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## President's Message Fall 2013

Last fall, in my first President's message, I noted that a firm AAHN tradition is to declare at the close of each Annual Conference that it was the "best conference ever." I am pleased to announce that we can accurately proclaim the 30th AAHN Annual Research Conference co-sponsored with the Cleveland Clinic's Stanley Shalom Zielony Institute for Nursing Excellence truly the best AAHN Conference Ever! Over the four days in Cleveland, members enjoyed stupendous scholarship, noteworthy networking opportunities, convivial break times, fantastic food and a welcoming atmosphere that made everyone feel like honored guests.

Many people were involved in making the conference a success. The Local Arrangements Committee (LAC) under Co-Chairs Karen Price and Anna Mary Bowers and members Mandy Barney, Ann Dugan, Mary Kennedy, Jane Mahowald, Terry Spark and Cynthia Willis planned the conference for over three years and their extraordinary efforts paid off and were well appreciated. The nursing leadership team at the Zielony Institute, Executive Chief Nursing Officer K. Kelly Hancock and Associate Chief Nursing Officer Joan Kavanagh possessed the foresight to invite the AAHN and supported enthusiastically the work of the LAC. The Zielony Institute was a very welcoming host and the Association valued its generosity. AAHN 2nd Vice President and Program Chair Mary Gibson worked diligently with the LAC to bring the conference to fruition. AAHN Executive Director David Stumph and his staff at Resource Center (especially Andrew Van Wasshnova who put together all those pre-conference e-blasts) added to the mix by coordinating many of the publicity and business details of the conference. To all those individuals, the Association gives tremendous thanks.

The 2nd Annual Eleanor Krohn Herrmann Keynoter Dr. Naomi Rogers of Yale University began the conference with an excellent paper which set a high scholarly tone for the sessions which followed. The conference featured a record number, 29 papers and 18 poster presentations. Thanks for such a splendid program go to Abstract Review Chair Jeannine Uribe and her committee members Rima Apple, Karen Flynn and Arlene Keeling who carefully reviewed almost 70 submissions (another record number!).



Jean Whelan



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Signe Skott Cooper, RN, MEd, FAAN

**In Memoriam:  
Signe Skott Cooper,  
RN, M.Ed, FAAN  
January 29, 1921 – July  
16, 2013**

**by Laurie K. Glass, RN, PhD, FAAN  
Professor Emerita  
UW-Milwaukee College of Nursing**

**S**igne Skott Cooper, 92, passed away July 16, 2013 in Madison, Wisconsin. I first met Signe as an undergraduate student in 1969 but I didn’t have an appreciation for who she was until much later in my life. We often met in airports on our way to or from AAHN conferences. We discussed books she was reading or history questions we pondered.

Earlier in her career, Signe was known for her work in continuing education for nurses. For 35 years (1948 until 1983) Signe was on the faculty of the UW-Madison School of Nursing and Extension Division. In Wisconsin, the Extension is the outreach arm of the University and critically important to the rural inhabitants of the state. In 1955, Signe started her career in continuing education for nurses, traveling the state to deliver courses. In 1965, the first “distance ED” courses were offered via ETN (Educational Telephone Network). The statewide system expanded from 600 nurses at 24 “listening posts” to nurses at 170 listening posts, covering every county in the state. I recall attending a history of nursing course delivered via ETN. Signe’s leadership in CE for nurses

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## IN MEMORIAM: SIGNE SKOTT COPPER, RN, MED, FAAN — CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2

was instrumental in the formation of the ANA Council of Continuing Education and the creation of the *Journal of Continuing Education in Nursing* for which she served as Associate Editor for more than 25 years.

An avid researcher and writer she authored 5 books and over 100 peer reviewed articles/book chapters and contributed 138 biographical sketches of Wisconsin nurses to *Nursing Matters*, Wisconsin's statewide monthly newspaper, between 1991 and 2003.

Signe was an early member of the American Association for the History of Nursing (AAHN) and served as the second editor of the *AAHN Bulletin*. From 1987 to 1992, 22 issues were published. Signe not only solicited the articles but also wrote quite a few as well as established a system of regional reporters. Under her leadership, the *Bulletin* grew from 8 pages

to 12 pages and from appearing 3 times a year to 4 times a year. In 2003, President Kathy Hanson presented Signe with the AAHN President's Award for her significant contributions and service to the Association.

Signe was an American Academy of Nursing (1977) Living Legend (2003) and inducted into the ANA Hall of Fame (2000). She also received the NLN's Linda Richards Award, and the ANA Honorary Recognition Award for her dedication to, and innovative efforts in, continuing education for nurses.

In 1943 Signe received her Certificate of Graduate Nursing from the University of Wisconsin and in 1948, her BSN. She attended Teachers College, Columbia University and earned a M.Ed from the University of Minnesota (1955). As a member of the Army Nurse Corps during World War II, she served in the China-Burma-India Theater for 2 years.

Signe collected historical records and artifacts for the History Room at the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Nursing. The collection includes an extensive cap collection. Always a willing participant, many students interviewed Signe for their research projects. She was always gracious and generous in sharing her photos and stories.

The new \$52 million building under construction for the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Nursing includes The Hildegard Skott and Signe Skott Cooper Historical Suite, which will be located near the administrative area. When Signe continued to raise funds for the building it was decided to name the building Signe Skott Cooper Hall (<http://www.son.wisc.edu/cooper-hall.htm>). This is most likely the first school of nursing building named for a nurse historian.

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Approximately 120 people attended the conference. In addition to hearing about cutting edge nursing and health care research, attendees enjoyed the many social activities the conference offers, such as the Friday night reception and the Saturday evening banquet. Noteworthy for the Association is the amount of money raised via the silent and live auction; funds essential to support our research program. This year's conference resulted in almost \$7,000 in total realized, an extraordinary amount. Thanks go to Laurie Glass who watched over the silent auction and gently encouraged higher and higher bids. And of course our special

guest auctioneers Cher (AKA Sandy Lewenson) and Madonna (AKA Katharine Smith) and their handler Annemarie McAllister inspired everyone to bid in an extremely generous manner. The financial success of the two auctions provided a welcome monetary boost to the Research Grants Program that will be used wisely for future studies.

The conference also included time for the Association to carry out its business. During the Business Meeting, members heard about the numerous Association achievements accomplished over the last year. The Association launched a new logo which has received many compliments from

members. We initiated and continue the Talking History sessions. The next session is November 6 and is hosted by Cindy Connolly who will discuss "Grant Writing: Tips and Tactics." Please bring your questions and comments to this informative session. For further information, please visit <http://www.aahn.org/index.html#TalkingHistory>. We also presented a new AAHN PowerPoint presentation entitled "Why History Matters: Historically-informed Nursing Practice and the Untapped Potential of Nursing History." This presentation which was created and developed by AAHN member Sonya Grypma is available for members

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to use in their classes or when presenting the value of nursing history to a variety of audiences. To access the presentation, sign on to the member section of the AAHN website and click on the Why History Matters link. This presentation is a powerful and valuable member benefit and all members are encouraged to view it and use it in your talks on nursing history. At the Business Meeting, members also voted to approve a By-laws change to create a new Communications Committee. This Committee is charged with increasing the visibility of the Association by ensuring timely communications to the membership, promoting Association activities through electronic and social media, selecting a variety of communication modalities relevant to the 21st Century through which to communicate to members, monitoring of the Association website and other social media sites and exploring other communication partnerships. Sandy Lewenson graciously accepted Interim Chairship of this important new committee. The Business Meeting was also a time to thank outgoing members of the Board and Committees, Program Chair Mary Gibson, Secretary Susan LaRocca and Nominating Committee members Melissa Sherrod and Keith Mages. The Association welcomed newly elected Board members 2nd Vice-President and Program Chair John Kirchgessner and Secretary Barbara Lee Maling and Nominating Committee members Arlene Keeling and Margo Brooks Carthon.

With the 30th Annual Conference ending on a high note, the Association now looks forward to the 31st Conference which is less than a year away so make sure you mark the dates, September 18-21, 2014, on your calendars. Co-sponsored by the Association and the University of Connecticut School Of Nursing, next year's conference is shaping up to be as exciting, invigorating and fun as this year's. For those planning on submitting an abstract, due January 31, 2014, please find abstract submission information at <http://www.aahn.org/abstract.html>.

Last year I identified two projects to accomplish during the first year of my term of office. The first one revolved around developing a creative way to portray the mission, image and goals of the Association and was finalized with the launch of the new logo. The second project was to improve the Association's grant program. Beginning in 2014 we hope to offer two H-15 research grants for faculty members and independent researchers in historical research. Further, in this coming year, we will continue to monitor the funds in the research grant program with the intention of expanding also the H-31 research grant for

pre-doctoral researchers in the future. The AAHN's grant program has witnessed increased competition over the last several years, a trend that serves the Association well in terms of presenting to the nursing and health care research community a serious and substantial program to which to submit proposals. It also offers a significant member benefit which the Association aims to enlarge. In order to do this we need to grow the critical financial resources that underpin the research program. Member's generosity is well appreciated at the annual auctions but we ask you to also consider direct donations to the research fund throughout the year. Please visit <http://www.aahn.org/supportgrant.html> to find out how you can add to the Research Fund.

For the next year, I see continued efforts at involving the membership in Association programs that assist and enrich the nursing and health care history community as well as addressing Association problems. The main issue faced by the Association remains declining membership levels. This needs to be tackled in a substantive way. I suggest that the Association place more emphasis on attracting groups and individuals who share interests similar to those working in nursing history such as historians of health care. As nursing is such a large and intertwined aspect of health care in general, the two histories resist separation. Much of the current research carried out by historians of nursing is in reality health care history. You may have noticed that in this president's message I made consistent reference to nursing and health care history as opposed to nursing history. This was intentional. To remain relevant, to expand our reach and to play a major role in informing critical public discussions concerning future health care policy, we need to re-position the Association as one focused on the broader area of nursing and health care history. I welcome your comments on this proposal and hope to dialogue with you on this important topic in the months ahead. Please share with me your ideas, suggestions, critiques and anything else you want me to know at [jewhelan@nursing.upenn.edu](mailto:jewhelan@nursing.upenn.edu).

I have enjoyed tremendously my first year as President and in particular have found the contact with members from around the world exciting, enlightening and just plain fun. I look forward to continue working with you all in the future.

Best,



# 30th Annual Conference: A Recap!!!

By Barbara Gaines, EdD, RN

## Pre-Conference: Oral Histories & Biographies

### “Talking and Listening.....Making Sense of Oral History Technique”

**Kath Start, RGN RNT BSc (Hons), Nursing MSc Nursing PG Dip (OD)**

This session explored oral history as an open methodology that is especially useful to nursing history. In this case, the purpose was to better understand how changing culture in nursing practice, activity and skill had been experienced by nurses from schools in London before a major merger combined many of them. The open methodology allowed volunteer retired nurses with shared language and experiences to serve as interviewers and interviewees and elucidate a rich story told “in their own words” about the community of nursing and change throughout the period of study (1929-1993). Start explored the methodological issues, provided examples of interviewer training and included the criteria with which they did self- and peer-evaluations. She stressed the importance of asking open-ended questions, listening, and an appreciation of the silences. Start said in a good oral history, the interviewer voice doesn’t appear and it is clear the interviewer isn’t telling the story.

### “Biography as a Method of Historical Interpretation”

**Laurie K. Glass, PhD, RN, FAAN, Professor Emerita and Director of the Center for Nursing History, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee College of Nursing**

Glass approached the issues in biography as a scholarly “telling of the story,” rather than a simple factual account of what happened

when/where. This “telling” requires an analytical/interpretive framework, a chronological or thematic presentation or combination of the two, evidence-presented in footnotes and an interesting, lively writing style. She illustrated these principles with examples from her own work on Katharine Densford Dreves. Glass demonstrated through her own data collection experiences how the biographer moves back and forth from the subject to the environment/time while making clear the changes over time.

Successful biographers must be curious, identify with their subjects (but not too much), be honest in their accounting and willing to be immersed in the project. Glass iterated these

characteristics to facilitate meeting the purposes of a scholarly biography: truth-telling; making sense of lives; and understanding history through a people perspective. These insights into an era, an idea, or a profession are invaluable as we learn about them from the lived experience of “a person who made a tangible difference.”

## Cultural History

Along with some beautiful art tours and a fun “Lolly the Trolley” Cleveland sightseeing tour, the Local Arrangements Committee assisted in arranging a special exhibit and presentation, “Civil War Nursing,” in honor of our 30th AAHN conference. The exhibit, hosted by **The Dittrick Medical History Center** housed in

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## Awards

The following members were honored as recipients of the 2013 AAHN Awards. The recipients are:

**Lavinia L. Dock Award:** Dr. Karen Flynn for her book *Moving Beyond Borders: A History of Black Canadian and Caribbean Women in the Diaspora*.

**Mary Adelaide Nutting Award:** Dr. Geertje Boschma for her article “Community Mental Health Nursing in Alberta, Canada: An Oral History by Geertje Boschma.”

**Teresa E. Christy Award:** Dr. Jaime Lapeyre for her dissertation *The Idea of Better Nursing: The American Battle for Control over Standards of Nursing Education in Europe, 1918-1925*

**Mary M. Roberts Award:** Drs. Patricia D’Antonio and Sandra Lewenson for their edited book *Nursing Interventions Through Time*.

The following members received 2013 AAHN Research Grants:

Dr. Winifred Connerton received the H-15 Research Grant for the proposal “American Nursing and American International Expansion, 1900-1920.”

Doctoral Student Briana Ralston received the H-31 Pre-Doctoral Grant for her proposal “A Visual Story in Black and White: Photographs as a Data Source for Examining the Role of Nursing in the Development of Neonatal Intensive Care Between 1955 and 1982.”

the College of Arts and Sciences at Case Western Reserve was curated by Sanford Clark, a STEM historian at the Center.

The exhibit provided an informed look into Civil War nursing history, a topic that has received little study. The framework for the exhibit considered the contributions of white and black women and men who served as nurses in the care of soldiers. The themes of nursing comfort and tasks were illustrated with artifacts from private collections loaned to the exhibit, such as an 1861 copy of *Notes on Nursing* carried to the field by Dortha Dix. The role of men as nurses was illustrated by letters appreciating their work on naval ships.

“The Dittrick” has substantial holdings in the history of science, technology, medicine, and their environments and welcomes queries and contributions from nurse historians. Contact—[www.case.edu/artsci/dittrick/site2](http://www.case.edu/artsci/dittrick/site2).

### Eleanor Krohn Herrmann Keynote

#### Naomi Rogers PhD: “The Most Admired Woman in America: Remembering and Forgetting in the History of Nursing”

President Whelan introduced the session by remembering the many accomplishments of one of our founding members and 2000-2002 President, Eleanor Krohn Herrmann for whom the keynote address is named.

Dr. Rogers then began her address with reference to the 50th anniversary of the Kenny Institute which took place in 1992. She noted that the 1992 celebration represented a “brief bubble” of renewed interest in the important work of Sr. Elizabeth

Kenny that again disappears from our consciousness. Rogers argued that the celebratory bubble demonstrated her thesis that remembering and forgetting in history is a significant issue in historical scholarship and one that requires our continued attention.

Sr. Elizabeth Kenny was born and raised in Australia. Her training as a nurse was informal, occurring in the early 1900s, and reflected her interest in caring for people without adequate access to healthcare. Kenny was a “bush nurse”, a physically demanding position. She served as a member of the Australian Army Nurse Corps in WWI and by the 1930s had established her own clinics and home care services for disabled persons suffering from a number of illnesses including polio. The services she provided ran counter to the established treatments in use necessitating her independent practice and rise to recognition in the care of patients with polio.

Sr. Kenny came to the United States to introduce her non-traditional care for patients with polio after learning in 1939 about the new foundation funding research on the topic, the March of Dimes. She settled in Minnesota moving from the Mayo Clinic to the twin cities of Minneapolis/St. Paul, where she was finally able to establish her non-traditional practice at Minneapolis General in an area known as Station K. Kenny publicly fought the traditional regimen of limb immobilization, bed rest, and physician controlled information building on her Australian reputation as the “new Nightingale.”

Sr. Kenny framed her practice identifying three concepts: spasm, alienation, and in-coordination, that supported her approach of hot packs,

gentle exercise and relaxed but good body alignment without the use of splints. She was adamant that care be patient- centered with the patient understanding the involved muscles so that they could actively participate in their care.

The 1954 clinical trial of the Salk vaccine and the accompanying development of the Sabin vaccine changed polio care forever. Science, not attention to the patient experience of care and healing or residual, dominates our understanding today. Because memory is “slippery”, and science reassuring, it is easy to forget “boundary crossers” considered outsiders by the establishment and their significant contributions. Those of us involved with creating the scholarship of nursing history need to remember to ask, “Are we hiding that which we don’t want to remember?”

### Dr. Sandra Lewenson Receives 2013 President’s Award

At the Cleveland Annual Conference, President Jean Whelan announced that Dr. Sandra Lewenson was the recipient of the 2013 American Association for the History of Nursing’s President’s Award. The President’s Award recognizes sustained and distinguished service to the Association. In her remarks, Whelan noted Dr. Lewenson’s distinguished career as a historian as well as her many achievements as a nurse, faculty member and leader. She noted Dr. Lewenson weaves her expertise in nursing history into all the courses she teaches inspiring her students with the rich and complex background that nursing holds. She is an award winning author and has received many accolades

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over her career. Whelan highlighted that Lewenson was chosen for the President's Award for her tremendous amount of service, advocacy and devotion she has provided to the Association in particular her ability to raise money for our research grant program as the Association's leading auctioneer by convincing members to open up their wallets and spend very generously each year at the annual auction. Dr. Lewenson has carried out this service in a manner which is full of humor and grace and which we all enjoy. The AAHN's grant program is one of the most important programs the association sponsors for not only does it allow members the funds to carry out their research—it insures that superb scholarship will continue in the future. For the tremendous amount of service, support and advocacy she has given to the Association over many years, Dr. Sandra Lewenson is a very worthy choice for this prestigious honor. Congratulations Sandy on this impressive distinction.

### Thirty Years Young... Brigid Lusk And Friends!

Immediate Past President Brigid Lusk helped us celebrate our 30th year as an association assembling comments and pictures from presidents, executive secretaries, editors and first conference presenters. Memories, from those people unable to attend, were interspersed with live commentaries from those present; Sylvia Rinker, Joan Lynaugh, Dave Stumph, Laurie Glass, Arlene Keeling, Pat D'Antonio, Sandy Lewensen, Barbara Brodie, and Jean Whelan.

Beginning in 1980 as the outcome of a faculty development grant in the Midwest, three conferences were held before the first AAHN conference in

1984 which took place at University of Virginia, with Rozella Schlotfeldt delivering the keynote address. The 1980 conference, held in association with ANA, utilized the name International History of Nursing Society. The society convened again in 1981 at the International Council of Nurses. In 1982 a decision was made to rename the group, the AAHN.

In 1987, member Eleanor Crowder served as auctioneer ably assisted by Rosemary McCarthy. This team enabled a good amount of funds (\$690) to be raised. The first auction focused on celebrity items. In her written message Crowder mentioned that Mary Elizabeth Carnegie donated her nursing school cape. Crowder reported that McCarthy and she enjoyed one, then two martinis before the auction. Sandy Lewensen, our current auctioneer reported that she also has two martinis in association with the auctions—the difference—she waits until the auction is over.

The Association witnessed a membership growth of 500 members by 1998. In her written comments, Jan Fickeissen, former Executive Secretary, reminded attendees of the entry of the Association onto the internet and the initiation of "The Shop". During Barbara Brodie's term as president (1990-1992), the Nursing History Review began with Joan Lynaugh and Vern Bullough at the helm. Arlene Keeling reported innovations supporting our continued scholarly growth—the H15 and H31—research grants available to members as well as our beginning relationship with the Resource Center, the Association's management company. The Association's Executive Director, David Stumph, provided an excellent review of how

RC carries out the Association's increasingly more complex administrative responsibilities.

Our current editors and officers included in the group re-iterated how important AAHN had been in the development of their scholarship and encouraged the rest of us to step up to share this experience and to keep the association alive and healthy.

## Share Your Good Ideas and Energy!

AAHN is looking for a few good members to run for the following offices in 2014:

- President
- 1st Vice-President: Chair Strategic Planning
- Treasurer
- Director: Chair Awards
- Director: Chair Bylaws And Policies
- Director: Chair, Communications Committee
- 2 persons to run for Nominating Committee (Elections)

Go to the AAHN website:

<https://www.aahn.org/nominating.html> for information about how to submit your application. You will also find there the Bylaws that detail the duties of each office.

The Nominating Committee, composed of Margo Brooks Carthon, Diane Mancino, Arlene Keeling, and Sylvia Rinker, look forward to creating the ballot to fill offices for terms that will begin at the end of the 2014 Conference and run to the end of the 2016 Conference! Use your talents and gifts for the benefit of AAHN!

# 30th Annual Conference — One Picture recalls so many memories



Participants in the “early morning” inaugural Walk for History



AAHN President Jean Whelan  
Welcoming Conference Attendees



John and Elaine Marshall



Award  
Committee  
Chair Joan  
Lynaugh  
Congratulating  
2013 Lavinia  
Dock Award  
Recipient Karen  
Flynn

*Saturday night  
photographer:  
Annemarie  
McAllister*



Sandy Lewenson recipient of the  
2013 President’s Award with Jean  
Whelan



AAHN members Winifred Connerton, Annemarie McAllister, Katharine Smith,  
Sandy Lewenson and Barbara Gaines





Silent Auction Set Up Team: Barbara Gaines, Laurie Glass, Sandy Lewenson, John Kirchgessner, Mary Gibson, Karen Price and Brigid Lusk



2013 Keynote Speaker  
Dr. Naomi Rogers



Mary M. Robert's Award Recipient Sandy Lewenson (left) thanking the Committee Joan Lynaugh (center) and Patricia D'Antonio (Right)



Silent Auction room--  
Almost \$3000 raised via the silent auction



Left to Right: Marjorie Baier, Barbara Brodie, Lisa Zerull, Trish Seifert and Janna Dieckmann (seated)



Katharine "Madonna" Smith and Sandra "Cher" Lewenson

## Looking Ahead to the 2014 Conference

University of Connecticut, Storrs,  
September 18 – 21



John Harley Warner, Avalon Professor of  
the History of Medicine, Yale University

### The Eleanor Krohn Herrmann Keynote Speaker

The Eleanor Krohn Herrmann Keynote Speaker will be **John Harley Warner**, Avalon Professor of the History of Medicine, Yale University. The title of his address is “Bedside Stories: Clinical Narrative and the Transformation of the Hospital Patient Chart.”

Dr. Warner explores the remaking of the hospital case record in the United States over a long 19th century, how we can explain it, and more broadly what we stand to gain by thinking about the practice of writing as a clinical practice. It will first trace how during the final third of the 19th century the production of clinical narrative was fundamentally transfigured. He will reconsider how experimental laboratory science first entered and altered practice at the bedside, reshaping clinical representation and, through it, clinical cognition and then turn to the first two decades of the 20th century, when the formal changes of the late 1800s were fixed in place. His talk will close by cautioning against the impulse to script the making of the modern case, its animus, and its meaning into any too-simple story about the embrace of a reductionist aesthetic, and will draw attention to new relationships between patient charts and clinicians’ identities that emerged early in the 20th century.

### Call for Abstracts

**Submission Date: Abstracts must arrive on or before January 31, 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. While not the focus of the entire conference yet in recognition of the sesquicentennial of the US Civil War and the centennial anniversary of World War I, proposals for papers centering on nursing’s participation in and experiences during military conflicts are also 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](http://www.aahn.org).

## “Talking History” Forum – November 6, 2013

### Talking History Grant Writing: Tips & Tactics

**Wednesday, November 6, 2013 • Noon – 1:30 PM EST**

#### Call-in Information

**Domestic: 855-212-0212**

**International: 530-881-1212**

**Access Code: 639-138-863#**

Talking History returns this November! This session, hosted by Dr. Cynthia Connolly, will cover grant writing basics, such as what you need to know in putting together a proposal, potential funding sources, and tactics for success in grant writing. Have your questions answered at this informative session!

Meet the Speaker: Cynthia Connolly, PhD, RN, FAAN is an Associate Professor of Nursing and a Fellow of the Barbara Bates Center for the History of Nursing at the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing. She is currently the Chair of the AAHN’s Research Review Panel. Dr. Connolly has been a recipient of numerous grants and serves on a number of grant review panels.



## Member News

This entire newsletter celebrates all our members! Kudos to all who worked so hard on the 30th Anniversary Conference. Thanks to all who attended and presented. Our auctioneer and auction assistants were once again hilariously superb and the monies raised that Jean referenced in her President’s letter made it a phenomenal evening. Remember to join Talking History on November 6th and join us for the 31st conference next September.

Please send along any member news for the next newsletter – Spring edition – if not before!

## From the Editor’s Desk

Greetings! As this is my first “Post Conference” edition, a big “THANK YOU” goes to the Publications Committee Chair, Barbara Gaines, and all those who have contributed articles for this edition and all those who are proofing this issue and proofed issue 107. Once again, collaboration is the name of the game! Please keep your articles, news clips, and input coming.

Until the next issue,

## Research Connection Corner

Welcome to The Research Connection Corner! Dr. Phoebe Pollitt, RN writes:

“Hi,

I am a member of AAHN and am beginning a book about the history of African American and Native American nurses in Appalachia 1900-1965. I would really appreciate it if you would put out a “call” in the Bulletin to see if anyone else in the organization has done research or has leads in this area.”

Thank you so much,

Phoebe

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## 30th Annual Conference — more memories



Recipients of the 2013 Mary M. Roberts Award Patricia D'Antonio and Sandy Lewenson with Award Committee Chair Joan Lynaugh (center)



Annemarie McAllister and Sandy Lewenson