CALL FOR ABSTRACTS OVERVIEW

ACN HISTORY CONFERENCE

Disrupting discourses: new views on nursing history

29 June 2015
Australian Catholic University, North Sydney
Invitation

Welcome to the second ACN History Conference. The ACN History Conference is open to ACN members and non-members with an interest in nursing, midwifery and other aspects of health history. It aims to:

• challenge existing views of nursing’s history through the presentation of scholarly papers
• introduce new ideas and concepts
• generate discussion about nursing’s history and its interpretation
• provide continuing professional development hours for ACN members.

Conference theme

The theme for 2015’s conference is Disrupting discourses: new views on nursing history.

Digitised sources including newspapers, images, and other documentary evidence, are indispensable tools for historians. These emerging technologies, coupled with novel methodological approaches to historical inquiry, offer opportunities to question or disrupt existing accounts of history and to present nursing’s history from a new or differing perspective.

The idea of disrupting discourses may apply to any aspect of nursing and midwifery history anywhere in the world, for example, to: nursing’s identity, specialties, nursing’s purpose, power and politics, war, disasters, private and public health care. It may also apply to practices, clothing and accoutrements or equipment.

The conference welcomes original research that has not been published or presented elsewhere.

Conference dates

The conference consists of one full day of papers. An optional day for visiting Sydney’s nursing museums follows.

Monday 29 June 2015

8.30am Member registration
9.00am Full day conference
5.00pm Conference close

The program and conference updates will be available via www.acn.edu.au/history

Optional day for museum visits

Tuesday 30 June 2015

10.00am Visit to Prince Henry Hospital Nursing and Medical Museum, Little Bay
Bus departs conference venue (ACU North Sydney campus).
2.00pm Bus returns to conference venue

For those not joining the bus trip to Prince Henry Nursing and Medical Museum, the following nursing museums have agreed to open from 10am - 4pm. A small admission fee applies. These three collections are accessible by public transport.

• Royal Prince Alfred Heritage Centre, Museum and Archives, Level 8, King George V Building, Missenden Road, Camperdown
• EM Lane Nurses’ Museum, Concord Repatriation General Hospital, Hospital Road, Concord
• Lucy Osburn - Nightingale Foundation Museum, Sydney Hospital/Sydney Eye Hospital, Macquarie Street, Sydney

The 14th Biennial Conference of the Australian and New Zealand Society of the History of Medicine Conference follows, from 30 June-3 July, at the same venue.
Abstract timetable

Timeline for abstract submissions is as follows

15 January 2015
Call for abstracts open

2 April 2015
Deadline for abstract submission

20 April 2015
Authors notified of abstract submission outcome

26 April 2015
Presenters to confirm that they will attend and present

11 May 2015
Presenter registration due

22 June 2015
Submission of presentation to ACN

Abstract submission process

Abstracts must be submitted online using the Abstract Submission Form found on the ACN website. No other means of submission will be considered.

When constructing your abstract please note that it:

- must contain text only in a Word document
- must include a title, purpose of the research, its significance, methodology/sources used, findings and conclusion
- must be a maximum of 300 words excluding the title (abstracts which do not comply will not be reviewed)
- must not contain any author names or information.

When submitting an abstract online please note that:

- all details must be completed to allow the automated system to process your submission
- the person submitting the abstract is the person who will receive all correspondence about the abstract and is responsible for passing on information to sub-authors/presenters and other parties
- you must include the requested information for any co-authors and/or co-presenters as their name and organisation will be included in the program if the submission is successful
- authors must read and agree to the Terms and Conditions for your submission to be accepted for consideration.

Abstract presentation formats

Authors are invited to submit abstracts for oral presentation. The total time allotted per speaker is 30 minutes per presentation, including question time. Papers should be no longer than 25 minutes in duration.
Selection process and acceptance notification

The Abstracts Review Committee will undertake a peer-review process to judge the abstracts. Abstracts will be reviewed on their content, relevance to the conference theme, adherence to the above specifications, and overall quality. It is anticipated that the submitting author will be notified of their abstract submission outcome via email by 20 April 2015.

Presenter requirements

All presenters, including co-presenters, must register for the conference and pay the registration fee by 26 April 2015 to confirm their place in the program. Presenters are responsible for their own travel and accommodation costs. Presenters must supply a short biography up to 150 words for the session chair.

Presenter terms and conditions

To submit an abstract for the ACN History Conference, the abstract submitter/main author must agree to the following terms and conditions that will apply if the abstract is accepted for presentation:

- I agree that myself and any co-presenters, will register for the conference and pay the conference registration fee by the required date. Presenters are responsible for their own travel and accommodation.
- I agree to be the main contact for the event organisers in relation to the presentation and distribute information to any co-presenters.
- I agree to provide the PowerPoint/Prezi Presentation to conference organisers by the required date.
- I give permission for my abstract to be published in the conference materials including the conference program.
- I give permission for my provided biography to be given to the session chairperson prior to the conference and for reductions to be made to my biography at the discretion of conference organisers and the session chair.

Background: who we are

ACN is the national professional organisation for all nurse leaders: nurses with an interest in leadership, nurses aspiring to leadership roles and nurses in leadership roles across the Australian health system. The leadership capabilities of all nurses play a critical role in the delivery of health services to the Australian community.

ACN is an advocate for the nursing profession, advancing the skills and expertise of nurses to provide leadership in their contribution to the policy, practice and delivery of health care. ACN encourages and supports nurses to develop and grow to become nurse leaders who are able to contribute by providing professional, economic and health perspectives.

Further information and submission of abstracts

For further information about the conference or to submit an abstract please visit www.acn.edu.au/history

For further information contact the ACN Events team on (02) 6283 3400 or history@acn.edu.au