ACHN AGM took place on Sunday, May 31. The AGM was well attended and we were able to get through a fair bit of business. We had the opportunity to thank Beverly Hicks for all her work on the executive over the past six years. *(continued on next page...)*

We also had the pleasure of thanking Jayne Elliott, who stepped down as Membership Chair after filling the position for almost a decade! It was such a pleasure to receive renewal reminders and notes from Jayne over the years. Our most heartfelt thanks to Jayne for her extensive work managing the membership database and renewals over the past many years. Both Beverly and Jayne have invested a great deal of time and effort into the success of CAHN/ACHN and deserve our greatest thanks.

Finally, I would like to thank Program Chair Marie-Claude Thifault and Local Arrangements Coordinator Isabelle Perreault for their work in organizing and planning such a successful conference.

Upcoming Conference

Our next CAHN/ACHN conference, “Brains, Guts and Gumption: Historical Perspectives on Nursing Education, Practice and Entrepreneurship,” will take place in Vancouver, BC, from June 16-18, 2016. Geertje Boschma is hard at work planning the conference and it promises to be an incredible one! Please see the CFP in this newsletter and consider joining us in Vancouver for what will be an exciting and enjoyable conference, part of which will take place at historic St. Paul’s Hospital!

Future Directions

The Long-Range Planning Committee is currently in the process of undertaking a strategic planning process. The purpose of the strategic planning process is to help CAHN/ACHN clarify the outcomes it wants to achieve as an organization and to identify broad strategies to meet these outcomes. The end result will be the development of a plan that will provide the future direction for CAHN/ACHN. All CAHN/ACHN members should have received a survey in August and the LRPC was pleased to have received more than 50 returned surveys. Thank you to all of you who provided input, either through the strategic-planning meeting at the conference in Ottawa or the surveys, during this process. The LRPC is currently reviewing the valuable feedback you provided in these surveys and will keep you informed about their work as a committee. *(continued on next page...)*

News & Another Thank You

Helen Vandenberg, current Vera Roberts Award recipient, will be assuming the role of Vice-President of CAHN/ACHN in January 2016. Welcome, Helen!

And finally, I wish to thank outgoing president Margaret Scaia for all the time and energy she spent on CAHN/ACHN-related activities over the past two years. Many thanks, Margaret!

Helen and I are excited to follow in the footsteps of past presidents and members who have worked hard to ensure the success of this organization and who have effectively promoted nursing history and nursing history scholarship in Canada. It is a privilege to be assuming the role of president and I look forward to getting to know you over the coming years. I look forward to meeting those of you whom I have not yet had the pleasure of meeting at the conference in Vancouver. Feel free to send me an e-mail as well. I always enjoy hearing from CAHN/ACHN members, and especially appreciate conversing with and learning from those who have a longer institutional history with CAHN/ACHN than I do.

Sincerely,

Lydia Wytenbroek

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Remember to check the CAHN/ACHN website for updates, news and the contact information of Board members:

<http://cahn-achn.ca/>

CAHN/ACHN

News and Awards

Social Media

According to Hubspot Inc., 80% of marketers in 2014 said that social media marketing increased traffic to their websites.

CAHN/ACHN members can use social media to attract new visitors to our website, advertise our events and conferences, form partnerships with other organizations and increase brand recognition.

If you're on Twitter, tweet about CAHN/ACHN news using the hashtags **#CAHN**, **#ACHN** or **#histnursing**. Share images and news on Facebook, Instagram and other social media outlets.

Have any ideas to improve our social media reach? Send them our way!

Awards

CAHN-ACHN offers two major financial awards each year: the **Margaret M. Allemang Scholarship** for graduate students (Masters or PhD level) studying in the field of nursing history, and the **Vera Roberts Award** for historians of nursing (academic or independent) who are working on Canadian nursing history focused on the region north of the 60th parallel.

For more information, and for the application forms, please visit:

<http://cahn-achn.ca/awards/>

Please note that electronic submissions are preferred.

Si vous voulez, nous vous encourageons fortement à nous envoyer des soumissions en français. Nous sommes une Association bilingue.

Edith Cavell

A Century after Her Death

By Noreen Bolton

Second only to Florence Nightingale, Edith Cavell may be the most recognizable name in nursing history. 12 October 2015 marks a century since her execution for treason via firing squad by the invading German army in Brussels, Belgium – one year after the start of the First World War. This brief essay serves as a memorial to her life and work and a commentary on her legacy.



Cavell's early life

Cavell was born in Swardeston, England on 4 December 1865. Prior to taking her nurse's training, she was a governess to a Belgium family for five years. In 1895, Cavell left Belgium and returned to England to care for her ailing father.

After her father's death, Cavell chose to enter the nursing profession at the age of 30. She trained at the London Fever Hospital in the Florence Nightingale tradition. Upon graduation, she took on several positions throughout England.

In 1907, a Belgian doctor recruited Cavell to start a nursing school in Brussels. Over an eight-year period, Cavell developed and refined the first nurse's training program and institute in Belgium, recruiting students from across Europe.

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The Start of the Great War

In August 1914, Germany invaded Belgium. Trench warfare started almost immediately and Cavell's school and hospital were soon taken over by the Red Cross. School staff was also required to provide care to German soldiers. Cavell, who had been in England at the start of the war, quickly returned to Belgium. Several months after the German invasion, whether recruited by the French Resistance or wounded British soldiers, nurse Cavell was drawn into providing nursing care for her fellow countryman and the French soldiers trapped in Brussels after the Battle at Mons. Fearful that these Allies would be caught and executed by the Germans, Cavell also facilitated their escape from occupied territory to the neutral Netherlands. It is reported that she successfully aided the escape of some 200 persons.

Her Execution

How the Germans discovered Cavell's covert activities is unclear. It is reported that Cavell received cards of thanks and gratitude from troops that she assisted to escape. Was one of these cards intercepted? Or was it nurse Cavell's outspoken nature that caused the Germans to become suspicious? When questioned about the prudence of her outspokenness Cavell is quoted as saying, "In times like this when terror makes might seem right...there is a higher duty than prudence."

Upon questioning by the Germans, Edith Cavell openly admitted to aiding Allied troops in escaping the occupied territory. Although several governments, including those of the United States and Belgium, advocated for lenience in Cavell's case, the German government remained determined to execute her for treason.

A clergyman attended to Cavell prior to her execution, when she is quoted as saying: "I have no fear, nor shrinking: I have seen death so often it is not strange nor fearful to me."

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Aftermath

International response to Cavell's death seems to have been swift. From sensational newspaper articles to postcards that depict Cavell being shot by a loon German officer – the wheels of propaganda began to turn. Some report acceleration in the number of some 40,000 war volunteers worldwide in the year after nurse Cavell's death. After the war, her body was returned to England for a state funeral.

Cavell's Legacy

In 1957, biographer of Edith Cavell, A.A. Hoehling, argued that government documents of the time shed light on the execution of Edith Cavell and “prove her to be a martyr to a number of causes.” Today, nurses, scholars and the general public remember the life and work of nurse Edith Cavell. Governments and nurse organizations in New Zealand, the United States, Canada, Britain and Australia, have worked to name many streets and monuments in her honour. There is even a Canadian mountain named for her in Jasper, Alberta. The latest tribute in her name is the striking of a £5 commemorative coin. A list of centenary events can be found at <https://revdc.wordpress.com/2015-centenary-events/>

What does nurse Edith Cavell mean to you? If you have any comments or have a story to share, let us know!



Congress Review

by: Kate Prebble, PhD

Senior Lecturer, School of Nursing, University of Auckland

Comment from ‘Down Under’: A New Zealander Reflects on the SCHM/CAHN 2015 Annual Conference

What a pleasure it was to attend the 2015 annual conference of SCHM/CAHN in Ottawa this June. By good fortune, the conference coincided with my research and study trip to the UK and Canada. Thank you, Professor Geertje Boschma, for alerting me to the conference!

I appreciated the way this conference showcased nursing history alongside medical and other health topics. The programme reflected a depth of historical analysis that went beyond disciplinary limitations – this was not merely a ‘nursing’ or a ‘medical’ conference. The breadth and depth of presentations was exemplified in the two keynote speakers. Christine Hallett gave an informative address about First World War nurses at a French military hospital and raised questions about the use of published memoirs as historical sources. While I found her discussion of the methodological issues extremely valuable, I was left wishing that she had drawn a line in the sand – this could have led to interesting debate. Natalie Zemon Davis’ address was equally as interesting, but very different. Her topic about, ‘medical practitioners and their forms of healing in the slavery world of 18th century Dutch colony of Suriname opened my eyes to a new area in the history of medicine/health. Her address created an intricate picture of the intersections of culture, spirituality, politics and power that shaped health practices in that setting.

I was pleased that there were a number of papers on mental health – my area of expertise. The sessions on deinstitutionalisation were of particular interest, as this is where I have focused my recent work in New Zealand.

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Chris Dooley and Megan Davies gave an inspiring account of the pan-Canadian ‘After the Asylum’ project which used a multi-disciplinary approach and strove to be truly inclusive of service users. Diane Purvey complemented their address with her description of a ‘community-informed mental health curriculum’ that has been shaped through a process of service user consultation. For those of us who conduct mental health history or teach mental health professionals, these issues of social justice, power and ‘voice’ are vital. My hope is that historians will continue to create opportunities for discussion and debate of such methodological issues.

Another area of my research is the recent growth of forensic psychiatric institutions internationally. I was interested and saddened by Luciana Brito’s case-study of a man who has been incarcerated in a Brazilian forensic hospital for over forty years. Her account highlighted contemporary questions of justice and rights for mental health patients, particularly in secure environments.

Other highlights of the conference included: listening to presentations outside my usual area of research – Claire Cheetham’s analysis of ‘the influence of Marie Stopes on British Society and Establishment’ stands out; opportunities to renew old friendships and forge new ones; and observing the level of organisation and commitment in the CAHN/ACHN.

My only disappointment was that I could not understand the French language presentations. At times like this, I regret that I did not work harder on my French classes at school!

CAHN/ACHN Conference 2015 Ottawa: Lunch
with Christine Hallett, the 2015
Hannah Lecturer

Back row, L to R: Dr. Kate Prebble (University
of Auckland, New Zealand), Lydia Wytenbroek
(York University), Catherine Haney (UBC), Dr.
Andrea McKenzie (York University), Dr.
Margaret Scaia (University of Victoria), Dr.
Beverly Hicks (Manitoba)
Front row: Dr. Christine Hallett (University of
Manchester, UK), Dr. Geertje Boschma (UBC),
Dr. Susan Armstrong-Reid (University of
Guelph)



International Conference on Nursing History

By: Carol Helmstadter

A side trip to Kaiserswerth which could not have been more enjoyable preceded the Dublin conference. Twenty of us stayed at the Mutterhaus Hotel. The hotel, as the name indicates, was actually originally the mother house of the deaconesses, built in the late 1890s with money from the Kaiser. It has been beautifully converted into a hotel with all the modern conveniences plus spacious rooms with high ceilings and a lovely dining room offering typical excellent German food. We had a tour with the Kaiserswerth archivist and historian, accompanied by the pastor of the church. In addition we had an afternoon cruise on the Rhine plus a whole day's tour of Dusseldorf and Cologne which were all quite fascinating. I had not realized that Cologne was the largest city in Roman Germany. Allied bombing in the Second World War destroyed 70% of the city but it also revealed many Roman ruins which, in the centuries since the Roman Empire fell, had been built over.

Dublin made a lovely backdrop for the conference which was co-sponsored by University College Dublin and the AAHN. Dublin is such a beautiful city with lovely green squares full of flowers and fabulous museums and wonderful shopping, all very accessible to our hotel. *(continued on next page...)*



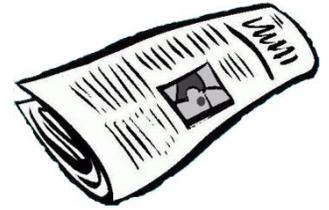
This year, 59 abstracts were submitted, the largest number AAHN has ever had. There were four concurrent sessions, some with four papers, which made it hard to choose the presentations one wanted to hear. The majority were given by British, Irish, American and Australian nurses but there were also papers by Spanish, Norwegian, German and Swedish nurses. There were only five Canadians, four of whom gave papers, but one of the Canadian presenters, Erin Spinney, a graduate student at the University of Saskatchewan, won the AAHN student grant. I found two of the most interesting papers were those given by two Spanish scholars on Spanish nursing in the seventeenth century. In 1588 when the Spaniards made their disastrous attempt to invade England the Armada included a hospital ship with 22 trained nurses on board.

The two keynote speakers were both very interesting. Dr. Dorrie Fontaine, Dean of the Nursing School at the University of Virginia, spoke on 'Compassionate Care through the Centuries.' She highlighted a number of famous historical nurses who cared for their patients with empathy and understanding and then went on to discuss how her faculty of nursing is building compassion and support for the nurses themselves as well as for our patients into the curriculum. Dr. Christine Hallett, Director of the U. K. Centre for Nursing and Midwifery History, spoke on 'Neutrality, Engagement and Humanitarian Response: U. S Nurses in the First World War.' Christine has an incredibly broad and sophisticated knowledge of the primary sources for First World War nursing. Her lecture provided an in-depth illustration of Dorrie's discussion of compassionate nursing. It was wonderful to see nursing being addressed from these two perspectives which we sometimes lose sight of in our own day.

For more about this conference, the AAHN and the UCD School of Nursing, Midwifery and Health Systems, please visit:

<http://www.aahn.org/> and <http://www.nmhs.ucd.ie/>

Nursing in the News



Navy ship named after Margaret Brooke

- In April 2015, a new offshore patrol ship was named after nurse Margaret Brooke, who tried to save her friend when the SS Caribou ferry sank off the coast of Newfoundland during the Second World War.
- For more details on this story, please visit:
<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/newfoundland-labrador/navy-ship-named-after-margaret-brooke-naval-hero-in-ss-caribou-sinking-1.3031254>

Failing Nurse Examinations

- According to Global News, Canadian nurses are failing an American-based, online exam (dubbed NCLEX) at a high rate. NCLEX replaced the written Canadian Registered Nurse Examination in January 2015.
- 4,701 Canadian students took the exam in the past six months and of those, 1,380 failed. Some claim the failure rate is high because the test has little relevancy to Canadian health care.
- For more information, please visit:
<http://globalnews.ca/news/2227196/canadian-nursing-students-failing-new-exam-at-high-rate/>

If you have any news about the nursing profession that you would like to share or discuss, please let the newsletter team know!

Nursing History Research Unit/Unité de recherche sur l'histoire du nursing

By Alessandra Iozzo (University of Ottawa)

The spring and summer were a very busy time for the NHRU/URHN. We began with the Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences, held here at the University of Ottawa. The unit had several members who helped to organize the CSHM-SCHM component of the congress.



In addition, several of our members presented very interesting papers including a joint panel, representing the interdisciplinary work of the NHRU-URHN by graduate students, Sandra Harrison, Alexandre Audet-Pelletier and Alessandra Iozzo-Duval.

Alessandra Iozzo-Duval is the unit's new postdoctoral fellow after defending her doctoral thesis in early June. Alessandra's postdoctoral research seeks to build on her doctoral work focussed on the intersection of citizenship education, gender and disability at the Ontario School for the Deaf, 1870-1914. The role of nurses, both as staff members and purveyors of "good" health messages at the school, forms the basis of her early research. In particular, this postdoctoral work seeks to establish a link between the fields of the history of education and the history of nursing and health discourses. A key element of Alessandra's work is the belief that there is much to be gained from examining the role of nurses and nursing as it appears in health related curricula in state funded educational institutions.

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We are pleased to announce that Cynthia Toman's eagerly anticipated book, *Sister Soldiers of the Great War: Nurses of the Canadian Army Medical Corps* (UBC Press) is scheduled for release in the spring of 2016. Cynthia is a founding member of the NHRU-URHN and her continued work in the field is a source of pride for the unit.

Another success that we are eager to celebrate is the awarding of a five year CHIR grant to Marie-Claude Thifault (Principle Investigator), Alexandre Klein (Co-researcher) and Karin Aubin (Postdoctoral Fellow) for their project, *Des institutions et des femmes : Évolution du nursing psychiatrique au Québec, 1912-1974*. The team will study the history of nursing psychiatry in Quebec and produce a web documentary based on their research.

The unit continues to provide learning and funding opportunities for nursing students who may be interested in nursing history. Over the summer, two undergraduate students received a \$1,000 scholarship to work with Marie-Claude Thifault and Alessandra Iozzo-Duval, developing historical research skills. The purpose of these scholarships is to teach undergraduate students historical research methods and encourage them to take up research in nursing and health history. Similarly, we have launched our graduate scholarship award program (\$10,000) for nursing students, at the University of Ottawa, whose graduate work centres on nursing or health history. In an effort to allow our graduate students to engage with the broader nursing history community, the unit is pleased to set aside funds to sponsor two University of Ottawa students who wish to present papers at the 2016 International Nursing History Conference of the Canadian Association for the History of Nursing/Association Canadienne pour l'Histoire du Nursing to be held in Vancouver, in the spring/summer of 2016. Each of the two students will receive \$1,500 to assist with travel expenses.

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We are working on developing the unit's first graduate student conference, to be held in May 2016. We anticipate that this will be a one day conference, held at the University of Ottawa, which will encourage graduate students to present their work in an environment that is geared towards developing strong conference skills. Video conference presentations are welcome. Please look for an upcoming call for papers.

Finally, due to the success of the unit's monthly research meetings during the 2014-2015 academic year, we have decided to continue these meetings on the first Thursday of every month. We have had great success in bringing together students and researchers interested in nursing history from a variety of different institutions. If you feel like you would like to join one of our meetings, either in person or via video conference, please contact us at nhru@uottawa.ca and we would be happy to welcome you. Broadening the network of scholars interesting in deepening the quality of work related to nursing history is an important goal.



For more information about the Nursing History Research Unit / Unité de recherche sur l'histoire du nursing (University of Ottawa), please visit their website at:

<http://www.health.uottawa.ca/nursing-history/>

BC History of Nursing Society

25th Anniversary High Tea

By: Kathy Murphy (BCHNS President)

On Sunday September 20, 2015, over 40 guests gathered at Hycroft, the home of the University Women's Club in Vancouver, to celebrate and recognize people who had played significant roles in the history of the group. Started at the time of the 75th Anniversary of the Registered Nurses Association of BC, the main focus of the group has been to collect and preserve nursing history in this province.

Greetings were given by Nora Whyte who had also done this at the first meeting in May, 1990. Greetings were received from Lydia Wytenbroek, CAHN President, the Royal Jubilee Hospital School of Nursing Alumni, and Cleta Brown, the President of UWC Vancouver. Joan Andrews, the former Librarian and Manager of the Helen Randel Library at the RNABC, was recognized for her wonderful support and thoughtful service to our members. *(continued on next page...)*



Table of guests at the BCHNS 25th anniversary high tea
Photo courtesy of Bruce Holvick

For more about the BC History of Nursing Society, please visit their website at:

www.bcnursinghistory.ca

Sheila Rankin Zerr was presented with Honorary Membership in the Society. A founding member of this group and CAHN, Sheila has promoted and supported many activities related to nursing history over the years. An outstanding educator, administrator, coordinator, mentor and researcher, she is a sought-after guest speaker for many groups often using her miniature historical figures or her outstanding collection of nursing uniforms and costumes. Her Nursing Miniatures Collection raised over \$12,000 for BCHNS Scholarship Funds. In 1997, she successfully chaired the International History of Nursing Conference which welcomed 155 participants from around the world and resulted in a profit which was shared by CAHN and the BCHNS. Sheila has served in several Executive positions of this and other professional groups and also at the community level. Significant contributions have also been undertaken through scholarly activities and research. Sheila is an outstanding role model and most deserving of this award.

Honorary Members who were present were Helen Shore and Glennis Zilm. Those unable to be present and previous members were mentioned by name. A presentation of financial assistance to publish her book about the VADs was given to Linda Quiney, an Associate Member. Glennis Zilm, dressed in the costume of Mrs. Millar, presented a wonderful illustrated history of "Nursing in the Battlefields." Gift pens celebrating this event were given to each guest.



Above L: Sheila Rankin Zerr receiving her Honorary Membership

Above R: Group picture, with Glennis Zilm in the costume of Mrs. Millar, in the front row

Photos courtesy of Bruce Holvick

AMS, Gail Paech and The Phoenix Project

It is a privilege to introduce Associated Medical Services CEO Gail Paech to you in this newsletter! As mentioned in the President's message, many CAHN/ACHN members had the pleasure of talking with Ms. Paech when she attended the conjoint conference in Ottawa this past summer. CAHN/ACHN appreciates AMS for its support of medical and nursing history in Canada. It is AMS' generosity that provides for the annual CAHN/ACHN Hannah Lecture and thereby contributes to the success of our annual conferences. Ms. Paech has a distinguished record in healthcare and it is an honor to introduce her here. I look forward to conversing with Ms. Paech in the future. Thanks, Lydia (CAHN/AHCN President)

GAIL PAECH, CEO, AMS

Ms. Paech is a seasoned professional with over 25 years of experience in the public, private and non-profit sectors. She brings strong leadership and a proven track record in leading large-scale projects focused on health system change to her role as CEO of Associated Medical Services Inc. Ms. Paech provides strategic and operational leadership to AMS, a charitable organization with an impressive history as a catalyst for change. AMS has, and continues to have profound impact on the healthcare of Canadians through its support of the history of medicine and healthcare, health professional education and compassionate healthcare.

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THE PHEONIX PROJECT aims to make a difference in how health professionals develop and sustain their abilities to provide humane, compassionate, person-centred care. 2011 saw AMS's creation of the innovative multi-year **Phoenix Project: A Call to Caring** that focuses on making a positive and lasting difference in how health professionals develop and sustain their abilities to provide humane care to patients and the population at large.

The Project is based on the premise that health professionals provide the best care when they are able to balance human compassion and technical expertise. AMS acts as a catalyst for change by making strategic investments and working with educators, health professionals, workplaces and other partners to nurture and sustain education and workplace environments that support this balance.

The Project is focused on three overarching activities. To create Champions: Identify and support champions for caring relationships, through the development of contemporary and future healthcare professionals, who will model compassionate care in their everyday work. Strategies: Promote creative strategies for caring in both education and clinical practice to be developed, investigated and shared with the wider community. Communities of Practice: Cultivate communities of practice, both face-to-face and virtual, building on existing groups and developing new networks in order to advance compassionate healthcare.

AMS Phoenix carries out these goals through the following activities: AMS Phoenix Fellowships, AMS Call to Caring Grants, Annual Phoenix Conference, and Outreach and Promotion.

For more about AMS, Gail Paech, The Phoenix Project and more, please visit their website at:

<http://www.theamsphoenix.ca/index.html>



Conferences

CAHN/ACHN Annual Conference, 16-18 June 2016, Vancouver

Call for Abstracts: *Brains, Guts and Gumption: Historical Perspectives on Nursing Education, Practice and Entrepreneurship*

Exploring connections between health, nursing and leadership, the conference welcomes papers that analyze the various ways in which nurses have negotiated their roles as educators, practitioners or entrepreneurs, testing new paths of work and practice as the context of health care changed and demanded new responses. Questions of education, practice, health policy and power will be examined, looking at critical areas of nursing's past. How did local, regional and global health contexts shape nursing practice and education? How did nurses negotiate new domains of work, authority and knowledge? What tensions arose over claims of knowledge, quality training, skill and professional identity? Abstracts on other topics are also welcome. Please submit a one page abstract (350 words max.) and a one page CV for consideration to Dr. Margaret Scaia, University of Victoria, mrscaia@uvic.ca. **Due date for submission is Jan. 31, 2016.**



For more important details, please visit our website: <http://cahn-achn.ca/annual-conference/>

The CAHN/ACHN conference is hosted by the University of British Columbia (UBC) Consortium for Nursing History Inquiry, and co-sponsored by the UBC School of Nursing, Providence Health Care - St. Paul's Hospital location, the BC History of Nursing Society, the Margaret M. Allemang Society for the History of Nursing, the Manitoba Association for the History of Nursing, the Halifax Nursing History Group, the Nursing History Research Unit at the University of Ottawa, and the Associated Medical Services (AMS).

**UBC Centennial Nursing History Symposium:
“Almost a 100:
University Nursing Education for the Future”**

This **November** the **Consortium for Nursing History Inquiry** celebrates the **UBC Centennial** at our annual Symposium by exploring the history and future of nursing education.

Dr. Kathryn McPherson, Associate Professor in Gender, Feminist, and Women’s History at York University and author of the seminal text, *Bedside Matters: The Transformation of Canadian Nursing, 1900-1990* will give the keynote lecture. In her lecture, “Learning Across Borders: Nursing Education, Practice, and Transnational Migration in the Long 20th Century,” McPherson will speak to the way recent international scholarship in nursing history has helped us think more critically about the divisions within nursing education – how questions of nursing education have been caught up in larger political and cultural debates about skill, gender, nationalism, and religion.

Following the keynote, expert scholars in nursing education, **Dr. Veronica Strong-Boag**, **Dr. Sally Thorne**, and Assistant Professor Emerita **Ethel Warbinek** will give a response as a lead-in to discussion with the audience about the future, promise, and persistent challenges of nursing education and academic nursing programs.

After lunch, the program will continue with a presentation of e-posters from students and scholars.

**For more information, please visit our
blog: <http://blogs.ubc.ca/nursinghistory/>**

The Margaret M. Allemang Society for the History of Nursing is pleased to announce a talk by **Michael J. Villeneuve**

The Road to 2008: Reflections on the Centennial History of the Canadian Nurses Association

Mike will share the video he prepared for the CNA Centennial Meeting in Ottawa in June 2008, and reflect on the development of the CNA centennial history book

Saturday October 17, 2015 at 3pm (preceded by the AGM at 2pm)
Locke Public Library, 3083 Yonge Street, Toronto (SE corner of Yonge, close to the Lawrence subway. Limited parking at the rear)

Michael J. Villeneuve, RN BScN MSc

With more than 35 years experience in health care, Mike has held a variety of roles in nursing clinical practice, education, research, administration and policy. Currently, Mike is the program lead for the Master of Nursing program in Health Systems Leadership and Administration at the Lawrence S. Bloomberg Faculty of Nursing, University of Toronto where he teaches courses in public policy, leadership and administration. He also leads his own health policy consulting firm based near Ottawa (Michael Villeneuve Associates).

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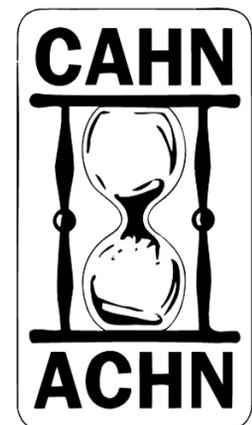
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<http://www.bcnursinghistory.ca/>

Canadian Association for the History of Nursing

<http://www.cahn-achn.ca/>

Canadian Society for the History of Medicine

<http://cshm-schm.ca/>

Consortium for Nursing History Inquiry at the UBC School of Nursing

<http://blogs.ubc.ca/nursinghistory/>

Nursing History Nova Scotia

<http://www.nursinghistorynovascotia.com/>

Margaret M. Allemang Society for the History of Nursing

<http://allemang.on.ca/>

AMS Nursing History Research Unit: University of Ottawa

<http://www.health.uottawa.ca/nursing-history/index.htm>

USA:

American Association for the History of Medicine

<http://www.histmed.org/>

American Association for the History of Nursing

<http://www.aahn.org/index.html>

Barbara Bates Center for the Study of the History of Nursing

<http://www.nursing.upenn.edu/history/Pages/default.aspx#chrome>

Center for Nursing History, Ethics, Human Rights and Innovations: Purdue University

<http://www.nursing.purdue.edu/centersandclinics/cnhehri/collections.php#nurhist>

UK:

UK Association for the History of Nursing

<http://www.nursing.manchester.ac.uk/ukchnm/ukahn/>

Society for the Social history of Medicine

<http://www.sshm.org/>

Australia:

Nursing History Research Unit: University of Sydney

http://sydney.edu.au/nursing/about_us/our_campus/nursing_history_research_unit.shtml

Denmark:

Danish Society of Nursing History

<http://www2.dsr.dk/msite/frontpape.asp?id=109>

Ireland:

UCD Centre for Nursing and Midwifery History

<http://www.ucd.ie/icnmh/>

Europe:

European Association for the History of Nursing

<http://www.dsr.dk/dshs/EAHN/Sider/EuropeanAssociationforThehistoryofNursing.aspx>

For more links go to www.cahn-achn.ca

Other Links

Be sure to check out the Barbara Bates Center for The Study of The History of Nursing newsletter, 'The Chronicle.' The newsletter features stories of Center activities, projects and accomplishments. The Chronicle is published twice a year. See the latest issue [here](#).

David Crawford, Librarian emeritus of McGill University has provided several important bibliographies related to Canadian hospitals, health, medical and nursing history online at: <http://internatlibs.mcgill.ca/>

Several nursing organizations have started Facebook pages/groups including the American Associations for the History of Nursing, The Barbara Bates Center and British Columbia History of Nursing Society. Please 'Like' these pages to support nursing history and be informed about nursing history events.

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Thank you to everyone who contributed to this edition. If you have any news about events, research, conferences or publications, please let us know so we can print it in the next edition. Reports and photographs are always welcome!

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