Overview

The American Association for the History of Nursing (AAHN) is a professional organization open to everyone interested in the history of nursing and health care. Originally founded in 1978 as a historical methodology group, the association was briefly named the International History of Nursing Society. The purpose of the AAHN is to foster the importance of history as relevant to understanding the past, defining the present and influencing the future of nursing and health care.

The mission of the UCD School of Nursing, Midwifery and Health Systems is to prepare nurses, midwives and other professionals to promote and protect health, wellbeing and dignity across the lifespan through skilled, ethical and careful practice based on best evidence and prudent judgment, and to develop and disseminate disciplinary knowledge through research and scholarship. The School has a long and proud tradition of providing high quality clinical and academic programmes for nurses and midwives. A dynamic, interdisciplinary School, it is a unique internationally in having a cutting-edge health systems programme of research and education and, nationally, in the scale of its global engagement, its extensive network of health service partnerships and the number of faculty holding joint appointments. The School has an extensive programme of research in the fields of social gerontology and aged care, palliative care, mental health, women’s health, children’s health, and health systems. The School’s programmes are delivered in a friendly and collegial environment by expert faculty committed to excellence in education underpinned by research and scholarship.

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Thursday, September 17, 2015

Working with Web-based Collections and Filmic Sources

1:00-3:30pm | Cost: $75

The pre-conference workshop examines web-based and filmic source for researching the history of nursing and healthcare. The first part is facilitated by Mark Loughrey and Diarmuid Stokes and examines historical collections available in a searchable online format. It includes a demonstration and discussion of the Irish Nursing Journals Collection, a digital archive containing 398 journal issues in a single online searchable collection, dating from 1925. The second part is facilitated by Karen Nolte and examines the use of filmic archives as a source for researching nursing history, with a particular focus on how nursing care is represented in films. It analyses the functions of representations of nursing and nurses in war films and the iconographical and filmic traditions these representations evoke.

Speakers:

Mark Loughrey
Dr. Mark Loughrey is a nursing historian and the Irish Nurses’ and Midwives’ Organisation Scholar. A registered general nurse, Dr Loughrey is a nursing graduate of UCD and holds a Higher Diploma in Intensive Care Nursing. In 2015 he completed a PhD; his doctoral thesis was entitled ‘A history of the Irish Nurses’ Organisation: 1919–1999’. Dr Loughrey is currently completing a monograph history of the Irish Nurses’ and Midwives’ Organisation.

Diarmuid Stokes
Diarmuid Stokes is the Liaison Librarian for the College of Health and Agricultural Sciences. During his time in UCD he has held a number of posts in the UCD Library, including Disability Support Librarian, Subject Librarian and Branch Librarian. Diarmuid is interested in how emerging technologies impact on how libraries develop.

Karen Nolte
Dr. Karen Nolte, PD, Dr. Phil, is a registered nurse. She studied history, cultural anthropology, European ethnology and sociology at the University of Goettingen in Germany, where she completed a master degree. Her dissertation was on the history of hysteria in asylums c.1900, which she published in 2003. Since 2004 she has been a member of staff at the Institute of History of Medicine, University of Wuerzburg, and has worked on social history of ethics, especially the care for terminally ill patients in the 18th and 19th centuries. She completed her habilitation, a specific qualification for a professorship in Germany, in December 2010 and, since 2013, she has a permanent position at the Institute for the History of Medicine in Wuerzburg. Her current research interests include the history of Protestant nursing in the 19th century, representations of nurses in twentieth-century cinema, the history of psychiatry and body history.
Eleanor Krohn Herrmann  
Keynote Presentation

**Compassionate Care through the Centuries: Highlights in Nursing History**

_Dorrie K. Fontaine, RN, PhD, FAAN  
Dean of the School of Nursing, University of Virginia_

Using a variety of secondary sources as well as primary source materials from the Eleanor Crowder Bjoring Center for Nursing Historical Inquiry, Dr. Fontaine’s keynote address will trace the theme of compassionate care in nursing. Beginning with examples from the work of the Lutheran deaconesses in Kaiserswerth, Germany in the mid-19th century and highlighting Nightingale’s work in the Crimea, the presentation will trace significant 20th century historical events in which nurses gave compassionate care. These will include examples from: the home front during the 1918 influenza epidemic, the work of nurses in Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941; the activities of the Mississippi public health nurses (Benoist collection, Bjoring Center), nursing care in the leper colonies (Rita Chow collection, Bjoring Center) and others. The presentation will close with highlights of compassionate nursing care in which nurses at the University of Virginia have been involved in the 21st century, including stories from their participation in the response to the earthquake in Haiti, the Regional Area Medical (RAM) clinic in southwest Virginia, and the Limpopo project in South Africa. It will end with an account of “The Pause” used at the University of Virginia Medical Center Emergency Department in 2012.

**Plenary Presentation**

**Neutrality, Engagement and Humanitarian Responses: U.S. Nurses and the First World War**

_Christine E. Hallett  
Professor of Nursing History, University of Manchester; Director, UK Centre for the History of Nursing_

In the second decade of the twentieth century, the nursing profession in the USA was well-organized, with a strong sense of identity and purpose. It had been influenced by European models – both secular and religious – but its powerful elite had chosen to pursue two distinct professionalizing strategies: educational reform; and restrained yet assertive political activism. The paper will explore the ways in which this vibrant professional background empowered American nurses to participate in arguments about warfare, and – for some – in the war itself. Influential nurse-leader, Lavinia Dock, was determinedly, and vocally, pacifist. Others demonstrated their political neutrality by volunteering to provide humanitarian service with the American Red Cross on either side of the conflict. Among these were nurses who served in Germany and Austria, and who wrote compelling narratives of their experiences. Still others formed particular allegiances – usually to allied nations. Ellen La Motte travelled to Europe in 1915 and served with one of the most unusual field hospitals of the war: L’Hôpital Mobile Chirurgical No. 1 (a French field-hospital, founded by her compatriot, Mary Borden, and located close to the front lines in Belgium); Massachusetts General Hospital nurse, Helen Dore Boylston, joined the Harvard Unit; while Johns-Hopkins-trained Alice Fitzgerald took on the role of a nursing sister with the British Queen Alexandra’s Imperial Military Nursing Service, and found herself close to the front lines during one of the fiercest assaults of the war – the Battle of the Somme.

The paper will present some of the personal testimony of these and other nurses, alongside other documentary and published primary sources. In doing so, it will explore the ways in which US nurses expressed a common sense of their professional identity alongside a range of convictions and perspectives on military nursing, and on warfare itself. Ultimately, it will argue that, for all their differing points of view, American nurses projected a shared sense of their mission in Europe: a combination of aloof political detachment, engaged humanitarianism and expert professional service.
Because this year’s meeting is abroad, the live auction will be condensed more so than when the conference takes place in the U.S. Attendees are encouraged to bring small items that can be easily transported during your travels to Dublin. Items could include jewelry, books, memorabilia, or even any services you or your institution/organization could provide. Please send an email beforehand to Gerard Fealy, gerard.fealy@ucd.ie, describing the item. If you wish to mail an item, please send it with a description and your contact information to:

c/o Dr. Gerard Fealy
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*Maldron Hotel Cardiff Lane*
Sir John Rogerson’s Quay, Dublin 2, Ireland
Rate: $193 for single room; $204 for double room

AAHN Live Auction
Conference Agenda

Thursday, September 17

10:00am – 2:00pm  Conference Registration
1:00pm – 3:30pm  Preconference Workshop
2:00pm – 4:30pm  University College Dublin Campus Tour

Friday, September 18

8:00am – 6:00pm Conference Registration
9:00am – 12:00pm Old Jameson Distillery Tour
9:00am – 12:00pm Dublin Castle Tour
1:00pm – 1:30pm Welcome Remarks
1:30pm – 2:30pm Eleanor Krohn Herrmann Keynote Address: Dr. Dorrie Fontaine
2:30pm – 3:00pm Awards Presentation
3:00pm – 3:30pm Break
3:30pm – 5:00pm Concurrent Session I
   A. Childbirth and Newborns
      1. “‘Seven Miles By Road’…Nurses and Childbirth in Rural Ireland, 1890-1930” – Cara Delay
      2. Nursing, Ethics, and Technology in Premature Infant Care – Michelle Hehman
      3. Hatching Weakling Babies: The History of Neonatal Care in the United States – Stephanie Prescott
   B. Psychiatric Nursing Worldwide

2. Living and Working on the Frindge: The Hidden History of Homosexual Life Among Nurses in British Psychiatric Hospitals in the mid-Twentieth Century – Tommy Dickinson
3. Adele Suyder Poston Sandford (1884-1979): “First Lady” of Psychiatric Nursing and World War I Heroine – Carolyn Castelli

C. Nurses’ Response to War
   1. Beyond Fiction and Myths: Revisiting the Question of Nurses and Nursing in the International Brigades of the Spanish Civil War – Sioban Nelson
   2. Nursing the Community Under Deportation, Northern Norway 1944 – Ingunn Elstad
   3. ‘This Anxiety Riddled Age’: The Development of American Mental Health Nursing in the Cold War – Kylie Smith

D. Panel: “Practical Turn” in Writing the History of Nursing
   1. Sylvelyn Hähner Rombach
   2. Susan Grant
   3. Susanne Kreutzer
   4. Karen Nolte
   5. Ann Marie Rafferty

E. Nursing History Potpourri
   1. The Role of the National Student Nurses’ Association in Addressing Social and Political Issues that Contributed to Student Unrest from 1960-1975 – Diane Mancino
   2. The Baby San: “Mother Nature’s Cradle for the Care of Babies” – Adrian Melissinos
   3. Ellen N. La Motte and the Anti-Opium Crusade – Lea Williams

5:30pm – 7:30pm Welcome Reception – Hosted by University College Dublin
Saturday, September 19

7:30am – 7:00pm  Conference Registration
7:30am – 8:30am  Breakfast & AAHN Business Meeting
8:30am – 9:30am  Plenary Session: Dr. Christine Hallett
9:30am – 10:00am  Break & Poster Viewing
10:00am – 11:30am Concurrent Session II
   A. Specialty Practice
   B. Pioneer Nursing Leaders
      1. The Fate of Isabella Lewers; Government Decision Making in Colonial Queensland – Julie Bradshaw
      2. Florence Nightingale: Evidence-Based Midwifery – Kathleen Walker
      3. Mary Breckinridge and the Highlands and Islands Medical Service: Influences on the Development of Frontier Nursing Service – Elissa Miller
   C. World War I: The War to End All Wars
      1. ‘Not Like Ordinary Times’: Aspects of Australian Nurses Experiences During the Great War – Jaclyn Hopkins
      2. “For the Boys”; Memories of War. Exploring the Content and Meaning of Scrapbooks Compiled by Women Serving in the Voluntary Aid Detachment – Pauline Brand
      3. “Such a Grand View”: Nurses Who Thrilled to World War I – Kirsty Harris
   D. Nurses’ Work, Nurses’ Service
      1. First to Care: Sisters of Charity Nurses in Civil War, Louisville, Kentucky – Sara Bolten
      3. “Nurses Should Provide Their Services for Free,” thought Alfred Nobel – Gunnel Svedberg
   E. Rural Nursing
      1. Practicing Primary Care in Rural America: The Red Hook Nursing Experiment, 1915-1917 – Sandra Lewenson
      2. “There’s No One Else to Do It”: Providing Care in Far West Texas, 1946-1962 – Melissa Sherrod
      3. “Orange Crates and Old Quilts”: Nurses, Migrant Workers and the Great Depression – Arlene Keeling

11:30am – 1:00pm  Conference Luncheon/Doctoral Student Luncheon
1:00pm – 2:30pm Concurrent Session III
   A. Panel: “History by Stealth”: Integrating Nursing History in Education, Practice, and Research
      1. Sandra Lewenson
      2. Annemarie McAllister
      3. Kylie Smith
      4. Barbara Mann Wall
B. Transcultural Nursing During World War II
   1. Nursing Leaders and Leadership at Heart Mountain War Relocation Center, 1942-1945 – Rebecca Coffin
   3. “Well-Trained American Citizens”: African American Hospital Units in the China-Burma-India Theater of World War II – Amanda Mahoney

C. Disaster Nursing
   1. Mary Ambler and the Great Train Crash of 1856 – Elizabeth Reedy
   2. Grace under Fire: The Nurses of Pearl Harbor, 1941 – Gwyneth Milbrath
   3. Britain’s Fight Against the Cruel Sea, Disaster Nursing and the East Coast Floods of 1953 – Claire Chatterton

D. Cultural Influence on Nursing Education
   1. ‘Nursing is an Art Based Upon Science’: Frances Gillam Holden and the Idea of Trained Nursing in Nineteenth Century Australia – Suzi Russell

E. Toward Professionalization
   1. Nurses in Motion: Mobility and Career Development of Late 19th and Early 20th Century British Nurses – Sue Hawkins
   2. Matrons in Transition – Carol Helmstadter
   3. Oral History from the First Modern Nurse Ethicists – Teresa Savage

2:30pm – 3:00pm   Break & Poster Viewing

3:00pm – 4:30pm   Concurrent Session IV
   A. Military Nursing Across Continents
      1. ‘The Best Sick Nurses in the World’: Race and British West Indian Military and Naval Nursing C. 1780-1830 – Erin Spinney
      2. Impact of Boer War Nurse Veterans on British Military Nursing in WWI – Keiron Spires
      3. War Nurses in Catalonia. Training, Career Pathways, Care and Repression – Anna Ramio

B. Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies: Midwifery in the Early 20th Century
   1. Not Domestic Servants: Aboriginal Australian Women as Trained Nurses and Midwives 1900-1949 – Odette Best

C. Panel: Commemorating the First World War’s Nurses – Century Reflections
   1. Clare F. Ashton
   2. Christine Hallett
   3. Kirsty Harris

D. Gender and Professional Empowerment
   1. Negotiating for Nurse Independence; The Stories of Two Nurses Navigating the Power Dynamics of Colonial Health Care – Winifred Connerton
   2. ‘A Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Nurses’: The Establishment of the Irish Nurses Union – Mark Loughrey
   3. Who’s on First? Is It Enough That She Is A Woman?: Analysis of an Early Twentieth-Century Gender-Natured Debate on The First Nurse Training – April Matthias

E. Plagues and Trail Hazards: Nursing Before Antibiotics
   1. The Nursing Care Provided to Plague-Infected Patients in the General Hospital of Madrid (Spain) in the 17th Century - Manuel Garcia
   2. The Nursing Care Provided to Patients With Syphilis in the Hospital of the Espiritu Santo (Holy Spirit) in Seville (Spain) Around the Year 1600. Books and Documents - Antonio Garcia

4:30pm – 5:30pm   Poster Session
   6:00pm – 7:00pm   Reception
   7:00pm – 9:30pm   Banquet and Live Auction
Please print. Complete a separate registration form for each registrant. You may also register online at www.aahn.org. For questions, please contact AAHN headquarters at (303) 422-2685.

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- ☐ I am a new member of AAHN
- ☐ Doctoral Student Luncheon
Session Selection

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Come explore our host school’s campus with a guided tour of University College Dublin’s School of Nursing, Midwifery and Health Systems. Busing will be provided to transport you back and forth.

Old Jameson Distillery Tour
Friday, September 18 | 9:00am – 12:00pm
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Dublin Castle Tour
Friday, September 18 | 9:00am – 12:00pm
Cost: $30
Originally built in the 13th century on a site previously settled by the Vikings, it functioned as a military fortress, a prison, treasury, courts of law and the seat of English Administration in Ireland for 700 years. Rebuilt in the 17th, 18th, 19th and 20th centuries, Dublin Castle is now used for important State receptions and Presidential Inaugurations.
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