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President's Message: Helen Vandenberg (Spring 2018)

Spring Greetings!

The CAHN/ACHN board has been very busy in the last few months as we work towards the 2018 conference in June. This year's conference will be held in Halifax, Nova Scotia, jointly with the Nursing History Nova Scotia Society. We have some great sessions and activities planned, and we look forward to seeing you there!

CAHN/ACHN renewed its membership with CNA this year as part of the Canadian Network of Nursing Specialties (CNNS). The CNNS is a network of 46 national associations of different specialized areas of nursing. As part of the network, we attend monthly meetings and have had a chance to speak to CNA CEO Mike Villeneuve about CAHN/ACHN. Our membership with CNA helps us to connect with important nursing leaders across Canada and keep abreast of CNA activities.

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Awards



Two **CAHN-ACHN Allemang Scholarship** awards will be awarded to:

David Hrag Yacoubian, PhD Student, School of Nursing, UBC.

Supervisor: Dr. Geertje Boschma.

Project: Canadian nurse's global-transnational leadership to confront genocide: The case of the Armenian genocide (Le leadership mondial et transnational des infirmières canadiennes face au génocide: l'exemple du génocide arménien).

Geneviève McCreedy, PhD Student, Nursing History Research Unit, University of Ottawa / l'Unité de recherche sur l'histoire du nursing de l'université d'Ottawa.

Supervisor: Dr. Marie-Claude Thifault

Project: Soigner le corps social : savoirs des infirmières francophones soutenues par le Clergé catholique et oeuvrant dans les communautés du Canada (1934-1959). [The project seeks to focus on the influence and role of the Catholic Church beyond institutions and in the development of community-based care, specifically. The essential question is how did the Papal Encyclical Quadragesimo Anno drive changes in nursing beyond the hospital in the timeperiod 1934-1959.]

Two **CAHN-ACHN Vera Roberts Research** awards will be awarded to:

Dr. Matthew S. Wiseman, PhD, SSHRC Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of History, University of Toronto.

Project entitled: "Frontier Healthcare: Nursing at the Fort Churchill Military Hospital, 1948-1984."

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Summary: This project is a historical research study about nursing at the Fort Churchill military hospital. Between 1948 and 1984, Fort Churchill was Canada's northernmost military base. Located on the shore of Hudson Bay in Manitoba's northeast corner, the base served as a gateway to the Canadian Arctic and hub for northern medicine. The base hospital accommodated the medical needs of service personnel and local population. It facilitated the training and placement of nurses throughout the Eastern Canadian Arctic, and the federal government regularly transferred patients from Arctic locations south to the military hospital. While nurses at the base hospital served as some of Canada's northernmost outpost workers, little scholarly research is available on the history of nursing at Fort Churchill. This project seeks to address gaps in the current literature of northern outpost nursing through primary and oral history research conducted in the Churchill, MB. [pending submission of ethical certificate].

Dr. Alessandra Iozzo-Duval, PhD, Research Associate, Nursing History Research Unit, Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Ottawa.

Project: "Nursing the North": Intersections of gender, race and visual culture in Canada's North, 1900-1960."

Summary: This project will undertake a visual cultural analysis to examine photographs portraying nurses and nursing in Canada's north (Yukon, Northwest Territories and Nunavut) from 1900-1960. This project will deepen current understandings of the gendered and cultural intersections surrounding the nursing and healthcare experience in Canada's north. At the same time, the proposed visual analysis will lend insight into the national narrative that was being constructed about Canada's north and the people who lived and worked there. Secondly, this project will take up a pedagogical question about the ways in which to extend a visual cultural analysis to the classroom, specifically to nursing students, as a way to teach critical historical skills which, I argue, extend well beyond histories of nursing but contribute to the development of intellectual rigor in nursing programs generally.

Nursing News



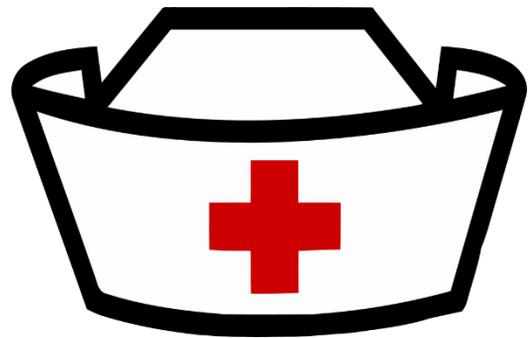
New Exhibits

HSC Archives/Museum launched a new online exhibit that commemorates graduates from the Winnipeg General Hospital and Children's Hospital Schools of Nursing who served as nursing sisters during the First World War. It features photographs, photo galleries and textual records, such as letters and journals, that document the wartime experiences of these brave women.

You can access the site by clicking [here](#). This project was funded by the Province of Manitoba and the generosity of the Nurses' Alumni Association of the Winnipeg General Hospital and Health Sciences Centre.

CBC News

Ann Thomas Callahan was one of Manitoba's first Indigenous nurses. CBC News reporter Lenard Monkman explored her journey from residential school to nursing in an article on her life. To read more about Callahan and her inspiring story, please read Monkman's article [here](#).



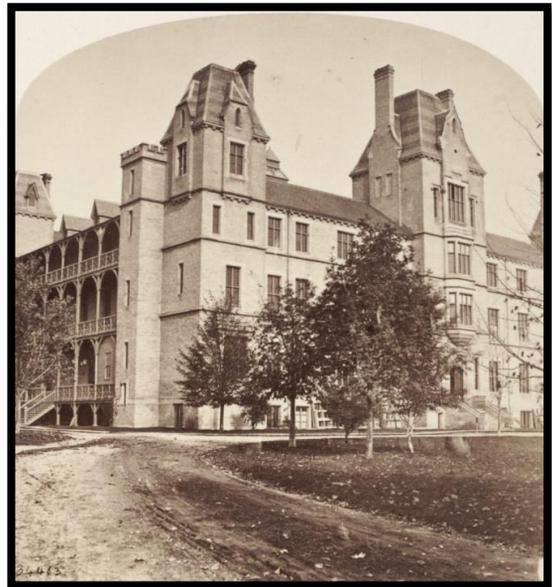
Nursing History Tidbit

DID YOU KNOW?

Annie McKay, a nurse from Beaverton, Ontario was the first school nurse in Boston, Massachusetts in 1905. She established a system of health assessment, intervention and follow-up for all school children, which we still have today.

Education and Career

McKay was a graduate of Toronto General Hospital in 1894 and the Victorian Order Training School and served as District Nurse there for two years. She was assigned to visit three elementary schools in the South End area of Boston to supplement the work of the medical inspectors and improve the students' sanitation and personal hygiene. After only eight weeks on the job in the Quincy School district, Miss McKay saw 215 cases in school and made 576 home visits.



Toronto General Hospital (circa 1856-1913).
Courtesy Toronto Public Library

Legacy

In 2009, a ceremony was held at the home where she lived, 1521 Washington Street, Boston. A plaque was unveiled honoring her pioneering work.

Dorothy Keeney, nurse and historian with the Massachusetts School Nurse Organization, is completing a book about the history of school nursing in Boston, including several chapters about the life of Annie McKay.

News from NHRU/URHN



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The NHRU-URHN has had another busy academic year. One of the main priorities of our unit is to support our graduate students as they engage with nursing and health history. To this end, we held two research meetings over the course of the academic year, one in October and one in April. These research seminars are an opportunity for graduate students to present papers that are a work in progress, grapple with new ideas or test run a thesis defense. We were impressed with the quality of work and look forward to continuing to build a scholarly community committed to the development of nursing and health history at the University of Ottawa.

For the unit, the late fall and winter is when we concentrate heavily on planning for our graduate student conference. We are proud to host our third annual graduate student conference, May 17th, 2018 at the University of Ottawa. Each year graduate students take part in the planning of a conference that is dedicated to their work. This is a peer reviewed conference, with no registration fee and an opportunity to hone conference skills. This year we had a lot of very fine submissions and the evaluation committee had a difficult time narrowing down the selections for our one-day conference. We have an exciting program which includes our keynote speaker, Dr. Sarah Glassford whose most recent book, *Mobilizing Mercy: A History of the Red Cross*, was published in November of 2016. Dr. Glassford's presentation, *The Trial of Jimmy Germ: Health, Play, and the Canadian Junior Red Cross, 1919-1939*, is sure to be the highlight of the conference and we are excited to have her share her work with us.

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We would like to take a moment to congratulate two unit members, Doctoral Candidate Geneviève McCready and Research Associate, Dr. Alessandra Iozzo-Duval. Both have been very fortunate to receive funding from CAHN/ACHN to assist with their individual research projects. As a small unit, we understand that the intellectual support of a community of scholars is as important as the financial support received. We are grateful to CAHN/ACHN for all the support!

We are excited to share that our Director, Dr. Marie-Claude, and unit member Dr. Alexandre Klein with Dr. Hervé Guillemain have published a new collection, *La fin de l'asile? Histoire de la déshospitalisation psychiatrique dans l'espace francophone au XXe siècle*. We are proud to see another contribution to the growing historiography from the francophone perspective. Dr. Alessandra Iozzo-Duval's article, "The Education of 'Good' and 'Useful' Citizens: Work, Disability and d/Deaf Citizenship at the Ontario Institution for the Education of the Deaf, 1892-1902," was also recently published in the new edited collection, *Untold Stories: A Canadian Disability History Reader* (Edited by Nancy Hansen, Roy Hanes and Diane Driedger).

Finally, we close out the academic year by looking forward to attending conferences this coming spring and summer. Many of our unit members will be attending various association meetings at the Congress of the Social Sciences and Humanities in Regina this June. We are looking forward to attending the CAHN/ACHN conference in Halifax this June 16-18th. We are pleased to have such a large contingent of unit members presenting papers, Geneviève McCready, Alexandre Klein, Sandra Harrison, Karine Aubin, Andrée-Anne Sabourin, Marie LeBel, Laurie Kirouac as well as friends of the unit, Evy Nazon, Emmanuel Delille. We are excited to share our projects and enjoy the company of colleagues in Halifax this June.



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du nursing

News from BCHNS

On March 8th, 2018, BCHNS held the 5th Nursing History Symposium, “In Search of Nursing’s History”, in the UBC Woodward Library. Speakers from the library described the history of the collections, preserving nursing and health history in a time of digitalization and open collections, archival records, archiving networks of support, and records and collections on Nursing History in the UBC Archives.



Helen Vandenberg, a former winner of a BC History of Nursing Scholarship, joined the gathering from Saskatchewan using current technology and presented a paper on digital collections from a user perspective.

Prior to lunch, participants did self-guided walking tours of displays at the entrance and in the Woodward Memorial Library, the Mc Kechnie Room and the two BC History of Nursing Society displays in the Sherrington Room.

This very successful event was planned by the panelists and BC History of Nursing members Geertje Boschma, Catherine Haney, Nan Martin, and Kathy Murphy.

Click [here](#) to view a blog of the Symposium, and [here](#) for a video of panel talk.

Information provided by the BCHNS website. For more info, visit their site: <http://www.bcnursinghistory.ca/>

News from the NS Nursing History Society

Information provided by the BCHNS

A large group of nurses from the Nova Scotia Nursing History Society attended the public ceremonies in Halifax to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Halifax Explosion. The Halifax Explosion, on December 6, 1917, resulted when a Norwegian vessel collided with a French cargo ship laden with high explosives. The resulting fire ignited the cargo, causing a devastating explosion that killed at least 2,000 people from the blast, flying and fallen debris, onshore fires, and collapsed buildings, and an estimated 9,000 others were injured. It was the world's largest artificial explosion before advent of nuclear weapons in the Second World War.

The NSNH society commissioned and dedicated a bench to honour those nurses who worked day and night to assist victims of the tragic explosion. Blizzard conditions prevented arrival of trains bringing health care workers from other parts of Canada, and NS nurses were true heroines. Finally a trainload of nurses and doctors arrived from Boston to help care for the wounded. The bench is located on the grounds of Fort Needham Memorial Park in Halifax near the huge Bell Tower Monument commissioned by the government.

BC History of Nursing Society sent a donation to NSNH to help pay for the bench and to show solidarity with this group of nursing historians. NSNH nurses also were part of the Nova Scotia delegation that travelled November 30 to Boston for the city's annual tree lighting. Each year, to say thank you for the support Boston provided, the province of Nova Scotia sends Boston a gigantic Christmas tree. There, the NS nursing historians met and shared experiences with colleagues from that area.

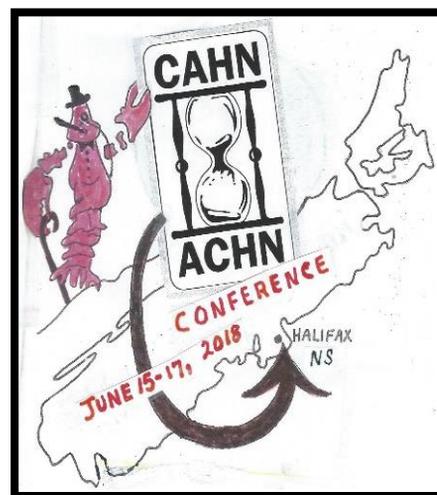
Conferences

CAHN/ ACHN Annual Conference
June 15 – 17, 2018 in Halifax, Nova Scotia
Hosted by Nursing History NS Society

Tracing Nurses' Footsteps: Nursing and the Tides of Change

This conference will explore how, when and where nurses' footsteps influenced the progressive changes in health care, policy, education and clinical practice. Presenters will consider some of the following questions:

Where has nursing come from? What have been the ups and downs, trials and tribulations along the journey? How have social, political and economic forces influenced the history of nursing? How were challenges met, with passing or lasting impact? Who were the nurses that provided the foundational values and vision that established present realities, and challenges confronting nursing today? What can we take from history as it relates to the future expansion of the profession?



University of Ottawa Nursing History Conference



English to follow

L'histoire du nursing et de la santé vous intéresse? Vous êtes invité(e) à assister à la Conférence : **Lever le voile: Revisiter les événements, les perspectives et les voix de l'histoire du nursing et de la santé**, qui aura lieu le 17 mai 2018 à l'Université d'Ottawa.

Il s'agit d'un événement gratuit et bilingue, où des étudiants de maîtrise et doctorat de différentes universités vont présenter leurs travaux en histoire du nursing et de la santé. De plus, notre conférencière invitée, Dre. Sarah Glassford, présentera: "The Trial of Jimmy Germ: Health, Play, and the Canadian Junior Red Cross, 1919-1939".

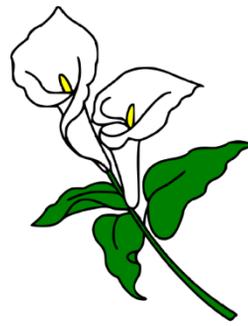
Cet événement sera suivi par un cocktail réseautage, lancement de livre et tirage de prix. Si vous êtes intéressé(e), SVP vous inscrire en cliquant sur le lien suivant: <https://doodle.com/poll/qpb669c2n67xuhwd>

Interested in nursing and health history? Then consider attending the conference: **Lifting the Rug: Revisiting the Events, Perspectives and Voices of Nursing and Health History**. It will take place on May 17, 2018 at the University of Ottawa.

This is a free, bilingual event, where masters and doctoral students from different universities will present their work in the field of nursing and health history. In addition, our guest speaker Dr. Sarah Glassford will present: "The Trial of Jimmy Germ: Health, Play, and the Canadian Red Cross Junior, 1919-1939".

This event will be followed by a networking cocktail, book launch and prize draw. If you are interested, please register by clicking on the following link: <https://doodle.com/poll/qpb669c2n67xuhwd>

Obituaries



Nicole Rousseau

**English to follow*

Nicole Rousseau,
professeure émérite de la

Faculté des sciences infirmières de l'Université Laval, et ancienne membre de CAHN/ACHN est décédée à Québec le 19 février 2018. Nicole est devenue membre de l'Association dès ses débuts et a participé à plusieurs conférences annuelles.

Passionnée par le soin infirmier, sa spécificité et le rôle autonome des soignantes, elle consacra plusieurs années à une recherche, avec Johanne Daigle, historienne à l'Université Laval, sur les infirmières de colonie, celles qui oeuvraient loin des centres urbains. Les résultats de leur projet furent publiés en 2013 dans *Infirmières de colonie: Soins et médicalisation dans les régions du Québec, 1932-1972*. Elles ont également signé un article dans *Nursing History Review* et ailleurs.

Les membres de CAHN/ACHN se rappelleront du livre *Sans frontières: Quatre siècles de soins infirmiers canadiens* publié en 2005, sous la direction de Christina Bates, Diane Dodd et Nicole Rousseau. Dans cet ouvrage Nicole a collaboré avec Judith Young pour le chapitre sur le nursing laïc durant la période de la Nouvelle-France et contribué à un autre chapitre avec Diana Dodds et Jayne Elliott sur le nursing en régions éloignées au Canada.

Nicole était membre du groupe de travail qui a oeuvré à la mise sur pied de ce qui est devenu l'Unité de recherche sur l'histoire des soins infirmiers à l'Université d'Ottawa. Ses travaux de recherche et ses publications ont mieux fait connaître l'histoire des soins infirmiers au Québec.

Nicole Rousseau, professor emerita at the Faculté des sciences infirmières, Université Laval passed away on February 19, 2018. She became a member of CAHN/ACHN in its early years and attended several annual conferences.

Passionate about nursing care, the specific role of nurses and the need for more autonomy, she spent several years researching the work of nurses in the isolated regions of Québec. With Johanne Daigle, historian at Université Laval, she published, in 2013, the results of their research in *Infirmières de colonie: soins et médicalisation dans les régions du Québec 1932-1972*, and elsewhere. They also published in the *Nursing History Review*, in English.

CAHN/ACHN members will remember *On all frontiers: four centuries of Canadian nursing* by Christina Bates, Diana Dodd and Nicole Rousseau. Nicole also collaborated with Judith Young on the chapter on lay nursing during the New France period and contributed to another chapter with Diana Dodd, Jayne Elliot on nursing in the isolated regions of Canada.

Nicole was also a member of the working group which led to the establishment of the Nursing History Research Unit at the University of Ottawa. Her research helped to make better known the history of nursing in Québec.

Obituary written by:
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[Canadian Society for the History of Medicine](#)

[Consortium for Nursing History Inquiry at the UBC School of Nursing](#)

[Nursing History Nova Scotia](#)

[Margaret M. Allemang Society for the History of Nursing](#)

[AMS Nursing History Research Unit: University of Ottawa](#)

USA

[American Association for the History of Medicine](#)

[American Association for the History of Nursing](#)

[Barbara Bates Center for the Study of the History of Nursing](#)

[Center for Nursing History, Ethics, Human Rights and Innovations: Purdue University](#)

UK

[UK Association for the History of Nursing](#)

[Society for the Social History of Medicine](#)

Australia

[Nursing History Research Unit: University of Sydney](#)

Ireland

[UCD Centre for Nursing and Midwifery History](#)

Europe

[European Association for the History of Nursing](#)

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

Other Links

David Crawford, Librarian emeritus of McGill University has provided several important bibliographies related to Canadian hospitals, health, medical and nursing history online [here](#).

Several nursing organizations have Facebook, Twitter and other social media accounts. Please 'Like' and/or follow such organizations to support nursing history and stay 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. For any questions, comments or to pass along news, please contact us using the information listed below.

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