

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

THE MIDWEST LINK

Spring Lecture

Thursday April 12

3:00 pm

**The Roots of Professional Nursing in the United States:
From Jamestown Settlement through the Civil War**

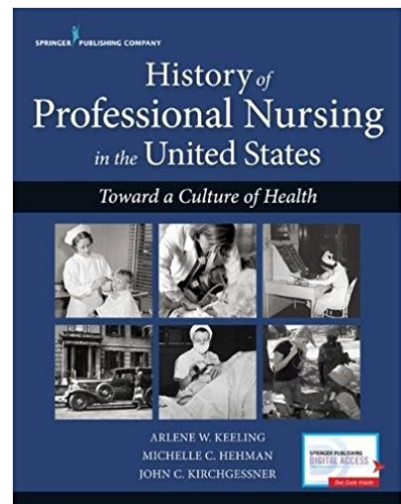
John Kirchgessner, PhD, RN. St. John Fisher College, Rochester, NY



**A Co-Author of the
definitive NEW history
of US Nursing**

**Room 139
College of Nursing**

Refreshments



This lecture is the first MNHRC Spring Lecture to be supported through a donation by the Alumni Association of Cook County School of Nursing.

Please register through Eventbrite at
<https://rootsofprofessionalnursing.eventbrite.com>

APPLICATIONS FOR THE KARYN AND TERRANCE HOLM VISITING SCHOLAR AWARD DUE **APRIL 1**

This award is designed to create opportunities for researchers to utilize the Midwest Nursing History Research Center's collections as well as other Chicago-area nursing and healthcare archives. The selected scholar will receive a travel and lodging stipend of up to \$1,500. Selection of the scholar will be based on the quality of the investigator's project including: the clarity of the project's purpose, its rationale and significance, and the ability of the researcher to complete the work. Preference will be given to pre-or post-doctoral work. The selected Karyn and Terrance Holm Visiting Scholar will be expected to present a paper from the funded

project in the MNHRC Harriet Fulmer Fall Lecture or the Spring Lecture series within two years of receiving the award.

SEE THE UIC MNHRC WEBSITE AT <http://www.nursing.uic.edu/> FOR APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

MORE FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES:

The American Association for the History of Nursing has announced its call for submissions for the 2019 Research Grant Program. The AAHN Research Grants consist of the H 15 Grant, reserved for faculty members and independent researchers, and the H 31 Pre-doctoral Grant, designed to encourage and support graduate training and historical research at the Master's and Doctoral levels.

Please note the deadline for all Grants is April 1, 2018 and grants are only available to AAHN members in good standing.

Directions to apply for these grants or can be found by visiting the Research Grants page of the AAHN website.

DONATIONS TO THE CENTER

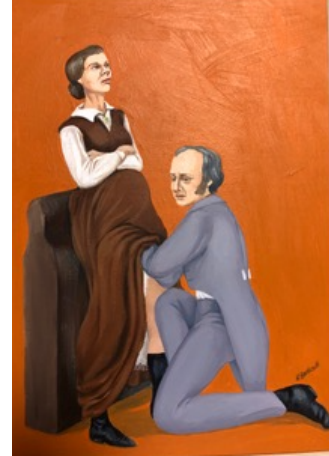
The Alumni Association of Cook County School of Nursing disbanded on December 31, 2017 after 85 years of support for its members, graduates of the training school at the legendary Chicago hospital. The Midwest Nursing History Research Center and UIC's Library of the Health Sciences holds extensive records of the school dating from its inception in 1929. For some years the MNHRC has held on loan a collection of silver and silver plate pieces as well as 7 letters written by Florence Nightingale and 2 letters written to her. The Alumni Association, under the presidency of Anne Klosinski, has now generously donated these items to the MNHRC at UIC. Also, in closing its financial account, Anne and the AACCSO Board of Directors have donated \$14,000 to the MNHRC in support of research in the history of nursing and \$14,000 to the CON Scholarship Fund.



Matt Campion, UIC; Anne Klosinski, President, AACCSO; Brigid Lusk, UIC

Thank you Alumni Association Cook County School of Nursing!

Several other items have been given to the MNNHRC over the past semester. These include the wonderful collection of Margaret Gamper, a pioneer of modern natural childbirth. The collection includes several paintings depicting the history of childbirth—two are shown here. The MNHRC also received an 1860 US edition of Nightingale’s *Notes on Nursing*, and a Cook County School of Nursing pin. Many thanks to Marilyn Fergus, Vi Schroeder/Nancy Creason, and Arlene Wilt, respectively.



Arlene Wilt, left, giving the MNHRC her Cook County School of Nursing pin—now on display in the center. Thank you Arlene!



CENTER ASSOCIATE—A NEW OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT RESEARCH IN THE HISTORY OF NURSING

The title of MNHRC Associate has been devised in order to promote historical scholarship associated with the MNHRC. Center Associates are expected to actively support scholarship in the history of nursing through participation in the Center’s activities and research in the history of nursing or the broader history of healthcare. Their scholarly work in the history of nursing will be counted as output of the center and the title of MNHRC Associate may be used in any grant application. This is NOT an administrative title and does not hold any administrative responsibilities. The appointment is for two years and is based on active support of scholarship in the history of nursing through participation in the Center’s activities and research in the history of nursing or the broader history of healthcare.

Dr. Gwyneth Milbrath, a faculty member here at the CON whose research focuses on the history of nursing, is the first MNHRC Associate. Congratulations Gwyneth!

HISTORY CENTER FINALS TEA

Tuesday May 8 2018, 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

We will again open the MNHRC for a “Finals Tea” this Spring during the week of final exams. This is meant to be a stress relieving quiet time at the end of the semester. There will be tea, cold drinks, and cookies. In addition, chair massages and adult coloring books will be available—all in the restful and nurturing surroundings of the MNHRC.

BOOK CLUB

The nursing history book club is open to all—students, faculty, and other interested persons. Please contact Gwyneth Milbrath (gwyneth@uic.edu) if you wish to join the group. The next book is *Saving Sickly Children: The Tuberculosis Preventorium in American Life, 1909 – 1970* by Cynthia Connolly. The meeting will be in the MNHRC later in April.

RESEARCH IN THE CENTER

Researchers from New Jersey, Virginia, Massachusetts and Illinois have accessed MNHRC collections over the past semester. Their subjects have included unrest among the staff at Cook County Hospital during the 1970s, the life of Virginia Ohlson, and the Alexian Brothers School of Nursing.

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

I am pleased to hear from you

Sincerely,

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