

5th Agnes Dillon Randolph International Nursing History Conference

ALL VIRTUAL

March 18 - 19, 2022



Aug. 15, 1944: U.S. Army nurses prepare to disembark in Greenock, Scotland, in the European Theater of Operations.
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PROGRAM SCHEDULE

FRIDAY	MARCH 18, 2022
8:30 AM * All times are U.S. Eastern Standard Time	Introductions and welcome
8:45 – 10:15 AM	PANEL 1: “Nursing and Mental Health”
	<p><i>1) The Most Sensational Strike of Modern Times: The Battle of Radcliffe Asylum, 1922</i> Claire Chatterton</p> <p><i>2) Nursing Mental Health at the Tuskegee Institute, 1948-1972</i> Kylie Smith</p> <p><i>3) The Evolution of Geropsychiatric Nursing</i> Victoria Grando</p>
10:15 – 10:30 AM	BREAK
10:30 – 12 PM	PANEL 2: “Military Nursing”
	<p><i>1) Hospital Ships as Support for British Naval Hospitals, 1790-1815</i> Erin Spinney</p> <p><i>2) Meeting the Demands of “The People’s War”: The Impact of Wartime Britain’s Emotional Community on the Emotional Expression of Queen Alexandra’s Imperial Military Nursing Service Sisters</i> Katherine Roberts</p> <p><i>3) Army Nurse Corps Experience During the Iraq Invasion</i> Constance Moore</p>
12 - 1 PM	BREAK
1 – 2 PM	<p>KEYNOTE ADDRESS</p> <p>Deirdre Cooper Owens Recipient of the 2022 Agnes Dillon Randolph Award</p> <p><i>Black Patients as Healers and the Double Bind in Medical Racism</i></p>

FRIDAY (CONTINUED)	MARCH 18, 2022
2 – 2:15 PM	BREAK
2:15 – 3:45 PM	PANEL 4: “Nursing, Civil Rights, and Activism”
	<p><i>1) Revisiting Mary Elizabeth Carnegie’s Inquiry: Are Negro Schools of Nursing Needed Today?</i> Hafeeza Anchrum</p> <p><i>2) A Story of Struggle: The Hospital Workers’ Strike of 1969 in Charleston, South Carolina”</i> Carole Bennett</p> <p><i>3) Reading History to Transform Nursing Care</i> Allison Bray, Elliot Cordingley, Rachel O’Reilly, Emily Peacock, Selyen Singh, Ailsa Sirois, Julie Sou, Hannah Sutherland, Eleanor Wearing, and Lydia Wytenbroek</p>
3:45 – 4 PM	BREAK
4 – 5:30 PM	PANEL 5: “The 1918 Influenza and COVID-19 in Context”
	<p><i>1) “Poised and Prepared”: Lillian Wald and the Henry Street Settlement Visiting Nurses’ Response to the 1918 Influenza Pandemic</i> Carol Wanyo</p> <p><i>2) The Role of the School Nurse in Keeping New York’s Public Schools Open During the 1918 Influenza Pandemic: Providing Historical Lessons for Today on the Importance of Investing in School Nurses to Promote a Safe Return to School During the COVID Pandemic</i> Bridget Houlahan</p> <p><i>3) Influenza and COVID-19: Public Health Measures During a Pandemic</i> Kristin Kuhlmann</p>

SATURDAY	MARCH 19, 2022
8:45 AM	Gather and welcome
9 – 10:30 AM	PANEL 6: “Nursing and Imperialism”
	<p><i>1) Nursing and the Practice of Care in Hashemite Iraq, 1920-1958</i> Rebecca Irvine</p> <p><i>2) “Civilising” Care: Emergence of Modern Nursing in the Madras Presidency of Colonial India</i> Preethi Mariam George and John Bosco Lourdusamy</p> <p><i>3) Nursing Education and International Philanthropy in Southeast Europe in the Interwar Period</i> Evgenia Davidova</p>
10:30 – 10:45 AM	BREAK
10:45 – 12:15 PM	PANEL 7: “American and British Nursing in the Mid-20th Century”
	<p><i>1) From Home Carer to Specialist Practitioner: A Social, Political and Oral History of District Nursing in 20th-Century Britain</i> James Owens</p> <p><i>2) Manchester’s Early Critical Care Nurses: An Oral History Project</i> Sharon Whiting</p> <p><i>3) Wolf’s Pack: A Social Network of Nurses, 1930-1955</i> Jaime Lapeyre</p>
12:15 – 1:15 PM	BREAK
1:15 – 2:45 PM	PANEL 8: “Thinking About the Future: Possibilities of a ‘New’ History of Nursing” Patricia D’Antonio, Ravenne Aponte, Kailee Steger, and Andre Rosario
2:45 – 3 PM	CONFERENCE WRAPUP

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: DEIRDRE COOPER OWENS, PhD
RECIPIENT OF THE 2022 AGNES DILLON RANDOLPH AWARD



**“Black Patients as Healers and
the Double Bind in Medical Racism”**

Friday, March 18, 2022

1 pm

Deirdre Cooper Owens, PhD, is the Charles and Linda Wilson Professor in the History of Medicine and Director of the Humanities in Medicine Program at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Dr. Cooper Owens is also the Director of the Program in African American History at the Library Company of Philadelphia, the country’s oldest cultural institution.

She has published essays, book chapters, and blog pieces on a number of issues that concern African American experiences. Her first book, *Medical Bondage: Race, Gender and the Origins of American Gynecology* (UGA Press, 2017) won the 2018 Darlene Clark Hine Book Award from the Organization of American Historians as the best book written in African American women’s and gender history.

She is now working on a second book project that examines mental illness during the era of United States slavery and is also writing a popular biography of Harriet Tubman that examines her through the lens of disability.

The 2022 Randolph Award is made in recognition of Dr. Cooper Owens’s outstanding scholarship documenting the experiences of Black enslaved women as nurses, surgical assistants, and healers.

... AND WHO WAS AGNES DILLON RANDOLPH?



One of Virginia's eminent nurse leaders, Agnes Dillon Randolph (1875-1930) possessed the intelligence, vision, and political acumen to help develop nursing into an essential health care profession and to lead the state in the creation of tuberculosis services for its ill citizens. Randolph, an 1898 graduate of Richmond's Old Dominion Hospital Training School, was influential in getting Virginia's first nurse licensure law passed in 1903. Her knowledge of the plight of tuberculosis patients led her to help found the Virginia Tuberculosis Association in 1912, and from 1914 to 1919 she served as one of its most energetic executive directors. In 1921, after she became the state's first Tuberculosis Nurse Consultant, Randolph brought her determination and expertise to bear in influencing legislators to construct state-supported sanitariums and community health services.

Randolph's experience as a professional nurse convinced her that nursing preparation needed to reside in institutions of higher education. In 1923 she spearheaded the Graduate Nurses' Association of Virginia campaign to raise \$50,000 to endow a chair of nursing at the University of Virginia, the institution founded by her great-grandfather Thomas Jefferson. In 1928 these funds were used to support the opening of the Sadie Heath Cabaniss School of Nursing Education, the South's first graduate nursing program. Agnes Dillon Randolph's commitment to the improvement of health care for generations of citizens remains her legacy to professional nursing and the Commonwealth of Virginia.

The Eleanor Crowder Bjoring Center for Nursing Historical Inquiry gives the Agnes Dillon Randolph Award annually to recognize distinguished contributions by a scholar of nursing history. Every three years, the center also hosts an international conference to advance scholarship in nursing history.



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