

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

## THE MIDWEST LINK

We are delighted that Dr. Beatrix Hoffman will present this spring's MNHRC Lecture on Thursday April 21 at 4:00 PM in the Third Floor Event Center at the College of Nursing.

### **A History of Citizen Action in Health Care Reform**

Beatrix Hoffman is Professor of History at Northern Illinois University. She is the author of



*Health Care for Some: Rights and Rationing in the United States since 1930* (2012) and *The Wages of Sickness: The Politics of Health Insurance in Progressive America* (2001), and coeditor of *Patients as Policy Actors* (2011). She is the recipient of an Investigator Award in Health Policy from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, and fellowships from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the American Council of Learned Societies, and the Woodrow Wilson Foundation. Her latest research project is on the history of immigrant access to health care in the U.S. She is currently guest curator of NLM's most recent online exhibition, [\*For All the People: A Century of Citizen Action in Health Care Reform\*](#). In September Dr. Hoffman will present the keynote

address for the American Association for the History of Nursing's Chicago Conference, co-sponsored by the UIC College of Nursing.

Refreshments and tours of the Midwest Nursing History Research Center will follow Dr. Hoffman's presentation. Please register at:

<http://www.eventbrite.com/e/a-history-of-citizen-action-in-health-care-reform-by-dr-beatrix-hoffman-tickets-21897903218>

### **The HISTORY OF THE MNHRC is Moving Ahead**

Following Dr. Karyn Holm's generous recent gift to develop a history of the MNHRC, which is one of the earliest centers of its type in the country, a meeting of the founders and other people influential to its early survival will take place in the Center on April 6, 2016. A video

detailing the history of the Center will be professionally made using the attendees' memories and comments. This movie will eventually be placed on the Center's website. Dr. Beverly McElmurry—who was integral to the Center's continued health for many years—will be sadly missed.

### The Harriet Fulmer Lecture

Dr. Laurie Glass (PhD '83) was an engaging and informative speaker for the 2015 Harriet Fulmer Lecture on biographical methodology and the life of Katherine Densford Dreves. Her ability to humanize Densford Dreves, the TV dinners come to mind, yet critically analyze her strength of leadership resulted in a delightful session.



### Preparing for Finals—Time for Tea and Study

December 1 2015 marked the first **Preparing for Finals History Tea**. The Center was open for tea and cookies while the room next door, 410, was available as a quiet area for students to set up camp and study. We wanted students to see the Center and we wanted to use the beautiful silverware that came from the Cook County School of Nursing Alumni Association. About thirty students came as well as some faculty. The tea wasn't great—the large silver samovar wasn't intended for tea



bags—but people were gracious.

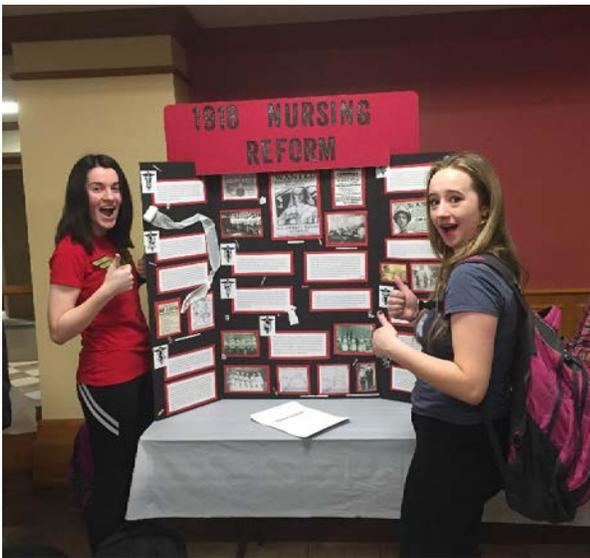
**The Spring History Tea will be on Monday April 25 from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM.**

## Thursdays from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

The Center is now open every Thursday afternoon during the academic year. It is always available by appointment. We are having a sign made for the door, which will announce this and hopefully make the place more inviting.

### Visitors to the Center

Last November about 50 participants from the American Public Health Association Conference, held in Chicago, visited the Center as part of an optional tour. Using the Chicago Visiting Nurse Association collection as a base, Brigid Lusk gave them a presentation on early public health nursing in the Chicago area.



These two students from Nazareth Academy High School were virtual visitors. They were researching nursing in Chicago during the 1918 Influenza Pandemic for a presentation at the Chicago History Fair. Their poster, shown here, used sources from the Center.

### Research

The Center's collections, along with those at the Library of the Health Sciences, are being used in support of scholarship in the history of nursing. A research article (Nursing Outlook, in press) using the Chicago VNA material has been prepared. The Anne Zimmerman collection has been extensively used this academic year for the two-semester course examining her life and impact. Students and faculty have submitted presentation proposals generated through this course to the fall American Association for the History of Nursing Conference. An outside researcher plans to visit the Center later this spring to search our records concerning the PhD in nursing.

## American Association for the History of Nursing Conference



The UIC College of Nursing is co-hosting the AAHN conference in Chicago this fall—perfectly timed for the college’s 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The last time the UIC CON co-hosted this conference was in 1994, under the leadership of Dean Mi Ja Kim. Anne Zimmerman was the keynote speaker that year. If you are at all interested in the history of nursing and healthcare—please consider attending. In addition to paper and poster presentations there will be a movie night showing 1931’s *Night Nurse* with Barbara Stanwyck and Clark Gable while the dean’s reception on Friday evening will be at the historic International Museum of Surgical Science on Lake Shore Drive. Thanks to Dean Weaver for her support and the Local Arrangements Committee—Katie Corboy, Karen Egenes, Karyn Holm, Marie Lindsey, Brigid Lusk, Rusty Lusk, Diana Marta, Kevin O’Brien, Laurie Quinn, and Theresa Savage.

I would be pleased to hear from you regarding this Newsletter or with any ideas or comments about the Midwest Nursing History Research Center.

Sincerely,

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