Borders, boundaries and political context in nursing and health care history

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Preliminary Program / Programme*
(*May be subjected to change)

THURSDAY JUNE 5 / JEUDI 2 JUIN

1500-1515 Opening Remarks/Discours préliminaire d’ouverture

1515-1615 Hannah Lecture, Catherine Choy, Associate Professor of Ethnic Studies at the University of California Berkeley
Nurses on the Move: Migration in Nursing and Health Care History

Location: Delta Chelsea Conference hotel
Chair: Kathryn McPherson

1630-1820 Concurrent Sessions Thursday: at the Delta Chelsea hotel

SESSION A1 Chair: Kathy Gates
Life History and Biography

1. Helen Howitt: a Canadian seed in Latin American Nursing – Ana-Luisa Velandia-Mora, National University of Colombia, Bogotá Colombia

2. The influences of Euphemia Jane Taylor’s Perspective of Holistic Nursing on the Expansion of Nurses’ Knowledge and Skills - Janice Cooke Feigenbaum, University of Buffalo, New York, USA

3. Overseas recruitment: Experiences of nurses immigrating to Newfoundland and Labrador – Marilyn Beaton and Jeanette Walsh, Memorial University of Newfoundland, St. John’s, NL, Canada
4. Networks of identity in nursing history – Maria I. Padilha and Sioban Nelson, University of Toronto, Canada

**SESSION A2** Chair: Marg Gorrie  
*Dealing with Shortages, Immigration and Workforce Issues*

1. ‘The same old difficulty’ - Recruiting and Retaining Nurses to Work in Sheffield, England’s, General Hospitals, 1948-1974 – Julie Redman, Sheffield Hallam University, Sheffield UK

2. Rescuers in Need: East Asian Nurses in West German Hospitals in the 1960’s – Ulrike Winkler, Berlin, Germany

3. Border Crossings: The Immigration and Licensing of Foreign-Trained Nurses & Doctors, c. 1967-75 – David Wright, McMaster University & Sasha Mullally, Saint Mary’s University, Canada

4. Blurring the Boundaries – Susan McGann, Royal College of Nursing Archives, Edinburgh, UK

**SESSION A3** Chair: Jayne Elliot  
*Religious Nursing Practice*

1. Care for body and soul – nursing in poor districts in 19th century Germany – Karen Nolte, University of Würzburg, Germany

2. Religious Roots of Nursing: Belief, Practice, and Representation in a Religious Male Nursing Order, 1866-1966 – Barbra Mann Wall, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia USA

3. Nursing and the issue of “party” in the Church of England: the case of the Lichfield Diocesan Nursing Association – Stuart Wildman, graduate student, University of Birmingham, UK

**SESSION A4** Chair: Meryn Stuart  
*Nursing in Wartime*

1. Developing Flight Nursing in the Wartime Australian Air Force 1943-1953 – Maxine Dahl, graduate student, Alan Barnard and Carol Windsor, Queensland University of Technology, Kelvin Grove, Australia
2. Southern Blacks Giving Nursing Care in Virginia during the American Civil War, 1861-1865 – Barbara Maling, graduate student, University of Virginia, Charlottesville USA

3. The instability of boundaries and practice: Kay Christie, Military Nurse and Prisoner of War, 1941-1943 – Cynthia Toman, University of Ottawa, Canada

1900 Welcome Buffet at the Conference Hotel

FRIDAY 6 JUNE/ VENDREDI 6 JUIN

The Friday program is held at the University of Toronto Fac. of Nursing

800-900 Breakfast/Petit déjeuner: University of Toronto Fac. of Nursing

900-1030 THEME SESSION I: Chair: Marion McKay

The Political Context of Health Care

Judith Godden, University of Sydney, Australia
Exploring the fault lines of mid-twentieth century nursing

Christoph Schweikhardt, Ruhr-University Bochum, Germany
The National Socialist Sisterhood: an Instrument of National Socialist Health Policy

Cynthia Connolly, Yale University, USA
Sifting “Deserving” from “Undeserving:” Nurses and Morality Politics in United States History

1045-1215 Concurrent Sessions:

SESSION B1 Chair: Sheila Rankin-Zerr

Professional Nursing Identity

1. Imagined Communities: Representation and Identity in American Nursing 1890-1920 - Patricia D’Antonio, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia USA

2. Who decides nursing professionality?: The growth of governmentality in nursing professionality – Mayuami Kako, graduate student, Flinders University, Adelaide, Australia

3. Nursing, professionalization and modernity: The development of nursing and the 1893!Columbian Exhibition – Louise C. Selanders, Michigan State University, Michigan USA
SESSION B2 Chair: Sonya Grypma

*Religious Nursing and Spirituality*

1. Shifting Boundaries: Religion, Medicine and Nursing In Mid-Nineteenth Century England – Carol Helmstadter, University of Toronto, Canada

2. Parish Nursing in West-Germany. On the Social Practice of Christian “Charity Service” after 1945 – Susanne Kreutzer, Leibniz University of Hanover, German

3. Russian Romances: Emotionalism and Spirituality in the Writings of ‘Eastern Front’ Nurses, 1914-1918 – Christine Hallett, University of Manchester, UK

SESSION B3 Chair: Florence Melchior

*Race, Imperialism and Professional Ideology*

1. Traces of Manifest Destiny in U.S. Nurses’ letters to American Journal of Nursing 1900-1913 – Winnifred C. Connerton, graduate student, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, USA

2. Lyle’s Secret Service: Canadian WHO nurses, 1952-1968 – Susan Armstrong-Reid, Guelph, Canada

3. Professional Folktales: Nurses’ accounts of rural and remote ‘backblocks’ practice in New Zealand, 1910-1920 – Pamela J. Wood, Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand

SESSION B4 Chair: Veryl Tipliski

*Midwifery Practice and Regulation*

1. The midwives ordinance (Palestine, 1929): Historical perspectives and current lessons – Eyal Katvan, graduate student, and Nira Bartal, Bar-Ilan University, Israel

2. Mountain Midwives: British Nurse Midwives at Frontier Nursing Service, 1925-1940 – Elissa Miller, Searcy Clinic for Women, Arkansas, USA

3. Branches of the same profession?: nomenclature in context in nineteenth and early twentieth century Australian midwifery and nursing – Madonna Grehan, graduate student, University of Melbourne, Australia

1213-1315 Lunch/déjeuner
1315-1500 **THEME SESSION II**: Chair: Nicole Rousseau

The History of Northern and Circumpolar Nursing

Elizabeth Lindahl, Umea University, Sweden  
*Balancing and sometimes crossing lines for the sake of those being in need*

Johanne Daigle, Laval University, Canada  
*Quebec nurses at the borders: Isolation, care and sensitivities*

Vasiliki Douglas, University of Alberta, Canada  
*Inuulitisivik Maternities: Culturally Appropriate Midwifery and Epistemological Accommodation*

1515-1615 Concurrent Sessions:

**SESSION C1** Chair: Jamie Lapeyre

**Documentary History**

1. Using Alternative Media to Disseminate Historical Research: A Documentary Case Study – Sonya Grypma, Trinity Western University, Langley, Canada  
   Part I - Walls Fall Down  
   Part II - Behind the Scenes

**SESSION C2** Chair: Jeanette Walsh

**Child Health**

1. Insulin is “unspeakably wonderful”: Nursing care of children with diabetes, 1920-1930 – Deborah Gleason-Morgan, graduate student, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, USA

2. ‘You need a greater degree of imagination’ Charlotte Seymour Yapp (1915): Progressive clinical nursing and empathetic childcare in Northern England – Lesley Wade, University of Manchester UK

**SESSION C3** Chair: Nerrisa Bonifacio

**The Politics of Patients Needs**

2. They didn’t toe the line: Ottawa public health nurses, social justice and family planning, 1967-1972 – Maureen Kennedy, University of Ottawa, Canada

**SESSION C4** Chair: Judith Hibberd

**Knowledge of Practice**

1. Searching for the Origins of Two-hourly Turning: The Story So Far – Carol Dealey, University of Birmingham, UK

2. “Mother Nature’s Medicine: Herbs Used in Childbirth in Early America” – Megan Privett, graduate student, University of North Carolina, Greensboro, USA

**1630-1800 THEME SESSION III**: Chair: Anne Marie Arseneault

**Missionary Nursing and Religious Sisterhoods in International Context**

Michel Nadot, University of Applied Sciences Western Switzerland, Fribourg, Switzerland

*La première école de soignantes laïques au monde face au pouvoir des Eglises* [The world's first school for lay nurses and the power of the Churches]

Daniel Hickey, University of Moncton, Canada

*French Nursing nuns confronted by the beginnings of the Paris Clinic, 1634-1789.*

Aline Charles, Laval University, Canada


**1900** Cash Bar/Conference Dinner at the Delta Chelsea Hotel
SATURDAY 7 JUNE / SAMEDI 7 JUIN

The Saturday program is held at the Univ. of Toronto Fac. of Nursing

800-900
Breakfast/Petit déjeuner, Univ. of Toronto Fac. of Nursing

900-1000

**THEME SESSION IV:** Chair: Chris Dooley

*Complexities of Place, Power and Difference in the History of Psychiatry*

David Wright, McMaster University, Hamilton, Canada

*The City and the Asylum: Urbanization and the Confinement of the Insane in Victorian Canada*

Sylvelyn Haehner-Rombach, Institute for the History of Medicine, Stuttgart, Germany

*Coping with Madness: Limits of Health Care for Female Lunatics in the Second Part of the 19th Century in Germany*

1015-1115

Concurrent Sessions:

**SESSION D1** Chair: Beverly Hicks

*Redefining Psychiatric and Mental Handicap Nursing*

1. ‘Gradual spiritual formation’ – postcolonial mental handicap nursing in Ireland – *John F. Sweeney, University College Cork, Ireland*


**SESSION D2** Chair: TBA

*Responding to Contagious Disease*

1. Crossing Borders: The Influenza Pandemic of 1918 and the American Nursing Response – *Arlene Keeling, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, USA*

2. Anna Fraentzel Celli – Italian nursing in the early 1900: an extraordinary woman’s struggle against malaria and illiteracy – *Juergen Wildner, graduate student, Museum of Nursing History, Bologna, Italy*
SESSION D3 Chair: Kathleen MacMillan

Public Health

1. “Building for the Canada of tomorrow:” Public health nursing in Manitoba, 1916-1920 – Marion McKay, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Canada

2. ‘Nursing knows no boundary’: district nursing in Ireland in the context of political partition 1890-1930 – Ann Wickham, Dublin City University, Dublin, Ireland

SESSION D4 Chair: Joyce McQueen

Nursing Education

1. An Examination of the Origins of the Bifurcation of Nursing Education in Canada between Colleges and Universities – Michael L. Skolnik, University of Toronto, Canada

2. Medical Pedagogy as a scientific basis for nursing in the German Democratic Republic: How was it developed, and how was it influenced by the state? – Andrea Thiekötter, Carinthia University of Applied Science, Feldkirchen/Kärnten, Austria

1130-1230 HANNAH LECTURE, Katrin Schultheiss, Associate Professor of History at the University of Illinois, Chicago
Religion, Citizenship, and the Transformation of the Nursing Profession in France
Chair: Meryn Stuart

1230-1330 Lunch/déjeuner

1330-1515 Concurrent Sessions:

SESSION E1 Chair: Marilyn Beaton

Professional Politics

1. Living and working on the fringe: The culture of psychiatric nursing in mid-twentieth century New Zealand – Kate Prebble, University of Auckland, Australia

2. Naming Power: Nursing Diagnosis Classification and the Issues of Language and Professional Boundaries during the Late 20th Century – Jennifer L. Hobbs, graduate student, University of Pennsylvania, USA
3. Maintaining a toe-hold in shifting sands: Registered Psychiatric Nurses and the political economy of rapid mental health reform in Saskatchewan – Chris Dooley, graduate student, York University, Canada

SESSION E2 Chair: Geertje Boschma
Specialty Practice in the Sixties and Seventies

1. ‘The geriatric hospital felt like a backwater’: Nursing the aged and infirm in Britain, 1955-1980 – Jane Brooks, University of Manchester, UK

2. Politics, Gender and Regionalism in the Establishment of Psychiatric Nursing in Manitoba – Beverly Hicks, graduate student, University of Manitoba, Canada

3. Space and Specialization: Stories of Transformation in Western Canadian Nursing Practice, 1960-1980 - Nerrisa Bonifacio, Deborah Hamilton, Erica Roberts, graduate students and Geertje Boschma, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada

SESSION E3 Chair: TBA
Defining Professionalism and Professional Identity

1. Formation of Nursing Identity – An Intercultural or a National Construction? – Susanne Malchau, University of Aarhus, Denmark

2. Negotiating boundaries and borders: Nursing Work and Moral Purposes – an Australasian perspective – Sarah Jane Brophy, graduate student, University of Sydney

3. National need and state translation: Comparing nurse practitioner practice act authority legislation, 1970 to 2007 – Deborah A. Sampson, University of Michigan, USA

4. Saskatchewan Nursing Sisters of World War I and World War II – Sandra Bassendowski and Carmen Kramer, undergraduate student, University of Saskatchewan, Canada

1515-1615 CLOSING FORUM: Chair: Cynthia Toman
Reflections on International Nursing and Health Care History Scholarship from an Editor’s point of view
Patricia D’Antonio, University of Pennsylvania, USA
Cheryl Warsh, Malaspina University College, Canada
Sioban Nelson, University of Toronto, Canada