Nursing Artifacts and Nurses' Uniforms:
Preserving Nurses' Cultural History -
A Webinar in Honour of the BC History of Nursing Society's 30th Anniversary

2021 Nursing History Symposium from the UBC School of Nursing Consortium for Nursing History Inquiry and the BC History of Nursing Society

Schedule of Events

12:00: Welcome and Opening Remarks by
Kathy Murphy, President, BC History of Nursing Society
Geertje Boschma, Professor, UBC School of Nursing

12:10: Keynote Address by Christina (Tina) Bates, former curator of the Canadian Museum of History, Ottawa, co-editor of On All Frontiers: Four Centuries of Canadian Nursing and author of A Cultural History of the Nurse's Uniform

Nursing History Embodied: Collecting and Researching a Uniform Collection

Tina Bates will present the Canadian History Collection of 1,800 artifacts, with a focus on its 52 uniforms from nursing schools across Canada. She will demonstrate material culture methods that can tease out meaning from artifacts. Based on her book, A Cultural History of the Nurse’s Uniform, she will examine the role of the uniform in creating nursing identity over one hundred years. The uniform was an active participant in the changing culture of nursing work and thought.

Following the presentation there will be time for discussion with the audience

12:45: Fashion Show of Nurses’ Uniforms

Facilitated by the members of the BC History of Nursing Society: Margaret Scaia, Sheila Rankin Zerr and Lenore Radom.

Closing Remarks by Kathy Murphy and Geertje Boschma

Throughout the program: Displays of published works and artifacts on nursing history