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Dear Members of AAHN,

What a conference that was! As a joint conference offered by the AAHN and the European Nursing History Group, attendance exceeded all expectations. Registration was cut off at 300 because our hosts at the Royal Holloway, University of London, were simply out of space. Being a joint conference was definitely a positive move—the AAHN gained new members and participants solidified international connections. We heard about nursing history activities throughout the world—from the International Nursing History Conference planned in August 2012 at the Danish Museum of Nursing History (www.dsr.dk/dshs) to the process of updating London's Florence Nightingale Museum. The AAHN remains committed to maintaining its international connections through fostering international membership and maintaining regularly scheduled international conferences.

As an organization—our mission is to foster the work of nursing history and to showcase the fabric of nursing's past. This coming year we'll be doing just that.

- The fall 2011 conference promises the excitement of the UK conference but the setting couldn't be a greater contrast. We'll be in Fort Worth, Texas, and hosted by Texas Christian University. Thanks to local arrangements chair Melissa Sherrod, working with 2011 program chair Mary Gibson, Texas promises to envelop us in history as we stay in the Fort Worth Hilton—listed on the National Register of Historic Places—and listen to keynote speaker Laurel Thatcher Ulrich, Pulitzer Prize winning author of *A Midwife's Tale: The Life of Martha Ballard, based on her diary 1785-1812*.
- Bulletin Editor Beth Ann Reedy has graciously consented to publish *The AAHN Bulletin* three times a year instead of twice. Thanks Beth Ann!
- AAHN will be starting a Face Book presence. We need to reach out to ALL our members and Face Book will welcome and engage our vitally important younger members. Thanks marketing task force members Lisa Zerull and Arlene Keeling.
- Pat D'Antonio, editor of *Nursing History Review*, is always anxious to support researchers in the field and help aspiring authors get their work published. To facilitate this, there will be a "Meet the Editors" table at the 2011 conference. The program committee will invite additional editors including, of course, Beth Ann Reedy, editor of *The AAHN Bulletin*.

One issue of concern is our membership. We are presently hovering around 400



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AAHN Introduces Nursing History Bucks

AAHN's new program, **Nursing History Bucks**, is designed to help members save money and to grow our organization. Earn Nursing History Bucks by encouraging your friends and colleagues to join AAHN and *mention your name as sponsor on the application* when they enroll.

For each new member who names you as sponsor, you will receive a \$10 Nursing History Bucks* certificate. Nursing History Bucks may be used to renew your membership, make a contribution to the AAHN, or as a discount on AAHN products in the AAHN store. Save them up for a bigger discount, or give them away to a friend. Please note: you will need to turn in your certificates to receive your discount.

To use your Nursing History Bucks for a discount on your membership renewal, please complete your renewal or registration form, subtract the amount of your Bucks from the total fee, and enclose them with your payment. If you renew online, you may indicate that you will be submitting your Bucks. We will show a balance due on your record until we receive them in the mail.

If you have any questions about the Nursing History Bucks program, please contact the office at aahn@aahn.org or (303) 422-2685.

*Not redeemable for cash.

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members. It appears that our downturn in numbers was precipitated by the economic freefall of a couple of years ago. Since then, like the economy, we are recovering very slowly. But we need more members so that we can accomplish our mission more effectively. So—please do what you can. If you attend a meeting—take some of our brochures (available at AAHN 303-422-2685); if you are in education—let your colleagues in history and women's studies know about the AAHN and its opportunities for publishing and presenting; tell your students, colleagues, friends, children, dogs and cats about the benefits of membership in the AAHN.

In closing, it was a true honor to have been elected president of this life-changing organization. I'll try my best to live up to your expectations.

Sincerely,
Brigid Lusk

AAHN Wants You!

Dear AAHN Members:

Every time you think about how you can integrate history into the work you do, consider serving as an officer in the AAHN. Take a look below at the “Most Frequently Asked Questions” as you make this important decision.

“Most Frequently Asked Questions About Running for Office”

1. I am not sure about the amount of work serving as an officer might entail. Is it more work?”

Yes, it is more work, but you will love it! Many committees meet online, using emails or Skype or other distance technology to do the work.

The full board meets at our annual meeting in the fall and then again in the spring. Take a look at the bylaws (found on our membership website) for the duties and responsibilities of the position you are interested in.

Realistically, the “work” of a board member comes in relatively short ‘bursts’, such as around meeting times, conference preparation times, award/abstract review times, so it is “doable”!

2. Why would I possibly want more work to do?

Because it gets you out there among nurse historian leaders from around the world!

It allows you to support the work of the AAHN and the work of new and seasoned historians.

3. I am too new to serve and may want to serve on a committee instead. Are there options for committee work?”

Yes, the President appoints committee members. Serve first on a committee, if you are more comfortable with that, but then, jump in and consider running for office.

4. Will serving on the AAHN Board get me tenure or promotion?”

Although we cannot answer for all schools, we say yes! You are a historian and you are serving in the premiere nursing history organization in the United States (that has an international reputation as well). You become a recognized leader!

5. How will serving on the AAHN Board help me integrate nursing history into my work?

Your active engagement in AAHN offers great talking points with nursing students, nurse colleagues and other health care colleagues, especially medical colleagues. You can suggest great ideas (as some tend to think very broadly about their own discipline and are interested in history of medicine). Serving makes life (and your work) more interesting and thus more integrated with nursing history!

6. Why serve as an officer in the AAHN?

Because, it is fun, it advances the association’s mission; it enriches the history of nursing, it offer opportunities for networking and establishing collegial relationships, it helps you learn about the fiduciary role and responsibility of non-

profit organizations and it offers personal and professional development!

Because you will have a say! And, you will be doing what our historical leaders have always done. So, take a stand, serve, and go beyond the required duties of a nurse historian!! (Remember, Lavinia Dock, Isabel Hampton Robb, Mary Mahoney, Linda Richards, Isabel Stewart, Lillian Wald, Mabel Staupers, just to name a few, did not sit on the side and wait for others to lead... they led... and you can too!

7. What positions are available this year?

This year we are voting on the following officers:

Office	Term	Responsibility
Second Vice-President	2 years	Chair, Program
Secretary	2 years	
Director	2 years	Chair, Publications
Director	2 years	Member, Strategic Planning
Director	2 years	Member, Finance
Nominating Committee (2 positions)	2 years	Elections

(For specific responsibilities please see article VI, §7 of the Bylaws found on the AAHN website)

8. How do I nominate myself or someone else?

Complete the Biographical Data Form that can be found on our website (<http://aahn.org/>). This information will accompany the ballot. You may find it helpful to prepare your candidate statement (less than 75 words) before starting to complete the form. You may submit the form online or request a paper version to mail to:

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9. Will I have to dress up like Florence Nightingale, or other historical characters?

No. But if you would like to, go ahead.

Thank you for your commitment to and support of the AAHN! For nominating questions please contact:
Sandy Lewenson, AAHN
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Public Health Panel



Bostridge Plenary Session

Report from London 2010

Beth Ann Reedy, PhD, RN

On September 14, 2010 the American Association for the History of Nursing convened in London, England, United Kingdom. In conjunction with the European Nursing History Group the conference attracted people from many different countries around the world. The chance to meet new people interested in nursing history was fantastic. Papers and poster presentations highlighted nursing historical scholarship conducted worldwide. Our hosts at the Royal Holloway

University provided a beautiful venue for the conference. The welcome reception and awards ceremony held the first night was lovely and highlighted the high quality historical scholarship accomplished by AAHN members. Unfortunately the barbecue scheduled to be held outside in the beautiful courtyard was forced indoors because of the weather, however the food was just as wonderful (and dry) inside the Founder's building.

The next two days provided a virtual smorgasbord of nursing history. Papers and posters from all over the world highlighted the role of nurses in healthcare over the past 150 or more years. No matter what the language



Maura Buchanan, Royal College of Nursing; Fiona Ross, Health and Social Care Sciences, Kingston University and St. George's University of London; Sylvia Rinker



Delegates at Windsor Conference Center



we all learned that nurses are really the same, no matter where they live. Caring is, and has been, universal.

A highlight of the conference for those able to attend was the Evensong service at St. Paul's Cathedral in London, followed by a tour of the newly renovated Florence Nightingale Museum at St. Thomas Hospital. The service was beautiful and moving as it remembered Nightingale on the 100th anniversary of her

death. After the service conference attendees were invited to go down to the crypts underneath St. Paul's. Although Nightingale is not buried there, a plaque in her honor hangs on the wall among other heroes of the British people. The Nightingale Museum was fascinating. The artifacts were displayed in three different vignettes and included uniforms, an original lantern, books by and about Nightingale, a sash worn by nurses at the Scutari Hospital, and her owl,

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Report from Scutari

Beth Ann Reedy, PhD, RN

After the AAHN conference in London a number of members took an optional tour of Turkey and the Crimea. Led by Arlene Keeling, the group left London on Friday morning, September 17th. Beginning and ending in Istanbul the group toured major historical landmarks and went by ferry to visit the Scutari Barracks on the Asian side of Istanbul. They also visited the Florence Nightingale Museum located there as well as the British Cemetery. (Two Nightingale Museums in one week!!). Back in Istanbul, our world travelers toured churches, castles, museums and mosques. After a whirlwind weekend they left Turkey for London on Monday morning, and then back to home and work.

A Letter of Thanks

September 18, 2010

Dear Dr. Rinker

Surrounded by the beauty of Royal Holloway College, my spirit glowed with an appreciation of my profession during the AAHN conference! Just part of my experience –

- I was intrigued to hear of the dedication of Kezia Depelchin as she responded to the urgent needs in the 1878 Memphis Yellow Fever Epidemic.
- I connected to the experience of Boston nurses bringing aid in the wake of the Halifax Harbor Explosion in my native land of Canada.
- My heart swelled with gratitude by the presence of nurses in the time of war – the Australian flight nurse escorting prisoners of war home, the Vietnam nurse whose efforts led to better trauma care, nurses on such a long journey to help in the Boer War.
- I envisioned a 'long white line' of nurses – some known by name, many not – who have walked before me. Nurses whose commitment and engagement inspire us yet today.
- I was awed by the expertise of nurse scholars whose passion for their profession and history permeated the seminar rooms I visited.

Please share my appreciation to all involved in the delivery of such a great conference. It was such a pleasure to attend and participate in my own small way! I plan on joining your organization!

Sincerely

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Afaf Meleis and Arlene Keeling



Poster Session

Athena (stuffed after its' death while Nightingale had gone to the Crimea). Light refreshments were served and souvenirs were available in the gift shop. For a more detailed description of the museum see the website www.florence-nightingale.co.uk

In all, the London conference was a major success. We had fun, learned a lot, caught up with friends and made new friends. Many of us were able to visit museums, castles, and the major sights in London as well. We ate at local pubs, walked a lot, and even re-lived our college days on the University campus. Our hosts were wonderful and we appreciate their efforts to make the conference such a stimulating experience. I am sure they were glad that they did not have to make the trans-Atlantic flight this time.

The AAHN welcomes the following new members:

Dianne E. Dodd,
Gatineau, QC Canada

Susan Armstrong-Reid,
Guelph, ON Canada

Elizabeth Nunez, Carrasco
Machali Rancagua, Chile

Tashia M. Scott, Blandford
Forum, Dorset UK

Judith Redman, Sheffield, UK

Davida B. Michaels,
West Springfield, MA

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Ridgefield, CT

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Pleasantville, NY

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MSN, Goodyear, AZ

Cindy M. Hains, RN,
MSN, Culver City, CA

Julie Rousseau, PhD, CNM,
Santa Monica, CA

Abby Heydman,
Palm Desert, CA

Nancy Haugen, Dublin, CA

Renee T. Smith, Oakland, CA

Pamela Zollman,
Beaverton, OR

28th Annual Historical Research Conference

Harris College of
Nursing,
Texas Christian
University
Fort Worth, TX

September 8–11, 2011

The 28th Annual Conference of the American Association for the History of Nursing promises opportunities for scholarly exchanges of knowledge about the development of nursing and healthcare in the United States and across the globe.

This year, the Conference provides time to celebrate the wisdom, the insights, and critical importance of 28 years of historical scholarship. Our program and celebration include paper and poster presentations, exhibits, networking opportunities, our traditional banquet, and of course, our live auction.

The Conference committee invites all individuals interested in the history of nursing and healthcare.

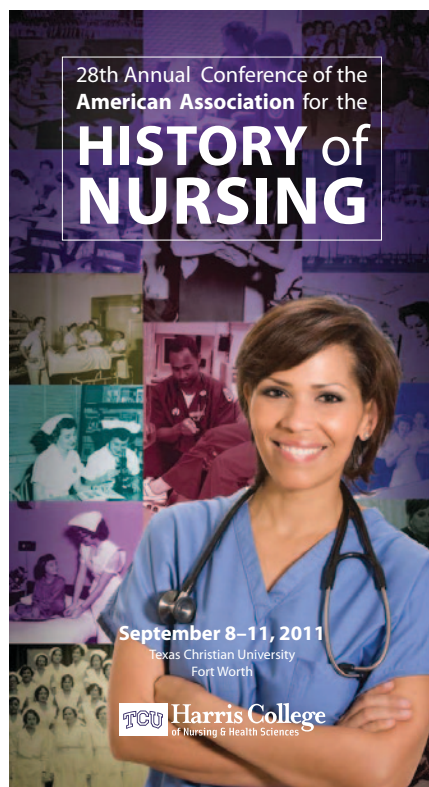
Keynote Presentation

Laurel Thatcher Ulrich, Ph.D.

300th Anniversary University Professor
Harvard University

Laurel Thatcher Ulrich is a historian of early America and the history of women and a university professor at Harvard University. Dr. Ulrich's innovative and widely influential approach to history has been described as a tribute to “the silent work of ordinary people”—an approach that, in her words, aims to “show the interconnection between public events and private experience.”

In 1991, Ulrich received the Pulitzer Prize in history for *A Midwife's Tale: The Life of Martha Ballard* based on her diary, 1785–181”. The book examines the life of Northern



New England midwife Martha Ballard. *A Midwife's Tale* was later developed into a documentary film for the PBS series “The American Experience”, with Ulrich serving as a consultant, script collaborator, and narrator.

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Annual Auction

Please sort through your closets, attics, and collections. Is there something special gathering dust that you have not looked at in years? Think AUCTION! You may have the perfect item(s) to help AAHN raise funds for exemplary historical scholarship. If you would like to donate items for the auction, please send them to:

Melissa Sherrod

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(Deadline for mailing auction items: August 1, 2011)



AAHN Board. Standing, left to right: Arlene Keeling, Mary Gibson, Tess O'Neill, Carol Daisy, Barbara Brodie, Barbra Mann Wall. Seated: Sylvia Rinker, Brigid Lusk

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