

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

An International Conference devoted to Nursing History Research will be held in Toronto, Canada, 5-7 June 2008 – Call for Abstracts

The conference is organized by the Canadian Association for the History of Nursing/Association Canadienne pour l'Histoire du Nursing and co-sponsored by the Faculty of Nursing, University of Toronto, the School of Nursing, Ryerson University, the School of Women's Studies, York University, the Allemang Centre for the History of Nursing, and the AMS Nursing History Research Unit.

Aiming for a critical understanding of connections between health and nursing, the conference welcomes papers that explore borders, boundaries and the political context in nursing and health care history. The conference seeks to explore the history of nursing practice, religious and missionary roots of modern nursing, as well as critical questions on the history of specialty areas and regions of practice. Looking at critical and under-examined areas of nursing's past, questions of practice, power and health policy will be examined. How did local, regional and global contexts of health care shape nursing practice? How did colonial, imperial and political regimes impact on health care practice and administration? How did communities respond to special needs, difficult behaviour and vulnerability? How did nurses influence or participate in (inter) national health politics? What tensions arose over claims of knowledge, skill and identity? Priority will be given to abstracts addressing these themes.

The conference brings together scholars from many different countries and many different areas of nursing and health care history. We especially welcome abstracts from students. CAHN/ACHN will seek to provide some financial assistance to students who present papers. The two Hannah Lecturers for the conference will be

Karen Schultheiss, Assistant Professor of History at the University of Illinois, Chicago, author of *Bodies and Souls: Politics and the Professionalization of Nursing in France 1880-1922*.

Catherine Choy, Associate Professor of Ethnic Studies at the University of California Berkeley, author of *Empire of Care: Nursing and Migration in Filipino American History*.

Please submit a one page abstract on completed research by e-mail of no more than 300 words. State the title of the paper at the top and at the end list name, institutional affiliation or city, contact information, and whether you are a student. Let us know if you would like your e-mail to be published along with the abstract, and if you have any audiovisual or other special requirements. Abstracts will be peer-reviewed.

Submit abstracts to geertje.boschma@nursing.ubc.ca

Abstracts must be received by Nov. 15, 2007. Notification of acceptance will be send out by Feb.1, 2008

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