

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT CHICAGO COLLEGE OF NURSING
THE MIDWEST NURSING HISTORY RESEARCH CENTER NEWSLETTER

THE MIDWEST LINK

2017 MARKS THE 35TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MNHRC

The Inaugural Terrence and Karyn Holm Visiting Scholar announced

Dr. Susan LaRocco is the first recipient of the Terrence and Karyn Holm Visiting Scholar Award. Dr. LaRocco is a Professor in the School of Nursing at Curry College, Milton, MA. Dr. LaRocco's research interest concerns the recruitment and retention of men in nursing. She is currently engaged in an oral history project with graduates of the Alexian Brothers Hospital School of Nursing, an all-male Illinois nursing program that closed in 1969.

The award will support Dr. LaRocco's visit to the MNHRC archives and to the archives of the Alexian Brothers Hospital School of Nursing in Arlington Heights, IL. The purpose of this research is to explore the history of the Alexian Brothers Hospital School of Nursing, especially the changes that occurred when the Illinois Board of Nursing started requiring nursing programs to offer experience in maternity nursing. Because the Alexian Brothers Hospital was an all-male facility, this change required that the Brothers locate a facility that would allow male students to have clinical experience with maternity patients. Dr. LaRocco's study is significant because the contributions of men in nursing are virtually invisible.



Dr. LaRocco is on sabbatical this fall and plans to visit the Chicago archives in November.

Applications for the Karyn and Terrance Holm Visiting Scholar Award may (soon) be found on the MNHRC website and are due **April 1** each year.

History Center Finals Tea and Stress-Reducing Massages!!

Tuesday December 12 2017, 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

The GSNO is continuing their grand tradition of chair massages in the History Center on the Tuesday of Finals Week. All are welcome for a massage, tea and cookies, and historical relaxation ☺

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The Harriett Fulmer Lecture, Thursday November 16 2017



We are pleased to announce that Dr. Jacqueline Wolf will be the Center's guest speaker this fall. Dr. Wolf is a Professor of the History of Medicine in the Department of Social Medicine at Ohio University. Her research focuses on the history of birth and breast feeding practices in the United States. Her articles have appeared in many venues including the *American Journal of Public Health*, the *Journal of Social History*, and the *Milbank Quarterly*. Her third book, *Cesarean Section: An American History of Risk, Technology, and Consequence* will be published by Johns Hopkins University Press in 2018 and was funded by a three-year grant from the National Institutes of Health.

Dr. Wolf's will present her talk, titled **The Cesarean Section Rate: An American History of Risk, Technology, and Consequence**, on Thursday November 16 at 3:00 PM in Room 158 of the College of Nursing.

Refreshments and tours of the MNHRC, with new exhibits, will follow.

Please register for this free event at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-cesarean-section-rate-an-american-history-of-risk-technology-and-consequence-tickets-37927366775>

Pictures of Nursing: The Zwerdling Postcard Collection

The National Library of Medicine Postcard Exhibit

This exhibition, developed and produced by the National Library of Medicine, National Institutes of Health, came to the College of Nursing through the MNHRC. The exhibit is on loan for six weeks—three weeks in the CON and then in the Special Collections and University Archives at the Health Sciences Library, UIC, from September 18 until October 6. Check the exhibit's website at:

<https://www.nlm.nih.gov/exhibition/picturesofnursing>

/exhibition0.html



<http://resource.nlm.nih.gov/101611711>

Brigid Lusk will present a talk on Tuesday October 3 at 2:30 in the Health Sciences Special Collections and University Archives titled

NURSES: BEYOND THE 4X6 IMAGE

This talk is part of the Chicago Open Archives month. Please register at:

<http://library.uic.edu/about/events/event/3524829>

New Exhibits in the MNHRC

There are new displays in the Center! I have tried to showcase our collections in these new exhibits so that the focus of the center, research in the history of nursing, is emphasized. These collections include many lessons and ephemera from the Chicago School of Nursing—a nursing correspondence school, nursing education records from the Englewood Hospital School of Nursing, and scores of personnel records from the Chicago Nurses' Registry. All these records are from the early decades of the last century.

Donations to the Center

The Center continues to be supported through financial gifts. Sincere thanks continue to Terrence and Karyn Holm for their generous financing of the Visiting Scholar Award in their name. Thanks too to Dr. Kathleen Hanson for her generous gift to the Center. Both Karyn and Kathleen are members of the Center's Advisory Board. Additions to our collections, such as the Illinois School Nurses Association, have continued. Meanwhile the Center continues to process the archives of the MNRS prior to sending it to the Special Collections and Archives at UIC Health Sciences Library.

Northwestern University Library mounted an exhibit marking the U.S. entry into the First World War in 1917. Among the artifacts was this WWI nurse's uniform on loan from the Midwest Nursing History Research Center. It looked pretty stunning among the marble halls of the Deering Lobby of the library—thanks go to Yvonne Spura, Archiving Processing Specialist at NU.

Also commemorating the anniversary of our entry into the First World War, and honoring U.S. nurses, was the **EDITH AYRES AND HELEN BURNETT WOOD MEMORIAL SYMPOSIUM**. This highly successful symposium was held last semester and organized



jointly by the MNHRC and the Chicago Area Medical Archivists. Stories were told that reminded us of the brave women and men who served. My thanks to all the speakers and organizers, starting on the top left and going clockwise: Brigid Lusk, MNHRC UIC, Karen Egenes, Loyola University of Chicago, Karen Davis, wife of Mike, below, Kelley Pattison, Western Michigan University, Susan Sacharski, Northwestern Memorial Hospital, Nathalie Wheaton, Rush University, Yvonne Spuria, Northwestern University, Marian Moser Jones, University of Maryland, Michael Davis, son of WWI nurse Laura Huckleberry, and Kevin O'Brien, UIC Special Collections.



The Center is open every Thursday from 1:00 to 3:00 PM during the academic year as well as by appointment.

I am pleased to hear from you

Sincerely,

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