This year marks the debut of a long-awaited new digitization initiative at the Bates Center with the official launch of a website featuring the collection of The Alumnae Association of the Philadelphia General Hospital School of Nursing (PGH). Spearheaded by Project Leader & Bates Center Assistant Director, Dr. Jean C. Whelan, the PGH photo collection site was created in collaboration with the University of Pennsylvania Libraries’ Schoenberg Center for Electronic Text and Image (SCETI), which has been digitizing images, rare books, and manuscripts for nearly two decades. The PGH site features thousands of images, covering not only the full history of this institution, but also the evolution of the City of Philadelphia and the growth of the nursing profession in general. The photos also provide a visual narrative to issues of class, race, and the inequity found in healthcare access during the 19th and 20th centuries.

**PGH: A Philadelphia Landmark**

PGH’s history begins hundreds of years ago in 1732 when it was known as the Philadelphia Almshouse. Located originally at Fourth and Pine Streets, the Almshouse was established to care for those who existed on the margins of society. In 1767, the Almshouse moved to Tenth and...
Barbara Bates Center for The Study of The History of Nursing

The Barbara Bates Center for The Study of The History of Nursing was established in 1985 to encourage and facilitate historical scholarship on health care history and nursing in the United States. Part of the Center’s mission is to maintain resources for research to improve the quality and scope of historical scholarship on nursing, and to disseminate new knowledge on nursing history through educational programs, conferences, publications, seminars and inter-disciplinary collaboration.

Current projects at the Center include studies of the role of nurses in health care, the history of hospitals, the forces shaping child health care delivery, the nursing workforce and the construction of nurses’ personal and professional lives. The Center also continues to collect, process, and catalogue an outstanding collection of primary historical materials.

Center Hours are Monday through Friday, 10:00 am to 4:00 PM. Scholars planning to conduct research at the Center should e-mail nhistory@nursing.upenn.edu or call 215-898-4502. Our Center staff will respond with a description of the scope and content of relevant materials in the various collections.

News from the Center

CENTER FELLOW CYNTHIA CONNOLLY RECEIVES TENURE

In December 2012, Center Fellow Dr. Cynthia A. Connolly was granted tenure within the rank of Associate Professor of Nursing effective July 1, 2013.

Dr. Connolly’s research analyzes the forces that have shaped children’s healthcare delivery and family policy in the United States. Her current research provides a historical overview and critique of children and pharmaceuticals (therapeutic medicinal chemistry) in the United States from World War II to the present day. The project illuminates the historical dimension for a clinical and policy issue with great contemporary significance. This research, supported by an Investigator Award in Health Policy Research from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, addresses four major health policy issues: how beliefs about children and their place in American society informed policy debates surrounding pharmaceuticals for children, how stakeholders have responded to debates about use, testing, advertising, and regulation of pharmaceuticals for children; how ideas about children’s best interests shifted over time and shaped health policy, and how politics and legislative and regulatory choices led to reforms with both intended and unintended consequences. Her research allows us to expand our understanding of the costs, benefits, risks, coverage, and access issues associated with children’s pharmaceuticals.

Dr. Connolly has been a productive author and was awarded the prestigious Lavinia L. Dock Award for Exemplary Historical Research and Writing for her book Saving Sickly Children: The Tuberculosis Preventorium In American Life, 1909-1970 in 2008. With another book, No Drug Left Behind? Children, Drug Therapy and Pharmaceutical Policy in the United States since 1933, expected to go to press in 2013. Dr. Connolly continues to shed important light on the efficacy and safety of pharmaceutical research and the unique needs of children.

As noted by Margaret Bond Simon Dean of Nursing at the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing, Dr. Afaf Meleis, Dr. Connolly has shown a commitment to interdisciplinary collaboration during her prolific career. For instance, in addition to her role at the Bates Center, Dr. Connolly is a member of the graduate group in the History and Sociology of Science department at Penn’s School of Arts and Sciences. Since 2011, she has served as Co-Faculty Director for the Field Center for Children’s Policy, Practice, and Research at the University of Pennsylvania. She also holds Fellow appointments at the Leonard Davis Institute for Health Economics and the Alice Paul Center for Research on Gender, Sexuality, and Women at the University of Pennsylvania.

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Through the years, Dr. Connolly has earned praise as a thoroughly engaging and inspiring teacher who consistently receives strong evaluations and enthusiastic comments from her students. She has brought her historical knowledge and clinical practice experience to the classroom. In 2012, she won Penn Nursing’s Dean’s Award for Exemplary Teaching and the Department of Family and Community Health’s Award for Outstanding Teaching.

Dr. Connolly has been an integral part of the Bates Center for quite some time. She was awarded a PhD in 1999 for her doctoral dissertation Prevention Through Detention: The Pediatric Tuberculosis Preventorium Movement in the United States, 1909-1951. Dr. Connolly completed a two year Postdoctoral Fellowship at Columbia University’s Joseph L. Mailman School of Public Health in 2003. In the same year, she was appointed as Assistant Professor at the Yale University School of Nursing and in 2008 was promoted to the rank of Associate Professor at Yale. During her time at Yale, Dr. Connolly was the first faculty member at the School of Nursing to develop and teach an interdisciplinary course: Children’s Health in the United States, 1800-2000. Please join us in congratulating Dr. Connolly for this well-deserved achievement!

**GRANTS**

Bates Center Doctoral Student Amanda L. Mahoney received a Jonas Scholar grant for 2012-2014.

Drs. Connie Ulrich, Marjorie Muecke, Barbra Mann Wall and Linda Hoke were awarded a grant from the Penn Office of Global Affairs for their work on the Africa Regional Group.

Several faculty members continue work on on-going grants.

**Dr. J. Margo Brooks Carthon** continues work on a National Institute of Nursing Research, National Institutes of Health K01 grant, “Nursing care and practice environment influences in reducing disparities in hospital outcomes.”

Dr. Carthon also continues work on the Penn Nursing Faculty Research Award, “Defining a set of nursing performance measures to reduce hospital readmissions among older adults” and the Robert Wood Johnson grant “The diversity imperative: Assessing the impact of recruitment and retention pipeline initiatives to increase minority representation in nursing.”

**Dr. Cynthia Connolly** continues her grant on the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Investigator Award in Health Policy Research on the history of children and pharmaceuticals since World War II entitled “A prescription for a healthy childhood: A history of children and pharmaceuticals in the United States.”

**Drs. Patricia D’Antonio and Julie Fairman** continue to work on their Rockefeller Archive Center conference Grant-in-Aid, “Rethinking the global history of nursing.” They and **Dr. Jean Whelan** continue on a Routledge Press Publication Grant for a publication entitled Routledge’s Handbook on the Global History of Nursing.

**PUBLICATIONS**


**PRESENTATIONS**


Fairman, J. “The Future of Nursing: Where are We Going?,” Association of Pediatric Hematology and Oncology Nurses, Annual Conference, 2012, Pittsburgh, PA.


Wall, B.M. “Catholic Medical Missionaries and International Entanglements in Nigeria, 1937-1970.” Speaker at the New Directions in the Histories of Health, continued on next page
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APPOINTMENTS AND OTHER NEWS

Dr. Patricia D’Antonio was appointed to the 2012 National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship Review Panel.

Dr. Julie Fairman was appointed to the Board of Directors of the American Academy of Nursing (AAN). Dr. Fairman was also named to the Program Committee of the AAN.

Drs. Barbra Mann Wall, Patricia D’Antonio, and Julie Fairman were appointed members of the Assessment of Student Learning Working Group for the Middle States Commission on Higher Education Reaccreditation Self-Study.

Dr. Jean Whelan was appointed consultant to the American Red Cross, Nurse Pin Registry Project.

Introducing

CHRISTINE ROHALY

Christine Rohaly, a sophomore in the School of Nursing, joined the Center this past fall as a work study student. She chose to attend the University of Pennsylvania because of its excellent nursing program, Christine also chose Penn because both of her parents are proud Alumni.

During her time at the Center, Christine has worked on a wide variety of projects. For example, Christine has played an instrumental role in creating digital records of the Center’s accessions through the program Archivist’s Toolkit. This program has the ability to compile finding aids for use on our website, and will allow for consistency and standardization amongst them. The program also helps with organizing and searching information on the Center’s collections.

Another project that Christine has worked on has been inventorying the Center’s book collection through our new book database. Christine also serves as editorial assistant for The Chronicle. Aside from the Center, Christine also works at the Student Disabilities Services. At the SDS, she proctors exams for students with special accommodations. In addition, she works with software that creates audio versions of textbooks, presentations, and other forms of media for the blind students at Penn. When she isn’t at one of her jobs or studying, Christine is at practice. She is a member of the women’s competitive Ultimate (Frisbee) team here at Penn.

Welcome Christine!

Welcome Jaxson Carthon!

Born November 11, 2012
6 lbs, 3oz

We extend congratulations to Center Fellow Dr. J. Margo Brooks Carthon & her husband Bruce on the birth of their new son!
In fall 2012, Bates Center Associate Director Dr. Barbra Mann Wall and Center Fellow Dr. Cynthia Connolly joined fellow Penn Nursing faculty member Dr. Deborah Becker as consultants on an exciting visit to Saudi Arabia. The purpose of the trip was to consult with King Khalid University (KKU), which was seeking assistance with its nursing curriculum by addressing whether the program’s objectives, goals, and outcomes were appropriate to a school aiming to become competitive globally. KKU has embarked on an ambitious expansion, and the nursing college, a new program, graduated its first class two years ago. Four of its first graduates have been hired as junior faculty as Teaching Assistants (TAs).

Saudi Arabia is equipping its citizens to assume nursing roles and help set public health priorities, undertake research in order to improve health promotion and disease prevention, evaluate the effectiveness of current nursing initiatives and health programs, and suggest new nursing roles and care models that will enhance the health outcomes of the Saudi people. There is an especially acute shortage of female nurses (male nurses take care of male patients and vice versa). Site visitors were encouraged by university administrators to “think big” and evaluate and critique the nursing program using the same standards to which American nursing schools are held.

Over the course of the five day visit, Drs. Wall, Connolly, and Becker evaluated nursing courses for their objectives, content, modes of instruction, testing and other evaluator mechanisms, and course sequencing. They also critiqued research projects underway by nursing faculty and students. In terms of formal lectures offered during the visit, Dr. Becker offered an instructional in-service on writing objectives and considering ways to thread content derived from objectives into the classroom, clinical, and evaluation mechanisms. Additionally, Drs. Becker, Connolly, and Wall presented a lecture on “What Nursing Can Bring to Society.”

The trip included visits to clinical sites at Abha General Hospital (AGH), Aseer Central Hospital (ACH), and Al Faraa Hospital. In addition, Drs. Wall, Connolly, and Becker interviewed key university and nursing college stakeholders (nursing college leadership, TAs, clinical instructors, as well as those responsible for laboratories, electronic learning, and library personnel). Students at all levels of the program were also interviewed.

This was an exciting, whirlwind visit. Drs. Becker, Connolly, and Wall were exhilarated about learning the intricacies of Saudi society, education, and especially the personal interactions with Saudi students and faculty. Opportunities for further collaboration are being explored between KKU and Penn.
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Spruce Streets, an area now occupied by the historic Tenth Presbyterian Church. With the move, the Almshouse expanded its reach and scope, yet the densely populated region created more space issues that needed to be addressed if the institution was going to survive.

In 1835, the City of Philadelphia moved the overcrowded almshouse from Spruce Street to an area located along the west side of Philadelphia’s Schuylkill River. This site had previously been Native American burial grounds in what was then known as Blockley Township. Through the years, the Almshouse faced many challenges, including several fires and widespread overcrowding. With these setbacks, the institution’s reputation was marred, and it came to be known for its perceived dismal care for patients, as well as a lack of trained staff and technicians. However, over time there were reforms in the mission and scope of PGH which brought modernization and the provision of professional healthcare services. One major reform occurred in 1885 when the PGH nursing school opened under the leadership of Nightingale protégé Alice Fisher (1839-1888).

When the PGH Nursing Training School was established, Fisher was responsible for changes that ushered in a new era of advanced care at the Almshouse, reforms which mirrored the move towards the professionalization of nursing worldwide. Fisher strove to institute standards of care that placed the respect and wellbeing of the patient at the center of a nurse’s work. Fisher’s legacy would live on in her successors, students, and protégées of the Nursing Training School for generations to come as the Almshouse, which came to be known as the Philadelphia General Hospital (PGH) in 1902, expanded further to become the most vital health institution in West Philadelphia.

PGH thrived throughout much of the 20th century, however as a municipal institution, it was dependent on city support. With a changing healthcare landscape which relied heavily on federal dollars to sustain programs and services to the poor and elderly, it became clear that PGH would not survive. Furthermore, by the early 70’s, the nursing profession had shifted to the point where more and more nursing students were receiving their education at colleges and universities instead of hospital based nursing programs. All of these factors came into play when PGH shuttered its doors in 1977.

At the time of its closing, PGH was the oldest public hospital in the United States, and had amassed a considerable amount of records during its history. Most of PGH’s records were given to the City of Philadelphia archives, which in turn donated a considerable amount of materials, including photographic collections, to the College of Physicians in Philadelphia in 1978. Concurrently, the Alumnae Association of the PGH School of Nursing, led by its last Director Stephanie A. Stachniewicz, retained many important records from the school, such as the earliest known histories of PGH, administrative files, personal papers, artifacts, and various ephemera connected to the school.

**PGH Nursing Records Find a Home**

For many years, the records held by the PGH School of Nursing Alumnae Association had no official place to be stored, however that changed with the establishment of our Center. In fact, one of the Center’s first high-profile acquisitions was the PGH collection in 1986. Stachniewicz, who was an early and committed supporter of the Center, joined with fellow PGH Alumnae Association member Helen B. Dopsovic and other retired PGH nurses, to catalog and process thousands of images from the collection throughout the 1980’s.

As the Center grew, it acquired several additional accessions from the PGH Alumnae Association, which today total nearly 20 linear feet. The collection became widely used by scholars investigating the role of nurses and women in medicine, as well as popular audiences seeking genealogical records. With this popularity, it became clear that there was a need to promote and sustain the collection in

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order to ensure widespread dissemination of these resources. In the mid-90’s the Center acquired funding to further catalog and preserve the PGH photograph collections. By the end of the 20th century, the Center had successfully catalogued much of the PGH collection, thanks in large part to the financial support of the Alumnae Association. However there still remained the issue of how to present the collection to a global audience.

**Center Enters Digital Age**

In 2010, Center Director Dr. Julie Fairman determined that increasing digitization initiatives would be a major strategic goal for the next decade. In order to push this agenda forward, Fairman and Center Assistant Director Jean Whelan met with the Director of the Rare Book and Manuscript Library (RBML) at Penn Libraries, David McKnight, in order to discuss collaborative methods of digitizing Center holdings. In addition, Whelan was named the Project Director for this initiative and assembled a team of consultants and digitization technicians to begin the arduous task of carefully scanning and editing the cataloguing data for the photo collection. McKnight pledged support for the project, which is hosted through the Schoenberg Center for Electronic Text and Image (SCETI) and linked on the Center’s website.

The primary challenge in seeing the PGH photo collection website finally come to fruition has been the lack of a primary funding source. As Whelan noted recently, “there are number of considerations that go into a successful digitization effort, and unfortunately most of these cost a lot of money.” However, the Center has been fortunate to receive assistance for this project through the contributions of the PGH Alumnae Association, as well as Center cofounder Dr. Ellen D. Baer, who has been a staunch supporter of our digitization efforts.

In addition to the financial support received for this project, the Center is grateful to SCETI, in particular Web Developer Dennis Mullen and Scanning Supervisor Chris Lippa, who both worked extensively with Dr. Whelan. We are also grateful for our scanning technicians and cataloguers Luba Polyak, Heather Urkuski, Joanne Mantilla, Betsy Weiss, Bethany Myers and Elisa Stroh. Finally, we acknowledge that this project could not have been completed without the consultation of Dr. Joan Lynaugh, who has been an ever-present source of guidance throughout the cataloguing process.

As we look to preserving the Center’s future, additional plans are in place to digitize other important collections for the web so they are available to a global audience.

To view the new PGH Photo Collection on the web, go to [www.nursing.upenn.edu/PGH](http://www.nursing.upenn.edu/PGH).
I was excited to receive the Alice Fisher Society Fellowship for Historical Research. This allowed me to return to the Barbara Bates Center for the Study of the History of Nursing to follow up on my research trip in 2011. On that first trip, I had just started work on my Irish Research Council funded postdoctoral project that examines the history of Russian and early Soviet nursing (1914-1941), based in University College Dublin and University of Toronto.

I first arrived at the Bates Center to conduct research into the International Council of Nurses (ICN) files on Russian and Soviet refugee nurses who underwent ICN nursing accreditation verification after World War Two. Although this material dealt with the processing of Russian Displaced Persons and their integration into the professional nursing community in their new homelands (usually North America or Australia). As Sher commented in a letter to one Australian official in 1956, “nursing training there [in the Soviet Union] is not comparable with nursing training in the western world” (ICN Collection, Box 15 Folder 1719, “Sher to Tully,” 17 January 1956). Therefore, Sher attempted to construct a picture of Russian and Soviet nursing to order to place it within the western context of training and education.

Not only does this material open a window into Soviet nursing, but it is also important in helping us understand the immense difficulties experienced by displaced Russian and Soviet nurses, who had in some cases been displaced for a second time (after the Bolshevik Revolution and Russian Civil War). The accounts of those émigré nurses found in the ICN files unite the two initial “waves” of emigration that occurred in the early 1920s and after 1945. It becomes clear from many of the accounts that for a great number of these women (and the nurses in these files were in the vast majority female) their sense of self by this stage did not depend on their national identity but rather on their sense of professional identity.

The information that I found in the Center’s archives was very useful to me when I started the Russian leg of my research from February-July 2012 and helped inform my archival work in Moscow. Armed with knowledge of how Soviet nursing was seen from the outside, it was now time to look within Russia itself and uncover the internal structures and organization of Soviet nursing. Much of what I found was new to me and contradicted many of the assumptions I had held about Soviet nursing. For one, while the political system in which nursing operated after war and revolution was obviously very different than that in the West, the professional debates taking place within Soviet nursing seemed to be remarkably similar to other nurses. The main axis of my research pivots on education, training, and professionalization and my research so far indicates that Soviet discussions of these largely reflect wider international discourse of the 1920s and 1930s. I hope that I can learn more about these issues in 2013 as I continue my archival research in Moscow and St. Petersburg.

Almost a year after my first visit to the Center, I returned to Philadelphia as the 2012 Alice Fisher Society Fellow to present a paper on October 3, 2012 at the Bates Center seminar series and share my research findings with their community of experts. The discussion that followed has helped shape and inform how I approach the subject of Soviet nursing and how it fits into the international history of nursing. As I continue to undertake research and develop my project I look forward to maintaining these valuable links with the Barbara Bates Center and to drawing on its scholars’ diverse range of knowledge and expertise.
On August 9-11, 2012, The Danish Society of Nursing History, the Danish Museum of Nursing History, and the Danish Nurses’ Organization sponsored the Nursing in a Global Perspective: International Nursing History Conference in Kolding, Denmark. The conference was also run jointly by the Southern University of Denmark and the UC Danish Deaconess Foundation.

Bates Center Director Dr. Julie Fairman was a keynote speaker, along with Dr. Anne Marie Rafferty from Kings College London, England, and former Bates Center Fellows Drs. Christine Hallett from the University of Manchester and Susanne Kreutzer from the University of Osnabruck, Germany. Dr. Fairman’s topic was “History Counts: How Nursing History Shapes our Understanding of Health Policy.”

Scholars from around the world participated in sessions that included the topics of war and disaster nursing, religious and secular nursing, nursing ethics, politics, children’s health, public health, and professional issues. Drs. Cynthia Connolly and Barbra Mann Wall also took part in the conference. Dr. Connolly spoke on “New Drugs, Old Problems: The Sulfonamide Revolution and Pediatric Nurses, 1936-1949; and Dr. Wall spoke on “Sister Nurses in the Nigerian Civil War, 1968-1970.”

An extra benefit of the conference was its location at the Hotel Koldingfjord, Jutland, a four-star hotel located in quite beautiful surroundings. Some of the conference sessions were held at the Danish Museum of Nursing History, a 3-minute walk from Hotel Koldingfjord. The museum is housed in buildings that were formerly a part of The Christmas Seal Sanatorium Koldingfjord, inaugurated in 1911 and financed through the sale of Christmas seals from 1904 to 1911.

Future conferences in international history will be announced at a later time.
The Center is pleased to announce the appointment of Susan Weiss Behrend RN MSN AOCN to the advisory board. Behrend is an advanced practice oncology nurse. She has functioned as a clinical nurse specialist in the areas of medical and radiation oncology for thirty years. A proud Quaker, Behrend received her BSN and MSN from the School of Nursing, as well as a BA in Spanish literature from the College. Her clinical experience focuses on the care of adult patients in medical oncology outpatient settings. Ms. Behrend is also an accomplished clinician in the field of radiation oncology nursing within a comprehensive cancer center. She has written and edited numerous journal articles and textbook chapters on topics related to her specialty. In addition, Behrend frequently appears as a guest lecturer and consultant. Susan has been featured nationally as a moderator for a professional video series for oncology nurses. Behrend has also been an international guest lecturer and consultant to the Department of Continuing Nursing Education and as a clinical specialist in the Department of Radiation Oncology and Ambulatory Oncology at Fox Chase Cancer Center in Philadelphia.

Throughout her career, Susan has remained involved as an active alumna of the School of Nursing. She served as co-chair for the 2010 Campaign for Friends of Penn Nursing, which provided scholarship funds for nursing students. Her affiliation with the Bates Center is long standing. As a graduate student, Susan worked closely with the Bates Center archivist to access primary historical materials relating to the specialty of public health nursing. Her close relationship with her esteemed professor and mentor Dr. Karen Buhler-Wilkerson further solidified Susan’s commitment to the preservation of nursing history. As Behrend noted, “mentors [such as Buhler-Wilkerson] shape our lives and influence who we ultimately become.” Dr. Wilkerson’s focus on public health nursing practice and history as well as many domains of nursing history such as the evolution of the nursing uniform engaged Susan further to pledge continued support for the Bates Center. According to Behrend, “the grace notes of a Penn Nursing education are infinite and the need to covet our past while shaping our future is paramount for the perpetuation of our profession.” Susan’s commitment to Penn Nursing, coupled with her professional affiliations, will enable her to actualize the mission and goals of the Center’s Strategic Plan and to accept the esteemed honor and concomitant responsibility to Chair the Center’s Capitol Campaign.

Susan has held several leadership positions within the Oncology Nursing Society including associate chair of the Oncology Nursing Society Steering Council as well as a former board member of the Oncology Education Services a subsidiary of the Oncology Nursing Society. Currently, Susan serves as Associate Editor of The Oncology Nursing Forum. In 2007, Susan was honored to receive the Ellyn Bushkin Friend of the Oncology Nursing Foundation Award which designated her as a committed life-long supporter of the Oncology Nursing Foundation. Her professional experience combines the roles of educator and clinician in her role as a consultant to the Department of Continuing Nursing Education and as a clinical specialist in the Department of Radiation Oncology and Ambulatory Oncology at Fox Chase Cancer Center in Philadelphia.
tion made by Neville Strumpf also contained her research notes and materials on various Visiting Nurse Associations, Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, the Ladies Benevolent Society, and Southern social and racial divides, as well as some of her last research papers. These materials complete Buhler-Wilkerson’s collection of personal papers that documents her 40 years teaching in the fields of home health care nursing and health care history, including the honor of Penn’s Lindback Foundation Award for Distinguished Teaching in 2005. Buhler-Wilkerson is best known for her 2001 award winning book, *No Place Like Home: A History of Nursing and Home Care in the United States*. A prolific scholar, she twice was awarded the Lavinia L. Dock Award (1989 and 2001). This collection, with previous donations, highlights her role in developing and founding the Bates Center in the 1980s as well as the creation of the Living Independently for Elders Program (LIFE) in 1998. In addition, her papers contain her personal and professional correspondence over the decades, her research into public health nursing, as well as her involvement with award winning exhibits, including the *Nightingale’s Song* exhibit at the Philadelphia Museum of Art (20 linear feet).


The Center is thrilled to have received additional materials that add to a collection of personal papers donated by Lois Evans. These materials document Evans’ professional papers and presentations both prior to her position at Penn and during her career here starting in 1984. In addition, her papers highlight her activities while at Penn Nursing, including her involvement with the Penn Mental Health Network, the Penn Institute to Advance Academic Nursing Practice as well as her national efforts for education and practice in geropsychiatric nursing. This accretion also contains several prestigious awards Evans was honored with during her career, such as the Baxter Foundation Epistene Award, and Penn’s Lindback Award for Distinguished Teaching. This collection, in its entirety, documents Evans’ influential career in elder care research and her professional partnership with Neville Strumpf, including their ground breaking research into restraint use on the elderly, complete with original notes, papers, interviews and evaluation tools. This research lead to shaping new policy and standards to reduce restraint use in nursing homes and hospitals. Her personal papers also focus on her tenure at Penn and the leadership she provided in improving faculty diversity and faculty mentorship. Evans influenced the development of Penn’s School of Nursing clinical nursing programs and providing community-based services, including PACE (Program of All-inclusive Care for Elders). In addition, her personal papers show her engagement in integrating psychiatric mental health graduate nursing curriculum in the broader nursing education, as well as her role in the development of the psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner program (11 linear feet).

**Joan Lynaugh (1935-2011)**

The Center recently completed processing of Joan Lynaugh’s papers. These new materials document her interest in nursing history and her role at Penn School of Nursing from 1999-2009. These papers join Lynaugh’s complete archival collection, which spans her prolific career of over four decades in developing the nurse practitioner role, re-designing nursing curricula and teaching nurses to meet the challenges of the nursing profession. Recruited by Penn Nursing in 1980 to direct the School’s new primary care nurse practitioner program, Lynaugh brought with her a commitment to family nurse practitioner education and faculty practice which significantly contributed to the reshaping of graduate nursing education. Alongside her faculty role, Lynaugh’s papers also focus on her involvement in the creation, and ongoing development, of the Bates Center. Her collection also highlights her involvement with the Teaching Nursing Home Program, funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, as well as her work as editor of the *Nursing History Review*. Amongst the awards she received during her career include the Lavinia L. Dock Award and the American Academy of Nursing’s Living Legend award. In addition, her papers highlight Lynaugh’s engagement in the development of historical research on nursing and health care. Funded by several organizations, in-

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The Center’s faculty and students were well represented at the 29th annual American Association for the History of Nursing (AAHN) conference which was held in Savannah, Georgia September, 2012. The Center’s Assistant Director, Dr. Jean C. Whelan, was named the new president of AAHN for the 2012-2014 term, succeeding Dr. Brigid Lusk. Center Fellow Dr. Pat D’Antonio was named the recipient of the prestigious President’s Award. Dr. D’Antonio received the award in recognition of her advocacy and support of AAHN, in addition to her distinguished tenure as Editor of AAHN’s scholarly journal, the *Nursing History Review*. Dr. D’Antonio also received the H-15 grant for her proposal “A History of Health Demonstration Projects in the United States, 1920 – 1940: The Perspective of the New York City Department of Health.”

Another AAHN grant recipient was one of the Center’s students, Katharine Smith, who was awarded the H-31 pre-doctoral grant for her proposal “The Greatest Potential Force for Reform: The Vassar Nurse Training Camp, 1918.” The H-31 pre-doctoral grant encourages and supports graduate training in historical research. Doctoral student Linda Maldonado presented “Contextualizing the Women’s Health Movement of the 1970s and 1980s: Nurses as Activists” during the conference.

Center Associate Director Dr. Barbara Mann Wall, received the Mary M. Roberts Award for Exemplary Historical Research and Writing for the book *Nurses on the Front Line. When Disaster Strikes, 1878-2010*, which was co-edited with Dr. Arlene Keeling. The Mary M. Roberts Award recognizes outstanding original research and writing in an edited book of nursing history. Another award recipient was Dr. Cindy Connolly, who was awarded the Mary Adelaide Nutting Award for Exemplary Historical Research and Writing for the article “A Startling New Chemotherapeutic Agent at Baltimore’s Sydenham Hospital,” which was co-written with Dr. Janet Golden and Benjamin Schneider.
Including the International Council of Nurses, Lynaugh’s papers contain nurses’ personal recollections on nursing, project notes, and many oral histories recorded on audio cassette tapes. Personal correspondence and photographs are also well represented as well as her early educational notes, papers, and dissertation and research notes (6 linear feet).

**Neville Strumpf (1965-2011)**

The personal papers of this former Interim Dean and long-time faculty member at Penn Nursing include personal letters (largely between Neville and her mother during her college years and pre-Penn career) are currently undergoing processing. In this collection are her dissertation, academic materials, professional correspondence, as well as papers and abstracts written by Strumpf during her career. In addition, the donation includes numerous personal and professional photographs related to the activities and events hosted officially and unofficially by Penn Nursing. Strumpf’s collection highlights her influential career and long-standing involvement at Penn, including her role as director of the Gerontology Nurse Practitioner Program, and her time as Interim Dean. These papers also document her role in incorporating gerontology into the undergraduate curriculum. Also included are Strumpf’s focus on advancing research and education into gerontological care and the clinical problems of caring for elders, improving outcomes of their care and creating individualized care for frail adults. Working with long-time research partner, Dr. Lois Evans, Strumpf’s research revolutionized nursing practice in nursing homes by reducing the use of restraints on the elderly.

**IN REMEMBRANCE: ROSEMARY MCCARTHY**

Rosemary Theresa McCarthy, RN, PhD, FAAN, Colonel U. S. Army (Retired) noted nurse educator and historian died on June 7, 2012. Dr. McCarthy graduated from the McLean Hospital School of Nursing as a member of the U.S. Cadet Nurse Corp Program in 1948. In 1953, she joined the Army Nurse Corps. McCarthy, who was promoted to successive educational and administrative positions in the army, earned a bachelor’s degree from the University Of Minnesota School Of Nursing, a Master’s Degree in Nursing at Boston University and a Doctor of Nursing Science from Catholic University of America in 1974. McCarthy served as a Nursing Consultant and Director of Professional Services in the Office of the Surgeon General, from 1974 – 1977. After retiring from the army, McCarthy began a second career as a nurse educator, joining the nursing faculty of first Catholic University and later Georgetown University School of Nursing.

McCarthy’s contributions to the field of nursing history made an indelible mark on the nursing history community. McCarthy’s interest in the history of military medicine led to her appointment to the post of the Army Nurse Corps Historian at the Center for Military History in Washington, a post in which she served from 1978 – 1982. McCarthy joined with other nurse historians to establish the new International History of Nursing Society in 1980. In 1982 the Society was re-named the American Association for the History of Nursing (AAHN). McCarthy served on numerous AAHN committees and was the Association’s Executive Director for almost 10 years and President from 1986-88. Along with Bates Center Director Emerita Joan Lynaugh and the University of Virginia’s Barbara Brodie, McCarthy created the Lavinia L. Dock Award for Exemplary Scholarship and Writing, the first award given by AAHN. In 2003 she received the AAHN’s highest honor, the President’s Award.

One of Dr. McCarthy’s most significant accomplishments was her work on the Committee of the Korean War Memorial. Appointed by President Reagan to the Advisory Board Planning in 1983, McCarthy saw the committee’s work come to fruition when the memorial was dedicated in 1994 where McCarthy was personally honored and thanked by President Bill Clinton. McCarthy ensured that the memorial acknowledged women as crucial members of the U.S. military forces during that war. Dr. Rosemary McCarthy was a nurse who served her country, her patients, her students her colleagues, and her profession with distinction and honor. Her presence will be greatly missed by the Bates Center and Nursing History community.

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The Bates Center is honored to have the opportunity to preserve these resources and to make them available for research use. Processing of these valuable collections is critical in order to ensure their accessibility to researchers and scholars globally. Your financial gifts can be designated for the processing of these, and other, collections. To learn more about the ways you can contribute, go to our website at www.nursing.upenn.edu/history. To make a direct online gift, go to www.nursing.upenn.edu/historygiving.

- Jessica Clark, Project Archivist
A few days before the Center closed its doors for the holidays, a frantic, last-minute request from a young man named Jason McDowell was received. Jason was on a mission to obtain family records from our archives so that he could present them as a keepsake scrapbook to his beloved father, Edward Alphonso McDowell, Jr. It was Jason’s hope that he would find records related to his late grandparents Edward Sr. and Vera, who both worked at Mercy-Douglass Hospital.

A Philadelphia landmark steeped in rich history, Mercy-Douglass Hospital was formed in 1948 through the merger of two healthcare institutions (Frederick Douglass Memorial and Mercy Hospitals), which served the African-American citizens of Philadelphia. The story of Mercy-Douglass is woven into the lives of so many in this region, which is why the collection stands as one of the most widely used at the Center for genealogical research. In addition, it contains some of the only known records of the institution.

Jason’s grandparents were important figures at the Mercy-Douglass Hospital. Dr. Edward Alphonso McDowell worked for many years as a surgeon at the hospital alongside his late wife Etta Veronica Adams McDowell, who was a nurse at the hospital. Mrs. McDowell, known as Vera, or ‘Grandma McDowell’ as she was fondly remembered, was a renaissance woman who had a great curiosity throughout much of her life. Whether it was exploring architecture and anthropology at the International College of Cannes in the South of France, or making her mark as the first black graduate of the anesthesiology program at the University of Minnesota, Vera McDowell was a trendsetter who always had a desire to learn and grow, a trait she passed on to her four children and seven grandchildren, including Jason.

When Jason arrived at the Center an hour before closing time, he was determined to find whatever information was available on his grandparents. After searching through nearly ten boxes of records, he was beginning to lose hope that he would be able to find anything. He checked out the last box he requested, which was full of photographs chronicling the history of the Mercy-Douglass School of Nursing. It was in this box that he noticed a grainy image of Grandma McDowell from her 1942 class portrait. And so it was that Jason was able to present this very photo to his father on Christmas day.

Every year we receive numerous requests from local Philadelphia residents, as well as people from around the world, seeking to research the photos and records from our collections. As a testament to the tremendous impact of Mercy-Douglass on the fabric of Philadelphia, many people often contact the Center with stories of how they were born in the hospital, or knew someone who was. For some, like Jason McDowell, the memories formed at Mercy-Douglass can be traced back to previous generations, yet their impact can be felt today. Whether it is a photograph of a loved one, a class record, or an old newspaper clipping, the Barbara Bates Center, as the largest archive of its kind in the world, is committed to preserving nursing history’s past for future generations.

To learn more about the Center’s extensive collections, please view our finding aids and inventories at www.nursing.upenn.edu/history
In Remembrance: Eleanor Krohn Herrmann and Vernice Ferguson

This past year, we lost two key figures in the nursing profession. The Center was saddened to learn of the passing of longtime supporter and friend, Eleanor Krohn Herrmann, EdD, RN, FAAN, who passed away in July 2012 at the age of 77. Herrmann, who once noted that “history expands one’s thinking, professional courage, and identity,” (Nurse Week, 2002) knew from an early age that her vocation would be steeped in historical inquiry. Indeed, from riding her bike along paths paved by American revolutionary figures in her hometown of Barrington, Massachusetts, to her rich education at Adelphia University, University of Colorado, and Columbia University, Herrmann was both a student and teacher of history.

Dr. Herrmann, who co-authored the 2008 AJN book of the year Capturing Nursing History with Bates Center advisory board member Dr. Sandra Lewenson, was a professor emerita at the University of Connecticut (UCONN) School of Nursing. Dr. Herrmann’s long-standing commitment to nursing history was evident through her appointment as co-curator of the Josephine Dolan Collection of Nursing History, which is housed at the UCONN library’s Thomas J. Dodd Research Center. Furthermore, Herrmann’s legacy at the American Association for the History of Nursing, where she was both a charter member and past president, was honored at the organization’s recent annual conference. Mr. Herrmann remembered Eleanor for her intelligence, her historical scholarship, her devotion to her students and her contributions to the discipline of nursing history. Larry has also established the AAHN’s Eleanor Krohn Herrmann Memorial Keynote Lecture Fund in her honor. A Celebration of Life in honor of Dr. Eleanor Krohn Herrmann was held at the University of Connecticut on March 9, 2013. Friends, family and colleagues gathered to remember a remarkable woman and an insightful historian.

In December 2012, nursing lost another transformational figure with the passing of Vernice D. Ferguson, RN, MA, FAAN, FRCN, at the age of 84. Ferguson, former president of Sigma Theta Tau and Fagin Family Chair in Cultural Diversity at the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing, literally changed the face of nursing through her tireless efforts to combat the nursing shortage crisis of the 1970’s and 80’s. Ferguson, who over thirty years ago boldly stated that hospitals would need to “rethink and restructure their policies to let nurses perform nursing services and let others attend to ‘hotel’ services” (National Journal, 1981), was a woman of action and intention. According to the New York Times, during Ferguson’s tenure as Chief Nursing Officer at the US Department of Veterans Affairs, which lasted from 1980 to 1992, both the number of registered nurses with bachelor’s degrees and the average annual nursing salary more than doubled (Slotnick, 2012). Furthermore, Ferguson was instrumental in establishing many research programs, awards, and scholarships aimed at broadening the nursing profession. By overseeing the largest organization of nursing personnel in the world, Ferguson was a trailblazer at a time when opportunities for African-American nurses were greatly limited.

In addition to her career at the Department of Veteran Affairs, Ferguson amassed a large number of appointments, honors, and awards during her storied career. For instance, she was awarded an astonishing eight honorary doctorates and was the recipient of two fellowships, one from Yale University and another from the University of Maryland. In addition, Ferguson held academic appointments at the Catholic University of America, the University of Missouri at Columbia, and the University of North West in South Africa. In 2008, Ms. Ferguson made history as the first nurse to win the FREDDIE Lifetime Achievement Award, one of the most prestigious honors in health and medicine. Ferguson was also the second American to be named as a fellow at the Royal College of Nursing in the United Kingdom. Yet, in spite of her many accolades, Ferguson herself believed her most important achievement was that of mentor. According to Ferguson, helping to mold future generations of healthcare professionals was the “overriding purpose” and “greatest pleasure” of her life (Nurse.com, 2008). A memorial to Ferguson’s honor was held on March 9, 2013 at the New York University (NYU) Global Center for Academic and Spiritual Life and the Vernice D. Ferguson Memorial Scholarship Fund was established by NYU College of Nursing to continue her legacy.
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The American Association for the History of Nursing and the Cleveland Clinic, are co-sponsoring the Association’s thirtieth annual conference to be held in Cleveland, Ohio. The conference provides a forum for researchers interested in sharing new research that addresses events, issues, and topics pertinent to the history of the global nursing profession, its clinical practice, and the field of nursing history. 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.

The American Association for the History of Medicine (AAHM) 86th Annual Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia, May 16-19, 2013. The meeting will include a number of special highlights: Special keynote session highlighting ‘Game Changers’ in public health history; a Civil War history bus tour plus guided and self-guided tours of the US Centers for Disease Control’s museum; History of Medicine library exhibit & reception; and a concert by Emory’s international award-winning Vega String Quartet. Please visit the AAHM website, www.histmed.org for more information.

ICN 25th Quadrennial Congress: Equity and Access to Health Care, May 18-23, 2013. The ICN 25th Quadrennial Congress will bring together evidence, experience and innovations highlighting the critical importance of equity and access to health care for communities and individuals, demonstrating how nurses are key to ensuring equal access and quality of health care for all. For more information please visit http://www.icn2013.ch/en/.

The 50th Annual Isabel Maitland Stewart Conference on Research in Nursing and Annual Awards Ceremony, New York City, NY, April 26, 2013. Teachers College Columbia University. The Best in Nursing: TC Leading the World in Education, Administration, and Research. For further information about this conference please visit http://www.tcneaa.org/stewartconference.html

2013 Annual CAHN/ACHN Conference, June 1-3, 2013 will be held in conjuction with the Congress for the Social Sciences and Humanities at the University of Victoria. The Congress will feature a stellar line-up of Big Thinking speakers, a variety of cultural activities at UVic (including Indigenous celebrations) and North America’s largest interdisciplinary book and trade show; Congress Expo. For further information on the conference, visit the website at: http://cahn-achn.ca/.

2013 Women’s Health Conference, Philadelphia, PA April 17, 2013. Women’s Health: Individual Stories, Global Impact will be held at the Zubrow Auditorium at Pennsylvania Hospital. The Keynote speaker for the event is Jacqueline H. Wolf, PhD (Professor & Chair, Department of Social Medicine, Ohio University) For more information, please visit http://www.uphs.upenn.edu/paharc/collections/events/.

2014 Southern Association for the History of Medicine and Science (SAHMS) Annual Meeting. St. Louis, Missouri, February 27 - March 1, 2014. The event will be hosted by the St. Louis College of Pharmacy.

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