

**Nursing Artifacts and Nurses' Uniforms:  
Preserving Nurses' Cultural History -  
A Symposium 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



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