First, thank you all for your support for my nomination and appointment as president of CAHN/ACHN for the coming two years; it is a great honour to be awarded this position. Thank you also to all who have agreed to hold positions on our Board and Executive committees and to everyone who helped to make the recent joint CAHN/CSHM conference at Congress in Victoria such a success!

My more formal introduction to the role of president of CAHN/ACHN came at the recent joint conference of CAHN/ACHN and CSHM at the Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences at the University of Victoria this past June. There, a number of important ideas were generated to promote scholarship and research in the history of nursing. These ideas included, but were not limited to, exploring new avenues of funding for nursing history research, and the idea of re-examining our relationship with the Canadian Society for the History of Medicine (CSHM). While this topic has been raised before, this year we moved forward to appoint two members from each of our associations (CAHN/ACHN and CSHM) who will form a working group to look into options for a change in the relationship between our two organizations. This group will report their findings and suggestions at next year’s AGM at the CAHN/ACHN conference at York University with follow-up for more formal suggestions at our next joint conference.

Another important development was announced by Dr. Geertje Boschma from UBC, representing the newly establish Consortium for Historical Inquiry in Nursing and Healthcare. This newly established consortium will help facilitate research and scholarship in nursing history across Canada and is a very exciting development for nursing historians who, speaking for myself, often feel isolated at the far western coast of this very large country.

One topic that I would particularly like to ask for your ideas about generating new membership. If you have some novel ways that we could advertise our association or novel venues that we could promote membership through, I would love to hear about them--please email me! Also, don’t forget to spread the word about our Vera Roberts Award and Margaret Allemang Scholarship to students and researchers in nursing history within your community – these awards are generous and they benefit both the student/researcher and as a consequence, those who are passionate about the history of nursing.

If you have any ideas for growth or development within our association, please don’t hesitate to email me, or any CAHN/ACHN Board members. Looking forward to hearing from you, warmest regards, Margaret
News from the Canadian Nurses Association

A new publication titled ‘The Tenth Decade: Into A New Century’ is posted on the CNA website. It is a continuation of the other publications of each decade since CNA was established.

The history of the Canadian Nurses Association (1908-2008) will be published online by the end of 2013. No printed copies are planned.

For more information, you can contact Nathalie Lalonde, Manager, CNA Publications: nlalonde@cna-aiic.ca

These publications are exciting, and we look forward to our continuing collaboration on history of nursing issues.

New Chair for Scholarships & Awards

Cynthia Toman took over as Chair of the Scholarships and Awards committee in 2008 from Florence Melchior. On behalf of CAHN/ACHN, I would like to thank Cynthia for all her work, particularly for her re-organization of the Vera Roberts Award, which brought the application process in line with language and format required of funding agencies. Kristin Burnett has now taken on the role of Chair of this committee, and I also wish to thank her for accepting this position.

-Warmest regards on behalf of all of us, Margaret

Update from the Canadian Network of Nursing Specialties

At a recent meeting of the Canadian Network of Nursing Specialties, of which we are a member, a new document on a vision and mission statement for the network was discussed. In this document there was a heavy emphasis on the development of clinical nursing knowledge. Following discussion around the meaning of nursing knowledge the statement was amended so that nursing knowledge took on a much broader meaning. While not mentioned specifically, implicit in this is that historical nursing knowledge is a valid form of nursing knowledge. -Beverley Hicks
The Unit’s longtime administrator/research facilitator, Jayne Elliott, has retired from this position. Jayne remains very active in field and is now devoting her time and energy to her own research as well as her continued position as the Co-editor-in-Chief of the Canadian Bulletin of Medical History. Although Jayne is missed at the Unit we are pleased that she remains an active member both through her research and as an adjunct Professor in the Nursing Unit.

Alessandra Iozzo-Duval is the Unit’s new administrator/research facilitator of the Unit. Alessandra is finishing her doctoral work in the Faculty of Education researching the early history of the School for the Deaf in Belleville, Ontario. On completion of her dissertation, she will be taking up a postdoctoral fellowship with the Unit. She is expected to begin her postdoctoral work this winter.

The Unit is pleased to announce that Isabelle Perrault has finished her Postdoctoral work with the Unit. Isabelle is now a Professor with the Department of Criminology at the University of Ottawa. Isabelle remains a member of the Unit and we look forward to continuing to work with her.

Cynthia Toman’s recently published article, “Help us, serve England”: First World War Military Nurses and National Identities, can be found in the most recent edition of the Canadian Bulletin of Medical History 30, 1 (2013): 143-166. This is an open access journal and Cynthia’s article is available for download here: [http://www.cbmh.ca/index.php/cbmh](http://www.cbmh.ca/index.php/cbmh)

The Unit’s seminar series for the upcoming year has an overarching theme of ‘Psychiatry’. We are pleased to announce that our first seminar will take place 24 October and will feature Dr. Marc Lévéque of the l’hôpital de la Pitié-Salpêtrière à Paris. Dr. Lévéque’s talk is titled, “De la chirurgie lésionnelle aux dispositifs de stimulation dans le traitement des pathologies mentales.” The second seminar will take place 6 February 2014. Dr. Susan Lamb, a Postdoctoral fellow with the Department of History & Classics at McGill University will be presenting, “Psychiatric Nursing at Johns Hopkins Hospital, 1913-1917”. The final seminar in the series will take place 28 March 2014 and will feature Dr. Hervé Guillemaud of the Université du Maine (France). Dr. Guillemaud’s will speak about the introduction of neuroleptics in 1960-70s. Please see the Unit’s website for further information regarding these seminars, all are welcome to attend.

Finally, the Unit has a new administrative e-mail, [nhru@uottawa.ca](mailto:nhru@uottawa.ca), please send news and information to Alessandra Iozzo-Duval at the above e-mail address. We will post this information on our Unit website: [http://www.health.uottawa.ca/nursing-history/](http://www.health.uottawa.ca/nursing-history/).
The Consortium for Historical Inquiry in Nursing and Health Care

University of British Columbia, School of Nursing
Dr. Geertje Boschma

Recently the School of Nursing at UBC established a Consortium for Historical Inquiry in Nursing and Health Care with generous support from patron and Associate Professor Emerita Helen Shore. The consortium is led by faculty member Dr. Geertje Boschma. It aims to bring together students, faculty, members from the UBC scholarly community, such as the UBC library, as well as members from the wider community to support the development of knowledge and resources in nursing and health care history. The initiative is supported by a steering committee of faculty members, an advisory committee, and involves students in its work. A first annual nursing history symposium will be held on November 21, 2013. Other activities include a speaker series, partnership initiatives in nursing history, including a digital oral history collection on public health, visiting scholarships and student projects. For further information and announcement of events and resources visit the Consortium blog at http://blogs.ubc.ca/nursinghistory/ or e-mail nursinghistory@nursing.ubc.ca

For more information about the Nursing History Symposium please visit:

For more information about the Student poster session visit:

Poster Guidelines:
CREATING A LASTING LEGACY

One thing was clear to anyone who knew Ron Rodgers—Willma was the light of his life.

Willma, his wife of 33 years, passed away more than a decade ago but he never forgot his commitment to honour her with a lasting legacy. A $2.5 million bequest to Medicine Hat College in Willma’s name will benefit the Division of Human Studies for years to come.

The agreement states the money will be used as an endowment. The interest earned will go towards assisting students with humanities and programming courses within the division.

The donation came as a surprise to MHC Foundation as Rodgers had said no prior indication to the Foundation office of a planned bequest.

But the Rodger’s’ niece, Jennifer Simcoe, the legacy donation couldn’t be more fitting for a “caring, gentle man whose wife was the light of his life.”

“He was very proud of Willma’s career in nursing. She worked hard and was successful in her nursing career in an era when many women left the workforce once they married,” said Simcoe.

The couple had a very simple love story. Both Willma and Rodgers were born in Scotland but didn’t meet until emigrating to Canada separately. Rodgers joined the army after school and travelled the world as an engineer before settling in Canada in the late 1940s.

Willma’s passion was always being for others. She completed her nursing training at Doncaster Royal Infirmary, specializing in maternity care and winning the Dr. Addison Kirkland Prize for nursing ability.

Willma and Ron were sent to South Africa, where she worked in gynaecology for two years. A few years later they married and settled in Vancouver Island, where Willma worked as a nurse in long-term care and in the mid-60s, Rodger’s ran a small dairy.

“Her life was lived at full speed and they were married in 1966 and Eibon.”

They settled in Medicine and lived a happily married life for more than 30 years. In the early 1990s, they retired to Medicine Hat and Willma was diagnosed with cancer in 1999 at the age of 55. Eibon said he never got over the loss of Willma. He passed away in 2011 at the age of 86.

“He did not have the need to have lots of people around but enjoyed conversations and had some secondary friends,”Eibon recalled of her voice. “He worked hard throughout his life and was not consumptive, he always lived within his means and saved for the future.”

The financially responsible way of living allowed him to leave a lasting legacy for the benefit of countless future students.

“The fact that his legacy is in Willma’s name is a testament to his loving devotion to his wife and his own family,” said Eibon. “This gift and Willma both appreciated the greater good to be accomplished than showing off spending money rather than spending it on themselves.

I know Ron will have had a good deal of comfort believing he did something about his gift in Willma’s name—for him that would have been priceless.”
Every year the CAHN/ACHN offers:

- The Margaret M. Allemang Scholarship for graduate students (Masters or PhD level) who are studying in the field of nursing history

Applications and further details about these and other awards can be found on the CAHN/ACHN website: [http://cahn-achn.ca/awards/](http://cahn-achn.ca/awards/)

The deadline to apply for the award is early February 2014.

Research and Awards Committee Announcement:

- The Vera Roberts Award for 2013-2014 has been allocated to Dr. Myra Rutherdale of York University for an international conference on circumpolar nursing, to be held in 2014 – details to come shortly!

- Dr. Geertje Boschma of the University of British Columbia School of Nursing was awarded the Mary Adelaide Nutting Award for her work “Community Mental Health Nursing in Alberta, Canada: An Oral History”

- Dr. Jaime Lapeyre of the University of Toronto won the Teresa E. Christy Award for her work “The Idea of Better Nursing: The American Battle for Control over Standards of Nursing Education in Europe, 1918-1925”

- Heather Graham, a PhD student from the University of Manitoba won the Margaret M. Allemang scholarship for her project “All in a Day’s Work: A History of the Manitoba Nurses Union, 1953-1991.”
Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences,
Canadian Association for the History of Nursing Conference 2013
Victoria, British Columbia
Dr. Margaret Scaia

The 2013 Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences at the University of Victoria, June 1-9, was one of the largest Congresses in its 82-year history. There were over 7,600 delegates and 68 participating associations presenting, including the joint meeting of the Canadian Association for the History of Nursing and the Canadian Society for the History of Medicine. You can still go to the Congress website (www.congress2013.ca) where copies of the Big Thinking lectures can be found.

Highlights

Costume Event

For many, the first event of the Congress was Dressing Up History: A Costume Parade, organized and presented by nursing historians and scholars, Sheila Zerr and Glennis Zilm of Vancouver. Sheila and Glennis are active members of the BC History of Nursing Society (http://www.bcnursinghistory.ca/). According to Dr. Zilm, “the study of attire worn by nurses throughout the ages reveals a great deal not only about nurses’ struggles for professional status and recognition but also about their relationships with their contemporary society, about their independence or dependence, and about their roles. Interestingly, study of nursing costumes reveals that nurses occasionally have been in the forefront of women’s fashion and change.” There were at least 70 people present for this event, including many student and faculty volunteers from Victoria, Vancouver, and up-island, also including our acting director of the School of Nursing at UVic, Anne Bruce, and her mother Sophia Bruce, also a retired nurse.

Thank you again Glennis and Sheila!

Sheila Zerr (left), Glennis Zilm (right)

For a review of the show, including commentary and pictures, please go to the very colorful description at: http://www.congress2013.ca/blog/retro-rerun-evolution-canadian-nursing-uniforms-0
Welcoming CAHN and CSHM members
The same evening as the costume event, CAHN conducted its annual Board Meeting, and the following morning, the joint conference opened with a welcome to Congress from Dean of Human and Social Development, Mary Ellen Purkis, followed by CAHN President Beverley Hicks and CSHM President Susanne Klausen.

Hannah Lecture
At mid-morning, Dr. Hicks welcomed Hannah Lecturer Barbara Mann Wall, Associate Professor of Nursing and the Associate Director of the Barbara Bates Center for the Study of the History of Nursing at the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Mann Wall presented: “Disasters, Nursing, and Community Responses: A Historical Perspective.” The focus of this presentation was the role and leadership of nurses during past disaster responses. Using primary and secondary archival sources and journals, Mann Wall explained that while nurses, “dealt with massive destruction and death, they did so in ways that restored a sense of order in the aftermath of a chaotic tragedy” (CAHN/CSHM Programme Abstract, June, 2013). And yet, according to Mann Wall, the value of healing stories, the blurring of professional boundaries, and the presence of racial pathologizing during these responses, has not yet been fully explored within the context of nursing history.

Student Presentations
Following Dr. Mann Wall’s lecture, CAHN student delegates attended a graduate student lunch, hosted by CSHM. Here, students and senior historians shared a meal and discussed their work and ideas. Of these students, Heather Graham, Catherine Haney, Margaret Scaia, Brandi Vanderspank, Dana Walsh, and Whitney Wood presented at the conference (see the programme posted on this newsletter site for full abstracts of these and all other presentations). Thank you to students and their mentors for sharing your scholarship!

CAHN Annual AGM
Exploring new relationships between CAHN and CSHM
On the second day of our joint conference CAHN conducted its annual AGM (see posted minutes of this meeting in this newsletter). Highlights of that AGM included the president’s report in which Beverley Hicks explained that at the CSHM AGM the previous day, a motion had been put forward to name two people to a task force to examine the future of the relationship between CSHM and CAHN. Hicks then put forward a similar motion on behalf of members of CAHN. Geertje Boschma and Ann-Marie Arsenault were nominated to serve as CAHN’s representatives. It was also suggested that the outgoing presidents of CAHN and CSHM act as ex officio members of the committee to facilitate communication between the two organizations. The task of this joint working group will be to prepare a discussion paper to be presented at the 2014 Annual General Meeting, and a final report including any proposals and by-law amendments, to be presented at the 2015 CAHN AGM.
Next year’s CAHN conference
Following the discussion of the relationship between CAHN and CSHM, Margaret Scaia, incoming president of CAHN announced that she had obtained an agreement from Kathryn McPherson of York University to host the 2014 CAHN conference. McPherson will work with student Lydia Wytenbroek. Thank you Kate and Lydia! In addition, Geertje Boschma, representing the newly establish Consortium for Historical Inquiry in Nursing and Healthcare, has tentatively agreed to host the 2016 conference in Vancouver at UBC.

Vera Roberts Award
As a result of deliberations by the Research Committee and board members of CAHN, it was announced that the Vera Roberts Award for 2013-2014 will be allocated for an international conference on northern nursing. Watch for details on our website!

Book Launch
The same day as the AGM, June 2nd, CSHM hosted a book launch and champagne reception in one of the main lecture halls of the conference. Strawberries dipped in chocolate and sparkling wine accompanied the two minute presentation of each author’s book, which included A Cultural History of the Nurse’s Uniform by Christina Bates. Attendees of the book launch and others who had registered for dinner at the University Club on the UVic campus, then proceeded to enjoy a dinner among friends and colleagues.

Segal Prize
The following day, more presentations followed, capped by the presentation of the Segal Prize to David Theodore, of Harvard University. David’s presentation at Congress was titled, “Planning for the Patient: Patient-centered Care and Automation.” Congratulations David! Finally, later in the afternoon, Victoria Historian John Adams took a small group on a medical historical walking tour of downtown Victoria that was an eclectic mix of cultural medicine traditions, architecture, politics, and social history….his specialty!

Thank you to all who attended the CAHN/CSHM conference – it was my pleasure to see old friends and to meet new ones – I look forward to the coming year and getting to know more about your ideas for CAHN. Thank you to outgoing president Beverley Hicks for all her generous mentorship! -Margaret
2014 Call for Abstracts

The Canadian Association for the History of Nursing /Association Canadienne pour l’Histoire du Nursing Annual Conference will be held June 13-15, 2014 at York University, Toronto, Canada. The theme for the 2014 conference is Local Work, Global Health and the Challenge of Transnational Nursing. The Abstract Committee is particularly interested in papers focusing on nursing in transnational, international and global contexts, but will, of course, welcome papers on all nursing history topics. Please note that the Abstract Committee will consider submissions of panels in addition to individual papers.

The Hannah/AMS Lecture will be delivered by Dr. Juanita De Barros of McMaster University Department of History. Dr. De Barros has authored and edited numerous volumes, including her first monograph Order and Place in a Colonial City: Patterns of Struggle and Resistance in Georgetown, British Guiana, 1889-1924 (McGill-Queen's University Press, 2002) as well as Health and Medicine in the Circum-Caribbean, 1800-1968 (co-edited with David Wright and Stephen Palmer, Routledge, 2009.) Her current research examines maternal and infant health policy in the British Caribbean.

Please submit your abstract (maximum 250 words) and one-page C.V. for consideration by 15 January 2014 to:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1xbp6CG6FqE7fsBoq7jAfnMxBKc9gC3yrogqrlzV-SIQ/viewform

N.B. If invited to present at the meeting, the author must undertake to provide a translation of the abstract for the bilingual program book. All presenters must hold membership in CAHN.
Transnational and Historical Perspective on Global Health, Welfare and Humanitarianism
Ellen Fleischmann, Inger Marie Okkenhaug, Michael Marten, Sonya Grypma

This anthology brings together a series of essays on transnational themes and methodological approaches pertaining to the historical study of global health, welfare and humanitarianism. The essays on topics ranging from missions to methods offer a more nuanced understanding of the interconnectedness and evolving nature of global charitable work, as well as its contribution as an historical antecedent of contemporary (secular) notions of ‘global citizenship’ and global health. Written by and about northern Europeans and North Americans interested in transnational knowledge exchanges in Africa, Asia and the Middle East, these essays reflect the complex ways in which both historians and their subjects transverse(d) national, gendered, racial and religious boundaries. Through them, the authors open up new questions about the nature of transnationalism (and transnational research) itself.

For ordering information and more information:
http://www.amazon.ca/Transnational-Historical-Perspectives-Welfare-Humanitarianism/dp/8292712755

Lyle Creelman: The Frontiers of Global Nursing
Susan E. Armstrong-Reid

This intriguing scholarly biography examines the important contributions of Canada’s foremost international nurse, Lyle Creelman. Creelman parlayed her experience as a community health nurse in British Columbia into significant international appointments with two organizations undertaking massive responsibility for health tasks in the post-war period – first, as chief nurse of the British Zone of Occupied Germany with the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration (UNRRA), and, from 1954 to 1968, the Chief Nursing Officer of the World Health Organization (WHO).

For ordering information and more information:
http://www.amazon.ca/Lyle-Creelman-Frontiers-Global-Nursing/dp/1442647051/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1382029534&sr=1-1
Rethinking Unequal Exchange: The Global Integration of Nursing Labour Markets
Salimah Valiani

Rethinking Unequal Exchange traces the structural forces that have created the conditions for the increasing use, production, and circulation of temporary migrant nurses worldwide.

Salimah Valiani explores the political economy of health care of three globally important countries in the importing and exporting of temporary migrant nurses: the Philippines, the world's largest supplier of temporary migrant nurses; the United States, the world's largest demander of internationally trained nurses; and Canada, which is both a supplier and a demander of internationally trained nurses. Using a world historical approach, Valiani demonstrates that though nursing and other caring labour is essential to human, social, and economic development, the exploitation of care workers is escalating. Valiani cogently shows how the global integration of nursing labour markets is deepening unequal exchange between the global North and the global South.

For ordering information:

AAHN 2014 Call for Abstracts

American Association for the History of Nursing
Thirty-first Annual History of Nursing Conference
Storrs and Hartford, CT
September 18-21, 2014

The American Association for the History of Nursing and the University of Connecticut's School of Nursing, are co-sponsoring the Association's thirty-first annual conference to be held in Hartford and Storrs, CT. The conference provides a forum for researchers interested in sharing new research that addresses events, issues, and topics in any area of nursing and health care history broadly construed to encompass the history of nursing, global nursing history, nursing practice, health care institutions, caring, illness, healing work and public health. Submissions pertaining to all areas and regions of the world are welcome. Papers and posters that expand the horizons of nursing and health care history and engage related fields such as women’s, labor, technology, and economic history and race and gender studies are encouraged. Individual papers, posters, and panel presentations are featured at the conference. Additional information about AAHN and the conference can be obtained at www.aahn.org
Canada:
- BC History of Nursing Society
  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 Historical Inquiry in Nursing and Health Care 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/research/affiliates/nursing_history_research_unit.shtml

Denmark:
- Danish Society of Nursing History
  http://www2.dsr.dk/msite/frontpage.asp?id=109

Ireland:
- UCD Centre for Nursing and Midwifery History
  http://www.ucd.ie/icnmb/

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

Other Links
Be sure to get the latest news and update form the BCHON society by following us on Twitter and Facebook. Simply search BC History of Nursing or find the links at our website www.bcnursinghistory.ca

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 Canadian and 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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